

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Scott County has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Iowa's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (IHSEMD) 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: Scott County

Project Title: 117669 - Buffalo Shores Septic System, PA-07-IA-4421-PW-01427

Location of Proposed Work:

- Buffalo Shores campground, at 1433 W Front Street, Buffalo, IA. 52728.
- As described below, work will connect campground to city sewage treatment system by horizontal underground boring, going east from the campground along Iowa State Highway 22 to the junction of Elm Street, then going north to a junction with city water treatment system.

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project will perform work in the AE Zone, the area of 1% annual chance of flooding, per Buffalo FIRM panel 19163C0453G, effective on 03/23/2021.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Scott County proposes to use FEMA Public Assistance Grant funds to connect campground to City of Buffalo's water treatment system. Work will bore new line along Iowa Highway 22 to connect campground to city water treatment system.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No Action): The no-action alternative would not be appropriate because it would leave Buffalo Shores campground without viable wastewater treatment system.

Alternative #2 (Repair In-Kind): The County requested bids for repairs to the campground's isolated water treatment system but received no bids to complete the repairs within budget. The

codes and standards that would need to be met to ensure water quality of repaired isolated water treatment plant, water quality of the Mississippi River, and protection against the periodic flooding from the river could not be performed within budget.

Alternative #3 (Mitigation): A cost-effective alternative is to connect the campground by boring new pipeline along existing roadways to connect to the city's water treatment plant. Boring the new line and connecting to an existing plant also reduces impacts from future floods. **This is the option being pursued by this grant.**

Comment Period:

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. All comments received can be submitted online, via email, to FEMA at kate.stojavljevic@fema.dhs.gov. Please use the subject line: **"IA-4421-PW-1427, Scott County, Buffalo Shores."**

Interested persons may also submit comments and questions in writing, or request a map of this specific project, by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 7, 11224 Holmes Road; Kansas City, MO 64131. Written comments should be sent with the subject line **"IA-4421-PW-1427, Scott County, Buffalo Shores"** to the above address within 15 days of the date of posting.

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

POSTED ON (6/7/2021):

End of Notice