

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
2/10/2025**

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 a Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Grant.

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:2

St. Johns County Residential Flood Mitigation FMA 2024

Location of Proposed Work:

Various homes in St Johns County Florida. Applicable to all homeowners who are included in the grant application and can potentially receive grant funding to mitigate.

Potential Addresses include:

7 Russell Blvd
73 Aloha Circle
153 Turtle Bay Ln
160 Green Rd
224 Treasure Beach
279 Joey Dr
283 DeSoto Rd
305 3rd St
341 Micklers Rd
371 Trade Wind Ln
409 14th St
505 17th St
554 W Tropic Way
566 W Tropic Way
601 22nd St
601 County Rd 13 S
2921 S Ponte Vedra Blvd
3870 Laurel St
5301 4th St
5395 Riverview Dr
5420 Windantide Rd
8225 Hall Ln
8280 River Rd

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Elevation of properties will commence if grant funding is approved and awarded. Properties will be elevated 2 feet above the Base Flood Elevation or prior flood of record. Lifting of properties will be conducted to reduce overall flood loss and flood. Claims to insurance provider. Property owners must have NFIP flood insurance and maintain flood insurance on the property in perpetuity.

Project Alternatives:

In deciding on this course of action, St. Johns County examined several alternative project types and determined elevating the structures to be the best option. The following alternatives to mitigate these properties were considered:

1. Acquisition/Relocation was considered as an alternative but was not deemed the most feasible method as this activity would result in considerable maintenance costs and loss of tax base.

2. No action. If no action is taken to mitigate at-risk properties, the structures will continue to flood and there would be no benefit realized by the homeowner, the City, or the National Flood Insurance Program, making this not a viable option.

3. Elevation is considered a viable alternative type because of the degree of risk reduction versus project cost. The project eliminates most of the flood risk to the homes, allows homeowners to remain in their neighborhoods and preserves the tax base for the community while significantly reducing the various other negative effects of repetitive flooding.

4. Reconstruction is considered a viable alternative type when elevation is considered infeasible because of the degree of risk reduction versus project cost.

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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 Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice (3/12/2025). 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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