

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the City of Gulf Breeze's Deadman's Island erosion control and isthmus repair project due to damages in Hurricane Sally (DR-4564-FL PW 60). 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:** The City of Gulf Breeze
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4564-PW-00060 PN 160551 – Deadman's Island
- Location of Proposed Work:** GPS Coordinates: (30.368035, -87.184701 to 30.368455, -87.187621) and (30.363780, -87.189713)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Santa Rosa County FIRM Panels # 12113C0602H & 12113C0606H dated 11/19/2021.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The erosion control phase of the project will restore 140 concrete tiers on the breakwater ecosystem units, warning lights, and warning signage. The city will also restore 2,742 cubic yards (CY) of sand and re-plant 99,371 marsh plants. The isthmus rebuild phase of the project will restore 111 CY of riprap rocks and re-plant 7,756 wetland plants. Mitigation will be achieved by the applicant upgrading the warning signage from a wooden pile to a more resilient material in an effort to reduce future damages. The city has obtained permits from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the work and will be required to confirm compliance with permit conditions at project closeout.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the area will 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 Deadman's Island is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The facility also provides open space uses for recreation and habitat for wildlife.
- 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 FL-4564-PW-00060, City of Gulf Breeze at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.