

**Federal Emergency Management Agency
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment
For a Shoreline Protection Project
Village of Surfside Beach, Texas
FEMA-1606-DR-TX.

The Village of Surfside Beach has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance with the construction of a revetment structure to be located along the seaward side of Beach Drive to provide protection to Beach Drive and the public infrastructure landward of Beach Drive. The proposed project would be located approximately 150 feet west of Texas Street and continue uninterrupted to the east approximately 3,500 feet to Whelk Street. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44 CFR Part 9 and 10), an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural environment.

The proposed action is located in the FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain. Because of the project's location in the floodplain and in accordance with Executive Order 11988, an evaluation was performed to identify other practicable alternatives outside the floodplain. No other practicable alternatives to construction of the project in the floodplain were identified.

The EA evaluates alternatives that provide for compliance with applicable environmental laws. The alternatives to be evaluated include (1) No Action and (2) The Proposed Action, the construction of a revetment structure.

The draft Environmental Assessment is available for review between June 19, 2007 and July 18, 2007, at the Freeport Branch Library located at 410 Brazosport Boulevard, Freeport, Texas. The draft Environmental Assessment is also available for review online at the FEMA website <http://www.fema.gov/ehp/docs>.

Written comments regarding this proposed project can be mailed to Carlos Swonke, Turner Collie & Braden Inc., 400 West 15th Street, Suite 500, Austin, TX 78701. Comments should be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 18, 2007.