

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Franklin County 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

Project Title: DR-4399 Alligator Point Dune Walkovers

Location of Proposed Work:

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Alligator Point Chip Morrison dune walkover	located at the curve of Chip Morrison Drive and Alligator Drive	29.89397	-84.38123	1980
Alligator Point Carnival Lane dune walkover	across Alligator Drive from Carnival Lane	29.89569	-84.38597	1980
Alligator Point dune walkover beach access	located off Alligator Drive	29.89915	-84.39769	1980
Dunes Park Bald Point dune walkover	Franklin County Emergency Mgt. - 28 Airport Road; Dune Walkover - 295 Bald Point Road	29.92632	-84.33393	1999

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for replacing four dune walkover wooden structures, utilizing mitigation. All work is located in a VE-Coastal High Hazard Zone (1% annual chance flood elevation with velocity hazard, wave action). Location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by Franklin County Unincorporated Areas Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 12037C0295F and 12037C0315F, 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:

Franklin County proposes to replace four-dune walkover wooden structures by utilizing mitigation. The mitigation effort will replace the dune walkover wooden structures with an ADA compliant mobi-mat system that can be rolled up and stored prior to storm events.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on Franklin County. If the dune walkovers are not replaced, then adverse economic, recreational, and social impacts to the community may occur.

Alternative #2: Replacing the dune walkover wooden structures in their 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