

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Washington County's Worley Road culvert repairs due to damages in Hurricane Sally (DR-4564-FL PW 598). 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 21, 2020 for Hurricane Sally. 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: Washington County

Project Title(s): PA-04-FL-4564-PW-00598; PN 185408 Culverts with Associated Road Damage Worley Rd Zone 2.4

Location of Proposed Work: Worley Road Culverts, Road (Start: 30.722119, -85.601162; Stop: 30.721664, -85.601060)

Floodplain: Project is located in the AE Zone, otherwise known as the area of 100-year flooding, per Washington County FIRM Panels # 12133C0180D dated 07/04/2011. The project is also located in a wetland classification R5UBH (Riverine) as mapped by the National Wetlands Inventory dated 05/01/2021.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Washington County will remove three 30 ft long x 48 in diameter concrete culverts, concrete headwall, sub-base fill, unclassified fill, and asphalt. Hazard mitigation measures are included to replace the damaged triple culvert system with a triple 10 ft x 5 ft concrete box culvert system with associated headwalls, wingwalls, and rip rap protection along the stream embankment. Roadway improvements are included in the proposal. The new culvert will not extend below the depth of the damaged culvert. A Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study has concluded that the improvements will not adversely impact the upstream or downstream conditions, nor adversely change the extents and depth of the existing floodplain.

Project Alternatives: The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the area would remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on adjacent infrastructure, property, residents, and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the culverts are functionally dependent upon their location within the floodplain and wetland. Repairs and mitigation to the culverts will minimize future flood risk to the facility and from adjacent properties and will preserve the ability of the floodplain and wetland to perform their beneficial functions.

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, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341 or by emailing FEMAR4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4564-PW-00598, Department of Environmental Protection at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.