

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The University of South Carolina has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

Sub-Applicant: University of South Carolina

Project Title: Baruch: Park Facilities & Buildings and Equipment

Location of Proposed Work:

| Facility | Address | Latitude | Longitude | Date of Construction |
|----------------------------------|---|----------|-----------|----------------------|
| Main Marine Lab | 1194 3rd Ave Georgetown, SC 29458 | 33.34983 | -79.19614 | 1992 |
| Maintenance Shop | 370 Hobcaw Rd. Georgetown, SC 29458 | 33.35098 | -79.19369 | 1986 |
| Interpretive Shelter | 370 Hobcaw Rd. | 33.36276 | -79.22896 | 2009 |
| Boat Shed 1&2 | 370 Hobcaw Rd. | 33.35137 | -79.19409 | 1986 & 1992 |
| Marine Bio Pump | 370 Hobcaw Rd. | 33.34919 | -79.19677 | 1991 |
| Seawater Lab 1&2 | 370 Hobcaw Rd. | 33.35005 | -79.19462 | 1991 |
| Oyster Landing and Floating Dock | 370 Hobcaw Rd | 33.34940 | -79.18887 | 2016 |
| Marsh Boardwalk | 370 Hobcaw Rd | 33.34906 | -79.19255 | 2000 |
| Seawater Head Tank Platform | 370 Hobcaw Rd | 33.35018 | -79.19471 | 1992 |

A map showing the location of all properties is available by contacting Skip Caughman (caughmag@mailbox.sc.edu)

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the repair of the University of South Carolina Baruch grounds that is located in flood zone AE (1% annual chance flood elevation), or Shaded X (0.2% annual chance flood elevation). Confirmation of location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Panel # 45043C0505G. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of South Carolina and local floodplain regulations. The proposed work has the potential to be affected by its location in an SFHA.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The University of South Carolina is requesting funds to repair wind and water intrusion damage, as follows:

1. Repairing the boardwalk and pier, where the water and wind damage was occurring. These repairs will involve removing and replacing walkway boards and one piling, all will go back to the pre-disaster conditions.
2. Replacing two pumps on the end of the Marsh Boardwalk.
3. Repairing buildings on the campus grounds. Repairs will include ceiling, drywall, flooring, and roof repairs.

The purpose of the repairs is to maintain the functionality of the college campus.

Project Alternatives:

Alternatives to the proposed action were considered, as follows:

Alternative #1 If no action is taken to repair the campus grounds, the location will be rendered unsafe and the campus will no longer be in use.

Alternative #2: Relocating the college campus outside the floodplain is not a practicable alternative. This campus is functionally dependent of this location.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to 226 Bull St, Columbia, SC 29208. All comments are due within 15 days of this notice. The University of South Carolina will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting: *Skip Caughman*

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice