

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds Portona Drainage Improvements Project

June 24, 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 9, 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 Portona Drainage Improvements Project, to improve the capacity of street drainage and reduce the risk to homeowners from flooding. The Project would increase the size of the stormwater drainage pipes under the streets in the developed residential neighborhood on both sides of Charles Street between 1st Street and 5th Street, in Port Orange, and retain the stormwater in two new retention ponds. The retained stormwater would be directed to the existing drainage canal east of the railroad. Volusia County was allocated \$328,910,000 under B-23-UN-12-0005. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency will release \$2,465,000 of the total funds to be used for the Portona Drainage Improvements Project. The total project cost for this project is \$4,930,000.

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 includes the development of two new stormwater ponds and upgraded stormwater drainage piping to increase system capacity. The project includes the construction of a 9.7-acre stormwater pond south of Charles Street between Charles Street and Herbert Street, and a 1.1-acre pond north of Charles Street between 2nd Street, and the Railroad. Proposed infrastructure improvements include approximately 5,000 feet of new or upgraded stormwater collection system to connect the neighborhood to these two ponds and ultimately outfall to an

existing connection underneath the railroad. The project also includes inflow structures (mitered end sections) routed from new stormwater collection system, and drainage control structure with discharge weir with discharge to ditch on west side of railroad tracks. Action within the railroad right-of-way would include rehabilitation of culvert, remove and replace the endwall on each side of the railroad tracks, and installation of a backflow prevention device in each culvert.

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.org. 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 (RROF or FONSI). All comments received by July 9, 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.