

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Gasparilla Park repairs due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW-06821). 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 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. 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:** Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4337-PW-06821 PN 44569 – District 4
- Location of Proposed Work:** North Boardwalk – GPS Coordinates: (26.718703, -82.262233)
South Boardwalk – GPS Coordinates: (26.718578, -82.261831)
Bulkhead Backfill – GPS Coordinates: (26.720524, -82.264120)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Lee County FIRM Panels #12071C0182F & #12071C0184F dated 02/28/2008.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) will restore the North (26.718703, -82.262233) and South (26.718578, -82.261831) boardwalks at Gasparilla Park back to their pre-disaster conditions and within their original footprints by replacing boardwalk stairs, wooden side rails, vertical posts, composite top/side rails, joists/stringers, wooden pilings, composite decking boards, and wire mesh. FDEP will also replace 1,034 cubic yards (CY) of beach sand behind a headwall (26.720524, -82.264120). FDEP is responsible for obtaining the necessary permits for the work prior to the start of construction and for confirming compliance with permit conditions.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no-action alternative and has found that it would not be feasible as the area will remain vulnerable to hazards to human life and safety. The no-action alternative would potentially have adverse social, economic, and public safety impacts to the community. Alternate locations were not considered as the boardwalks and headwall are functionally dependent upon their location within the floodplain. The boardwalks also provide open space uses for recreation.
- 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@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-06821, Florida Department of Environmental Protection at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.