

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) 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, 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: Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources **Project Title:** 163755 – Gulf State Park - Pier; PA-04-AL-4563-PW-00510

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Gulf State Park - Pier	20115 State Highway 135, Gulf Shores, AL	Start point: 30.24989, End point: 30.245695	Start Point:-87.66777, End Point:-87.666779	2009

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for the repair of multiple damaged items within the Gulf State Park - Pier. The project is located within a VE Zone. Confirmation of location in a Flood Zone was determined by the Baldwin County Effective Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number 01003C1081M, dated 04/19/2019. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Alabama and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the VE Zone. The proposed work will take place in designated wetlands, per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources plans to repair the following: 1) Recover and replace 1,440 LF of prestressed concrete piles, 24x24 inch square; 2) Recover and replace 6 each of prestressed concrete pile caps; 3) Recover and replace 25 each of prestressed concrete girders; 4) Remove damaged wooden framing, 4,800 LF long; 5) Furnish and install 1 inch diameter timber connectors (screws in timber), 9,000 IN long; 6) Furnish and install 6x6 inch pressure treated lumber framing, 1,600 LF long; 7) Furnish and install 2x6 inch IPE decking railings and trim, 2,500 LF long; 8)

Furnish and install 2x2 inch pressure treated handrail pickets, 10,200 LF long; 9) Furnish and install 2x12 inch pressure treated handrail cap, 1,040 LF long; 10) Furnish and install 2x12 inch pressure treated deck stair stringers, 1,275 LF long; 11) Furnish and install 2x6 inch pressure treated deck joists, 15,400 LF long; 12) Furnish and install 11,425 SF of 2x6 inch hardwood decking; 13) Furnish and install 2 x12 inch pressure treated stair stringer, 25 LF long; 14) Furnish and install 2x6 inch pressure treated lumber stair treads, 180 LF long; 15) Furnish and install 800 SF of 8-inch single concrete board siding, clapboard profile, woodgrain texture .048 thick; 16) Furnish and install 480 SF of (Bents 33-38, 44-47) dry pack grout cement and sand under beams or walls 1 inch thick; 17) Furnish and install 1,344 SF of (Bents 33-38, 44-47) patching concrete walls, epoxy grout, 3/4 inch deep; and 18) Furnish and install 15 each of Pile Wrap. The purpose of this action is to restore the facilities to pre-disaster condition for Gulf State Park - Pier.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The 'no action' alternative would potentially have adverse social, economic, and public safety impacts within the community if the Gulf State Park Pier is not repaired.

Alternative #2 (Repair in-kind): - The Gulf State Park Pier in its current location is the only practicable choice as it is the most cost effective and will not result in additional impacts on the natural and beneficial values currently served by the floodplain. Additionally, the Pier provides open space uses for recreation and is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain.

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:

FEMA Internal 11988 Reviewer FEMA Region 4
3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road
Atlanta, Georgia, 30341

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please send comments with the subject line *[DR-4563-AL-00510 EO11988 COMMENT]*.

All comments are due by no later than 30 days of the posted date of this notice.

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End of Notice