



FEMA

Draft FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
American Reinvestment and Recovery Act- Assistance to Firefighters Grant
Fluvanna County, Construction of a new Fork Union Fire Station

Fluvanna County has received funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) to build a new fire station. Funding was authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5). ARRA furthers the AFG goals of firefighter safety and improved emergency response capability and capacity based on need, through the construction, renovation, or modification of fire stations.

FEMA proposes to assist Fluvanna County in the construction of a 7,600 square-foot fire station and associated parking and access road. The new fire station will be located at north and adjacent to the Fluvanna Community Center at 5725 James Madison Highway, Fork Union VA 23055, approximately 1.25 miles from the existing fire station. The existing fire station was built in the 1960's. It is located in the floodplain and is inadequate to serve the current community needs.

In accordance with 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) for FEMA, Subpart B – Agency Implementing Procedures, Part 10.9, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as implemented by the regulations promulgated by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). The purpose of the EA was to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the construction of the new fire station and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The above described action will not result in any significant adverse impacts related to geology and soils; hydrology and floodplains; wetlands and jurisdictional waters of the U.S.; water quality; air quality; vegetation and wildlife; state and federally listed threatened and endangered species; historic properties; minority and low income populations; safety and security; hazardous materials and toxic wastes; and traffic and transportation. The proposed alternative has been reviewed and, to the best of FEMA's knowledge, does not have the potential for significant cumulative effects when combined with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions in accordance with 44 CFR Part 10.8 (d)(3)(x). The draft Environmental Assessment was available for public review from November 22, 2010-December. No comments were received.

FINDINGS

Based upon information contained in the Environment Assessment prepared for the construction of a new Fire Station #18 (Marley Fire Station) by Anne Arundel County and the attached conditions, in accordance with 44 CFR Part 10, and Executive Orders 11988 (Floodplain Management), 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and 12898 (Environmental Justice), FEMA has determined the proposed project will not significantly affect the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an EIS will not be prepared (44 CFR Part 10.8) and the project may proceed.

APPROVAL

Kate McManus, Regional Environmental Officer
FEMA Region III

Date

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Construction of New Fire Station # 18 (Marley Fire Station)

Attachment
Conditions:

The following conditions were developed to minimize or eliminate potential adverse environmental impacts that could result from the Proposed Action and must be met as a condition of project approval. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize Federal funds.

- The applicant is responsible for obtaining and complying with all required local, state, and Federal permits and approvals.
- If deviations from the proposed scope of work result in substantive design changes, need for additional ground disturbance or other changes to the physical environment, the Grantee must contact FEMA. FEMA will reevaluate the project for compliance with NEPA and other environmental and historic preservation laws and Executive Orders.
- The Applicant is responsible for selecting, implementing, monitoring, and maintaining best management practices to control erosion, sediment, reduce pollution, and implementing all health and safety requirements.
- In the event that human remains or archaeological or historic materials are discovered during site work, activities in the immediate vicinity shall be discontinued and the area secured. The Grantee must contact the local coroner (human remains only) FEMA, and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources as soon as possible.