

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

August 29, 2019

To: All interested Agencies, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Florida Division of Emergency Management, County of Volusia, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the County of Volusia has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for utilizing Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. The County of Volusia will be providing these funds to assist with Disaster Recovery services to eligible owner-occupied homes throughout Volusia County with 1) Replacement of pre-1994 manufactured and mobile homes that were substantially damaged from Hurricane Matthew on owned lots; 2) Replacement of pre-1994 manufactured and mobile homes that were substantially damaged from Hurricane Matthew on rented lots; 3) Repair of owner-occupied 1-unit single-family dwellings that were substantially damaged from Hurricane Matthew and are in need of reconstruction or rehabilitation. Note: Replacement and reconstruction shall occur within the existing disturbed footprint as much as possible. Volusia County, Florida is comprised of 814,901.7 acres of which 439,593.1 pose a potential effect. The total floodplain area affected at each site would be less than ¼ acre.

The County of Volusia has determined that this project will have no adverse impacts on the environment and does not require mitigation measures. The County of Volusia has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

PROJECTS INVOLVING MINOR REHABILITATION THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN A FLOODPLAIN SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY ADVERSE IMPACT ON FLOODPLAIN. PROJECTS INVOLVING REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION WITHIN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN SHALL REQUIRE THE DWELLING BE RAISED ABOVE THE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION OR ASSISTANCE WILL BE DENIED. PROJECTS INVOLVING SUBSTANTIAL REHABILITATION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR RECONSTRUCTION; IF INELIGIBLE FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND LOCATED WITHIN A FLOODPLAIN THE POTENTIAL TO ADVERSELY IMPACT SAID FLOODPLAIN EXISTS, BUT SHALL BE ADDRESSED WITHIN THE SPECIFIC SCOPE OF WORK ESTABLISHED TO PREVENT AND/OR MITIGATE THE POTENTIAL.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the County of Volusia at the following address on or before September 6, 2019: Department of Community Assistance, Attention: Lisa Peterson, Project Coordinator-Housing, 110 West Rich Avenue, Deland, Florida, 32720, Phone: 386-736-5955, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Comments may also be submitted via email to cdbg@volusia.org.

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Pursuant to Title II of the ADA, Volusia County does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in providing or conducting its services, programs, or activities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of county policies to participate in a meeting or other event, should contact the County's ADA Title II Coordinator, Mr. George Baker at [\(386\) 248-1760](tel:3862481760) no later than 2 business days before the event or meeting.