

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Franklin County – Department of Environmental Protection – St. George Island has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) as a sub-recipient.

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, and to provide a 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 and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

Sub-Applicant: Franklin County – Department of Environmental Protection – St. George Island

Project Title: DR-4399 St. George Island Building (Project 28)

Location of Proposed Work: Multiple sites across Bay County

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Ranger Residence E & Shed	1900 E, Gulf Beach Dr St. George Island, FL 32328	29.684807	-84.795190	1981

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for repairs to ranger residence E and adjacent shed which was damaged from hurricane force winds, heavy wind driven rain and overland flooding. All work is located in an VE zone (1% annual chance flood elevation). Location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by Franklin County Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 12037C0560F, dated 02/05/2014. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Florida and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facilities to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within SFHA.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Department of Environmental Protection removed and replaced steps and handrail, A/C system, doors, light switches, siding and electrical wiring. Applicant also proposes to remove aluminum shed and replace it with a plastic structure within the same footprint that can be moved during future storm events.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the First Baptist Church. If the church were not rebuilt, then adverse economic and social impacts to the community may occur.

Alternative #2: Rebuilding the church to enhanced codes and standards in its current location is the only practicable choice as it is cost effective and will not result in additional impacts on the natural values of the floodplain.

Comments:

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described actions funded by the FEMA PA Program. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region IV - EHP, 3003 Chamblee Tucker Rd., Atlanta, GA 30341-4112 or by email at FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please include in the subject line of the email “DR-4399-FL EHAD.” Comments should be sent in writing at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice. Please remove after 15 days after posting.

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