

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the Volusia County's damaged Highbridge Park due to Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW 07267 PN 33735). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain.

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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program

Applicant: Volusia County

Project Title(s): PA-04-FL-4337-PW-07267; PN 33735-Highbridge Park (DI 76839)

Location of Proposed Work: 39 Highbridge Rd Ormond Beach, FL 32176; GPS Coordinates: 29.408523, -81.100485

Floodplain: The project is located in Zone AE per Volusia County FIRM Panel # 12127C0061J, dated 09/29/2017.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Elements of the Highbridge Park were damaged as a result of Hurricane Irma. The applicant plans to contract services to restore the fishing pier, boat ramp, and seawall to pre-disaster function. The County plans to replace 2,615 square feet of existing fishing pier in the same footprint. Damaged components include pressure-treated wood, horizontal supports, decking, deck joist, ramp, posts, cross board supports, siding, the plastic boat bumper, the top of the handrail, handrail posts, concrete base of dock, aluminum seawall, and the seawall cap. The piles will be replaced in the same footprint but with a change of material from wood to concrete in an effort to mitigate future damages.

Project Alternatives: The no-action alternative was considered. This alternative is not feasible as the area is a public park and provides recreational open-space use for the community. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on residents and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the park components are functionally dependent on the location within floodplains.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-07267, Volusia County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.