

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
04/09/2025**

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 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.

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:

Volusia County

Project Title:

HMGP-4673-122-R - Volusia County, Stone Trail Elevation #2, Elevation

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:
Stone Trail, Deltona, Florida 32725

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The proposal is to elevate the existing residential structure to a minimum of 2 feet above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE). This elevation project shall involve building and site preparation, along with the disconnection of utilities. The existing structure shall be raised on a new foundation on piers, pilings, or concrete columns per engineering designs. Prior to the beginning of construction, a professional engineer shall verify that the home is structurally sound and can withstand elevation. The contractor shall tunnel underneath the structure, install beams, cribbing and hydraulic jacks for raising the structure, raise the structures to the required height by utilizing a unified hydraulic jacking machine and shore up. Appropriate means of ingress and egress shall be constructed to access the elevated living spaces. All utilities shall be reconnected, and service equipment shall be elevated to the required height. The proposed project intends to reduce or eliminate future flood damage to this low-lying property and protect the homeowners from imminent risk.

The habitable living areas of the original structure shall be elevated, and the non-habitable areas (if any) shall be converted to storage or parking. A final elevation certificate shall be completed for closeout. The project shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Florida Building Code, ASCE 24-14 or latest edition, the Federal Flood Risk Management Standards (FFRMS), NFIP standards in 44 CFR, Part 60 and/or local floodplain ordinances or any other applicable local regulations.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the *no-action* alternative and 2) the acquisition alternative. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) repetitive flooding is not alleviated and the needs of the community would not be served; and Alternative 2) does not retain fabric of the community and is cost prohibitive, 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 Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 15 days of this notice (or April 24, 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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