

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hereby gives notice to the public of its intent to reimburse eligible applicants for eligible costs to repair or replace facilities damaged by the **Hurricane Matthew** occurring between **October 3, 2016 and October 19, 2016**. This notice applies to the Public Assistance (PA) project for a seawall replacement in the City of Daytona Beach in Volusia County, Florida, implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207.

Under a major disaster declaration, **FEMA-DR-4283-FL**, signed by the President on **October 8, 2016 and amended October 17, 2016, October 19, 2016, October 24, 2016, October 25, 2016, October 27, 2016, November 4, 2016, and December 12, 2016**, Volusia County was designated as adversely affected by the disaster and eligible for PA funding.

This public notice concerns activities pertaining to Volusia County's Daytona Beach Courthouse Annex seawall. The proposed project would include replacing the existing seawall, currently constructed of stacked concrete bags bonded together, with a new 740-foot long composite sheet-pile wall between GPS coordinates (29.2112151, -81.0143560) to (29.2108200, -81.0122763). FEMA would be providing PA funding for 560 feet of the new seawall between GPS coordinates (29.2112151, -81.0143560) to (29.211002, -81.01273). The new seawall would be designed to connect to the seawall adjacent to the new Veteran's Memorial Bridge in order to provide continuous protection along the embankment. New and reused riprap would be installed, commencing at the toe of new seawall, extending no more than 10 feet waterward from the toe of the seawall, and backfilling the eroded shoreline with clean fill material. The county also proposes to incorporate a new drainage system and a 30-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) stormwater outfall through the new seawall. In order to complete repairs, portions of the existing sidewalk, asphalt parking lot, and adjacent pedestrian observation pier will need to be temporarily removed or altered. The project will be completed under the authority of Volusia County, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

FEMA has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA). An alternatives analysis was performed, which included the evaluation of the proposed action, repair to pre-disaster conditions, and the no action alternative. Further detailed descriptions of all alternatives may be reviewed in the EA conducted by FEMA or by contacting FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov for a copy. The draft EA is available for public comment and can be viewed on FEMA's and the applicant's website at the following locations:

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_ehp_volusia-countys-courthouse-annex-seawall-dea-2022.pdf

<https://www.volusia.org/services/financial-and-administrative-services/finance-department/hurricane-matthew-recovery.stml>

A hardcopy of the EA is available for review at Volusia County's administration building located at 123 Daytona Boulevard, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114, during the following hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The Endangered Species Act requires federal agencies to consult with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for effects to federally listed threatened and endangered species. FEMA will adopt the USACE's ESA determinations completed as part of their permitting process. Existing determination keys and Programmatic Biological Opinions between the

USACE and USFWS, and between the USACE and NMFS, will be utilized to minimize impacts to listed species by applying appropriate terms and conditions.

The National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effect of their undertakings on historic properties. FEMA consulted with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and received concurrence for a determination of No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties. Tribal consultation letters were submitted to the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Seminole Tribe of Florida and Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. No comments or objections were received regarding the proposed work.

Presidential Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 require that all federal actions in or affecting the floodplain or wetlands be reviewed for opportunities to relocate and evaluated for social, economic, historical, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Volusia County's Daytona Beach Courthouse Annex seawall is located within the special flood hazard area, otherwise known as the AE zone, per Volusia County Flood Insurance Rate map #12127C0359J, dated September 29, 2017. The seawall is a functionally dependent facility that provides protection to adjacent improved properties. If no action is taken to restore the seawall, Volusia County's Daytona Beach Courthouse Annex facility and associated embankment would be vulnerable to higher wave action and further erosion.

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may obtain information about these actions by emailing FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line "FL-4283-PW-01082, Volusia County" at the above address within 30 days of the date of this notice.