

**Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and
Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds
Stevens Canal Bank Stabilization Project**

June 15, 2026

Volusia County
Office of Recovery and Resiliency
1578 N. Woodland Blvd.
DeLand, FL 32720-4213
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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 June 30, 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 Stevens Canal Bank Stabilization Project, to reduce bank collapse by strengthening the canal banks and improve the canal's conveyance efficiency. reduce flooding of property flooding, and increase long-term resilience in our community to severe storm events like Hurricane Ian which devastated Volusia County. Volusia County was allocated \$328,900,000 under B-23-UN-12-0005. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency will release \$2,500,000 of the total funds to be used for the Stevens Canal Bank Stabilization 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 project intends to stabilize the banks along approximately 1.27 miles of the Stevens Canal from eastern border of the property at 1969 Red Cedar Circle southeast to where it joins the Reed Canal. The bank stabilization effort would include the excavation of the banks and installation of vertical sheet pile walls and the installation of yard drains with flap valves, upgraded backflow preventers, and new wall structures at key road crossings such as Ridge Boulevard and Big Tree Road.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

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 mdewall@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 June 30, 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.