

**Town of Sunset Beach
Public Comment Notice concerning the
Environmental Assessment
for the Construction of Fire Station #2**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a fire station in Sunset Beach, Brunswick County, North Carolina. The proposed action is for construction of Fire Station No. 2 on an approximately 1.6-acre tract owned by the Town of Sunset Beach located at 7149 Old Georgetown Road, east of the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and NC Highway 904. The new fire station would consist of a 7,297 sq. ft. building with 2 pull-through bays and ample space for 24 hr. occupancy by 4 firefighters. Activities would include site clearing, grading, stormwater infrastructure installation, driveway and building construction, and connecting to available utilities (electricity, telephone, water, and sewer) for the site. Per the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), associated environmental laws, and FEMA implementing regulations for NEPA (44 CFR Part 10), an EA was written to evaluate the proposed action's and several alternatives' potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The EA summarizes the proposed action's purpose and need, several alternatives, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences from the proposed action and its alternatives.

The public comment period will be 15 days – **November 17, 2010 through December 3, 2010**. Written public comments on the EA or related matters may be faxed to FEMA's Region IV Office at (770) 220-5440; emailed to FEMA-R4EHP@dhs.gov; or mailed to FEMA R4 DREO Stephanie Madson, 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta GA, 30341-4112. The EA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region4.shtm>. The EA will also be available for public review at the following location: Town of Sunset Beach Town Hall located at **700 Boulevard N, Sunset Beach, NC from 8:30 to 5:00 Monday through Friday**.

Based on FEMA's findings to date, we anticipate no significant adverse effects on historical properties or the natural environment. If new information is received that result in a change, then FEMA would revise its findings and issue a second public notice for additional comments. If no substantive, contrary comments are received, then the EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents. All comments must be received by FEMA by midnight on December 3, 2010 to be considered.