

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
October 8, 2021**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

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 to and to provide 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 or low-income populations.

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.

Applicant:

St. Johns County

Project Title:

HMGP-4337-488-R (Phase II) St. Johns County, Porpoise Point, Drainage

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations: Southwest of the intersection of Porpoise Point Drive and Manresa Road in St. Augustine, Florida, 32084.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

St. Johns County proposes drainage improvements in the Porpoise Point Subdivision to mitigate against flooding issues in the area. The project will consist of the construction of an inlet and a pipe which will collect and convey storm water

to discharge it to the marsh on the west side of Porpoise Point Drive. This gravity outfall pipe will have a backflow preventer (i.e., a check valve) to minimize clogging/blocking the conveyance of storm water. Erosion control will be placed at the discharge point of the storm water. Disturbed areas will be grassed and restored, and no utilities are anticipated to be impacted.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) *periodic temporary pumping operations*. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) *repetitive flooding would not be alleviated and the needs of the community would not be served*; and Alternative 2) *Permanent easements and locations for are not readily available in the project area, and the mobilization and use of the pumps is an ongoing expense to the County in addition to being a reactive approach to the issue of repetitive flooding, and therefore not practicable*.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Recovery and Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice (11/7/2021). The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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