

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Oxford, Lafayette County has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Grant Program (PA) funding through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) 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.

Applicant: City of Oxford

Project Title: DR-4429 FNC Park

Location of Proposed Work:

Name of Structure: FNC Park

Address of Structure: 328 Hwy. 314 Oxford, MS 38655

GPS Latitude/Longitude: 34.400897, -89.578925

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone: This project is for the repair of fields, a drainage ditch, sidewalks and pedestrian bridges located in flood zones included A or AE (1% annual chance flood elevation). Confirmation of location in an SFHA was made by reference to the latest Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 28071CO139C dated 11/26/2010. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Mississippi and local floodplain regulations. The proposed action will be installed on existing facility and will have no effect on the local floodplain. The proposed work has the potential to be affected by the location in an SFHA. The actions will be mitigated by applying erosion control materials intended to reduce the potential for similar damage during future extreme overland flooding and rain conditions.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Remove sediment, remove and reset 1,782 TN of rip rap, and remove and replace 5,940 SY geotextile fabric in the drainage ditch. Repair the soccer fields by replacing the clay base, Bermuda sod grass and remove and replace the irrigation system. In order to lessen the damage from a future event, the Applicant proposes to install washed masonry sand 2.5" deep under the turf. Repair sidewalks and pedestrian bridges throughout the Park.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (no action alternative): This alternative is not feasible and impracticable as the facilities will need to be repaired as not to adversely impact the community.

Alternative #2: Relocating structures outside of the SFHA was evaluated. The cost to relocate these facilities is significantly greater than the cost to repair and mitigate these facilities.

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 City of Oxford. All comments are due within 15 days of this notice. The City of Oxford 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:

(Insert contact information)

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