

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
September 27, 2021**

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:

Seminole County

Project Title:

HMGP-4337-239-R (Phase II) Seminole County, Hillview Drive, Drainage

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes and businesses in the following locations:
Hillview Drive from 350-feet east of Durango Way to the intersection with McNorton Road.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The scope of work of the project is to improve drainage of Hillview Drive by adjusting the vertical profile of the roadway, adding curb and gutter, storm drain inlets and stormsewer pipe, and routing runoff using the proposed improvements to a new pond which will be constructed behind the Pentecostal Church of God at 560 Hillview Drive. The roadway currently floods during even relatively minor rainfall events and experiences sustained inundation following major storms, making the roadway hazardous and contributing to flooding of homes and businesses along the corridor. The purpose of the project is to alleviate flooding along the roadway for the 10-year 24-hour storm event.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative, and 2) relocate residents and business owners from the flood risk area and allow drainage to flow eastward through the open area towards Spring Lake. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) The depth of flooding over Hillview Drive would continue to make the roadway hazardous or impassable, which will prevent vehicle access (including emergency vehicles) to homes and businesses along the roadway. Under Alternative 2) demolition and acquisition of homes and commercial buildings is cost prohibited, and the homeowners are not willing to relocate. The relocation of the business could cause detriment to the surrounding citizens who rely on the business for employment or its services. Also, demolition of existing residential structures has the potential to cause adverse pollutant-related impacts to Spring Lake, which sites downstream.

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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