

Public Notice
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PUBLIC NOTICE

JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE October 6, 2026

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:

City of Gulf Breeze, Florida

Project Title:

HMGP 4564-005-R City of Gulf Breeze, Shoreline Basin, Flood Risk Reduction, Phase II

Location of Proposed Work:

The proposed project is located at two locations within the Shoreline Drainage Basin in Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561. Location 1 extends from Shoreline Park near Shoreline Drive south along Sunset Boulevard to the Waste Transfer Station at South Sunset Boulevard. Location 2 extends along Loruna Drive from Poinciana Drive to Futura Drive.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Gulf Breeze proposes drainage improvements at two locations within the Shoreline Drainage Basin in Gulf Breeze, Florida. The purpose of the project is to reduce recurring roadway and structural flooding and reduce the risk of future flood damage to surrounding properties. At Location 1, the project proposes construction of a new gravity-fed stormwater system extending from Shoreline Park along Sunset Boulevard to the Waste Transfer Station at South Sunset Boulevard. Improvements include a new concrete endwall adjacent to the lake, stormwater piping, manholes, an inline backflow prevention device, and a new concrete bubble-up structure with permanent erosion and sediment control elements that will discharge into the wetland south of South Sunset Boulevard. Portions of the system will be installed using trenchless micro tunneling methods. At Location 2, the project proposes

improvements to the stormwater collection system along Loruna Drive from Poinciana Drive to Futura Drive. Improvements include new stormwater piping, drainage inlets, a manhole, and connection to the existing drainage system. The project will also include necessary demolition and removals, erosion and sediment control, maintenance of traffic, utility relocation, and restoration of disturbed areas.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no-action alternative and 2) the acquisition and demolition of several homes prone to recurring flooding, and the conversion of developed land to open space. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1, the City and its residents would continue to face risks associated with recurring structural, yard, and roadway flooding; and under Alternative 2, acquisition and demolition of homes prone to structural flooding would result in a higher-cost alternative than implementation of the proposed drainage improvements.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impact of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2489 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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If any person decides to appeal any decisions made by the City Council or any City Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or public hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and any evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The public is invited to comment on matters before the City Council, City Boards, or Committees upon seeking and receiving recognition from the Mayor or Chairperson. If you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in a public hearing you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (850) 934-5115 or at 1070 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, Florida, at least 48 hours prior to the date of the public hearing.