

**Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact, Notice of Intent to Request a
Release of Funds, and Final Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity
in a 100-Year Floodplain and Wetlands
New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority Infrastructure and Stormwater
Mitigation**

June 16, 2026

Volusia County
Office of Recovery and Resiliency
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These notices shall satisfy **two** separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Volusia County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 1, 2026 (*15 days after publication*) Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant -Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Public Law 117-328, Division A, approved September 30, 2022, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriation Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328, Division L, Title II) approved December 29, 2022.

The request is to undertake a project known as New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority Infrastructure and Stormwater Mitigation Project. The proposed project will upgrade the stormwater management system on New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority properties through site regrading, stormwater conveyance improvements, and construction of a new stormwater pond near the northeast corner of Mary Avenue and Milford Place. These improvements will increase drainage and retention capacity, reduce flooding impacts, and support planned affordable housing development. Volusia County was allocated \$328,900,000 under B-23-UN-12-0005. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency will release \$1,000,000 of the total funds to be used for the New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority Infrastructure and Stormwater Mitigation Project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency, 1578 N. Woodland Blvd. DeLand, FL 32720-4213 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

The proposed project will upgrade the stormwater management system on properties owned by the New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority, located at 209 Bay Street, 201 Milford Place, 202 Inwood Avenue, 111 Milford Place, 100 Milford Place, and 1000 Julia Street. The project

includes a cut-and-fill operation to regrade the site and improve drainage capacity, with elevations at 209 Bay Street and 201 Milford Place raised to approximately seven feet above mean sea level, while elevations at 202 Inwood Avenue, 1000 Julia Street, 111 Milford Place, and 100 Milford Place will be lowered to support stormwater storage and conveyance. A new stormwater pond will also be constructed near the northeast corner of Mary Avenue and Milford Place to provide additional retention capacity. These improvements will enhance stormwater management in the surrounding area and support planned affordable housing development.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

This is to give notice that Volusia County, under 24 CFR Part 58, has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The activity is funded through the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program under Grant No. B-23-UN-12-0005.

The proposed New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority Stormwater Mitigation Project will upgrade the stormwater management system on New Smyrna Beach Housing Authority properties through site regrading, stormwater conveyance improvements, and construction of a new stormwater pond near the northeast corner of Mary Avenue and Milford Place. Portions of the project area are located within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone AE). The project will improve drainage capacity, reduce flooding impacts to residents, and support planned affordable housing development.

Volusia County has considered alternatives to locating the project within the floodplain and determined there is no practicable alternative. The project is designed to minimize potential adverse impacts associated with occupancy and modification of the floodplain and will be carried out in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations. The project will result in long-term beneficial impacts by reducing flood risk and improving stormwater management for the surrounding community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency encourages electronic submittal of comments at transform386@volusia.gov. As an alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency, 1578 N. Woodland Blvd. DeLand, FL 32720-4213 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00PM. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing (Final Floodplain Notice, RROF or FONSI). All comments received by July 1, 2026 will be considered by the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency certifies to HUD that George Recktenwald in his capacity as County Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review

process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Office of Recovery and Resiliency's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Office of Recovery and Resiliency; (b) the Office of Recovery and Resiliency has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Disaster Recovery, 451 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: George Recktenwald, County Manager
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THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Pursuant to Title II of the ADA, Volusia County does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in providing or conducting its services, programs, or activities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of county policies to participate in a meeting or other event, should contact the County's ADA Title II Coordinator, Mr. Jim Corbett at (386) 246-1760 no later than 2 days before the event or meeting.