

JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

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 Orlando

Project Title:

HMGP-4337-230-R - City of Orlando, Lake Highland, Drainage

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes and businesses in the following locations: Lake Highland area in Orlando, Florida, 32803

Proposed Work and Purpose:

City of Orlando proposes to improve the drainage system in the Lake Highland area in Orlando, Florida, 32803. Specifically, the project is located along Irma Avenue, E. Marks Street, Highland Avenue and Pasadena Place ending at Lake Highland. The proposal is to upgrade the existing stormwater system by installing approximately 1,800 linear feet of piping, to divert runoff from the area to discharge at the Lake Highland outfall. The purpose of this work is to reduce chronic and severe flooding of roadways and business within the project area.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) Relocation or acquisition/demolition of the flooded structures. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) no action alternative, the repetitive flooding is not alleviated and the needs of the community would not be served; and Alternative 2) relocation or acquisition/demolition, does not retain fabric of the community and is cost prohibitive, and therefore not practicable.



Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2555 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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