



The Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians

The Honorable Mitchell Hicks, Principal Chief
The Honorable Larry Blythe, Vice-Chief

NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Project Name: **Soco Creek Sewer Line Upgrade**

Project Description: This project will consist of increasing the current sewer line size from 12 or 24 inches to 36 inches in diameter. Some segments of the sewer line may be presently 12 inches in diameter to 24 inches in diameter. This sewer line upgrade will affect those right of ways and properties that were granted to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians between March and October 1984. The line is approximately 10,000 linear feet a majority of the pipe and its right of way will be in the floodplain, floodway or will cross Soco Creek in a sub-aqueous/sub-terrain manner (in three locations: near Don Lambert Road, US 441 and New Business 441 intersection, and bisecting Stacey Saunooke Road). This sewer line will begin at US Highway 19 adjacent to Wendy's restaurant and follow Soco Creek to the Oconaluftee River. **A map of this exact location is on file with the Tribe's Building Construction Office, Engineering-Survey-and Design, and United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (Atlanta Regional Office).**

Acres of Impact: The estimated number acres are 9.2 that will be in or near the floodplain, floodway, or a river crossing.

Agency Contact: Should the public have comments or questions on this project impact to the floodplain, river crossings, or floodway contact the following agencies:

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Tribal Building Construction (7:45 AM until 4:30 PM Eastern Time)
Brandon Stephens, Manager
P.O. Box 455
810 Acquoni Road, Suite 118b (Ginger Welch Complex)
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
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Comment Period: 15 days. Comments may be submitted to Tribal Building Construction from March 18, 2009 through the close of business (4:30 PM Eastern) on April 1, 2009.

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Reason for impacts to the floodplain and actions in this project: The existing sewer pipe was engineered in 1984 and constructed in the floodplain, floodway, and in three river crossings. This project is designed to replace the existing sewer line in the same corridor to prevent additional impacts to the floodplain and create a potential for reduced expense. The line must be replaced to accommodate additional effluent flow that has been created by new housing and commercial development in the community it services. If actions are not made surcharges may occur and cause potential hazards or impacts to the floodplain, floodway, river crossings, and surrounding environment.

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