

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the Washington County's Bridge 2 improvements due to damages by Hurricane Michael (DR-4399-FL PW 01204). 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 30, 2018, for Hurricane Michael. 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-4399-PW-01204 (PA-GM 113741); Bridge 2

Location of Proposed Work: Williams Road, Washington County, Florida (GPS Coordinates: 30.81568, -85.54784)

Floodplain: Project is located in the AE Zone, otherwise known as the area of 1% annual chance for flooding up to the base flood elevation, per Washington County FIRM Panel # 12133C0060D, dated 07/04/2011. The project is also located in a wetland classification PFO6/4C (Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland) as mapped by the National Wetlands Inventory, dated 04/26/2022.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Washington County is proposing to upgrade a single lane wood bridge to Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) codes and standards. Repairs will include upsizing and changing materials to a concrete deck and steel girder two-lane span bridge, removing six corrugated metal pipes (CMP) with headwalls, and installing a new concrete low water crossing with triple 48-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipes (RCP) culverts underneath with embankment riprap and installing a double 48-inch RCP culvert with headwalls. A Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study has concluded that the improvements will not adversely impact the upstream or downstream conditions.

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, the essential ingress and egress evacuation route for the community during flooding events would not be accessible and would negatively impact the community. Alternate locations were not considered as the culverts are functionally dependent upon their location within the floodplain and wetland. The proposed repairs and mitigation to the culverts would minimize future flood risk to the facility and from adjacent properties and would 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 FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line, "Public Comment for DR-4399-FL PW 01204, Washington County" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.