

**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
Sugar Forest Stormwater Pond and Pump Station Project**

June 10, 2026

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 27, 2026, Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency will submit a request to HUD for the release of CDBG-DR funds.

The request is to undertake the Sugar Forest Stormwater Pond and Pump Station Project located within the Sugar Forest Subdivision and surrounding areas of Port Orange, Florida.

Volusia County was allocated \$328,910,000 under Grant No. B-23-UN-12-0005. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency will release \$7,270,000 of the total funds for the project. The total estimated project cost is \$18,597,540.

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 NEPA is not required.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) maintained by Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency.

**FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR
FLOODPLAIN**

This is to give notice that the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 55 for the proposed Sugar Forest Stormwater Pond and Pump Station Project under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program.

The proposed project is located within the Sugar Forest Subdivision and surrounding areas of Port Orange, Florida. The project area has experienced significant flooding during major rainfall events and hurricanes, including Hurricanes Ian and Milton. Existing drainage conditions have resulted in prolonged standing water, roadway flooding, restricted access, and repeated impacts to residential properties.

The proposed action includes construction of a regional stormwater management system consisting of a stormwater pond located near the intersection of Madeline Avenue and Pepper Hill Road, a high-capacity stormwater pump station adjacent to the pond, approximately 8,000 linear feet of 42-inch and 48-inch stormwater force main, and a controlled discharge outfall to the Halifax River near Herbert Street. The project also includes a trenchless jack-and-bore crossing beneath the Florida East Coast Railway corridor and associated stormwater conveyance improvements necessary to route runoff into the proposed system.

Portions of the project are located within the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (Zone AE). Construction activities will occur within areas subject to flooding and will involve excavation, grading, utility installation, pond construction, pump station construction, and outfall improvements. The project has been designed to function as a regional flood mitigation system intended to increase stormwater storage capacity, reduce flood elevations, decrease flood duration, and improve overall drainage performance throughout the watershed.

In accordance with Executive Order 11988 and HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 55, Volusia County evaluated practicable alternatives to locating the project within the floodplain. No practicable alternative exists outside the floodplain because the project must be constructed within the existing drainage basin and hydraulic system that serves the Sugar Forest area. Relocating the project outside of the basin would not provide the required stormwater storage, conveyance, or discharge functions necessary to achieve the intended flood mitigation benefits.

Measures to minimize adverse impacts to floodplain values will be incorporated into project design and construction. Construction activities will be limited to the minimum area necessary to complete the improvements. Best Management Practices, including erosion and sediment controls, will be implemented throughout construction. Disturbed areas will be stabilized and revegetated following completion of construction. Trenchless construction methods will be utilized where practicable, including the jack-and-bore crossing beneath the Florida East Coast Railway corridor, to reduce surface disturbance. All required federal, state, and local permits will be obtained prior to construction.

The project represents a mitigation action intended to reduce long-term flood risk to residential neighborhoods, transportation infrastructure, and public facilities. The anticipated benefits of reduced flooding, improved public safety, enhanced resiliency, and increased stormwater management capacity are expected to outweigh temporary construction-related impacts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR. Comments received by 5:00 PM on June 26, 2026, will be considered by the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments may be submitted electronically to transform386@volusia.org or mailed to Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency, 1578 N. Woodland Blvd., DeLand, FL 32720-4213.

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.

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.

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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.