

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection 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: Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Project Title: DR-4399 St. Andrews Park - Campground Utility and other repairs to re-open campsites

Location of Proposed Work: St. Andrews Park, Panama City, Florida

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
St. Andrews Park	4607 State Park Lane, Panama City, FL 32408	30.13530	-85.74156	1946

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for restoring amenities at 60 campsites back to pre-disaster condition. Work is located in either an AE zone or a VE zone (both with a 1% annual chance flood elevation). Its location in a Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) was determined by Bay County Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 12005C0338H, dated 06/02/2009. 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 CHHA.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has at certain sites already restored and/or proposes to restore the electrical hook-ups (galvanized steel pedestal receptacles); wood clothes line posts, wood fence posts and rails at campsites #s 1-60 back to their pre-disaster design, function and capacity within the existing footprints.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on St. Andrews Park in the form of reduced park use by visitors. If the campsites were not restored to full functionality, then adverse economic and social impacts to the community may occur through reduced visitation.

Alternative #2: Restoring electrical power and other amenities to their original configuration 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, 3005 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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End of Notice