

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the Town of Edisto Beach repairs due to damages from Hurricane Dorian (DR-4464-SC-PW-00095). Pursuant to Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 25, 2019 for (DR-4464). Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain and wetland.

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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Applicant:** Town of Edisto Beach
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-SC-4464-PW-00095; 117134 – Edisto Beach Re-nourishment.
- Location of Proposed Work:** Edisto Beach: GPS Coordinates (Start: 32.50306, -80.29611, End: 32.47841, -80.33694)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in a Coastal High Hazard Area (Flood Zone VE) and is considered an area subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event, per Colleton County FIRM Panel numbers 45029C0777G, 45029C0781G, and 45029C0693G, dated 12/21/2017. The project is also located within a wetland featuring estuarine and marine habitat.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The Town of Edisto Beach will perform re-nourishment along 15,700 LF of beach by replacing 30,414 CY of sand. The replacement of the sand along the beach will repair the beach back to its pre-disaster design and promote open space and recreational usage. Furthermore, the replacement of the sand would assist in the repair of sand dunes which would protect structures inland from wave action and storm surge events.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternative that was considered is the no-action alternative. Alternate locations were not considered because the project is fundamentally dependent upon its location. The no action alternative is not feasible as the nearby community would be at continued risk due to the lessened number of dunes available to protect the area from wave action and storm surge events. Furthermore, the loss of sand would reduce the amount of space available for the community to use for open space and recreation. The no action alternative would have continued negative impacts upon the community and would not be practicable. Therefore, the proposed sand re-nourishment action is the most practicable action with respect to the eroded beach.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341 or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line SC-4464-PW-00095, Town of Edisto Beach at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice (*insert posted date*).