

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
(11/7/2019)**

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. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

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:**

Escambia County Board of County Commissioners

**Project Title:**

HMGP-DR-4177-08-R – Delano Area Drainage Improvements

**Location of Proposed Work:**

The area affected by this project consists of the following locations:

Clay Street  
W Herman Street  
N Pace Boulevard  
N Q Street  
Town Street  
Delano Street  
E Herman Street  
N Palafox Street  
W Fairfield Drive  
W Park Place  
N H Street  
W Leonard Street

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The Delano Area in Escambia County, Florida is characterized by substantial urban development, a small percentage of pervious area, and few potential locations for stormwater retention. The proposed mitigation project will modify existing stormwater facilities and infrastructure to increase efficiency and capacity as well as acquire and improve new sites to add to the existing stormwater capacity within the project area. Specifically, the project involves the construction of four new dry retention stormwater ponds and the expansion and formalization of one existing unpermitted wet detention facility. Two of the four new ponds require property acquisition. Sites include the Herman Pond, Herman Pit, Palafox Pond, Fairfield Pond, Sheriff's Department Central Booking and Detention Facility Pond, and the L Street Pond. All sites and the scope of improvements are collectively known as the Delano Area Drainage Improvements Project. Maintenance of traffic and erosion control will be required at all sites to perform the scope of work. This project is intended to mitigate future flood losses and is supported by the 2018 State of Florida Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan and Escambia County's Local Mitigation Strategy.

**Project Alternatives:**

The alternatives to the project that have been considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) identify other potential locations for pond sites to support drainage improvements. 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) the urban environment which requires flood protection does not provide other alternatives for pond sites that will provide the same level of protection as the chosen alternative.

**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 Recovery and Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice. 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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