Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland New Smyrna Beach Corbin Park Stormwater Improvements

To: All interested Agencies including HUD, FEMA, and other State and local agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency has determined that the following portions of the proposed action under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) are located in the 100-year floodplain and adjacent to a wetland and the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. Due to flood damage that occurred in the Corbin Park neighborhood during Hurricane Ian in September of 2022, the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency intends to improvements to stormwater drainage improvements along several streets in the Corbin Park neighborhood including installation of new and upsized stormwater conveyance systems; replacement of the existing culverts; construction of new stormwater pipelines into surface waters identified as drainage roadside ditches, additional swale treatment along improved roadways, and backflow prevention at outfalls. The area of disturbance could be up to ten feet beyond the roadway into yards for some locations, as well as the entire road right along segments of the following streets: Corbin Park Road, South Walker Drive, Burma Road, Robin Road, Paige Avenue, Doster Drive, Swoope Drive, Juanita Drive, and Davis Drive.

Parts of the project area are within the 100-year floodplain and a few segments are adjacent to wetlands. Within the proposed project boundaries, South Walker Drive, Corbin Park Road, and Paige Avenue are completely within the 100-year floodplain. For Bumara Drive, only the intersection of Corbin Park Dr and Bumara Dr is not within the 100-year floodplain. Portions of Doster Drive, Swoope Drive, Davis Drive, and Magnolia Drive are within the 100-year floodplain. While none of the streets in the project area are within National Wetland Inventory (NWI) designated wetlands, portions of South Walker Boulevard and Corbin Park Road are adjacent to NWI wetlands.

The project area consists of the roads and road-side drainage ditches, and culverts under driveways. There are no natural functions of the floodplain in the project area as it only serves as roads and beneficial manmade floodwater conveyance in a developed residential area and do not contain any natural habitat for flora or fauna. The wetlands are adjacent to the roadways. None of the project area drainage ditches are in the wetlands.

The estimated total project cost is \$8,451,220.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and wetlands 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplains and wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts.

Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and wetlands 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 and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency at the following address on or before September 8, 2025. Comments can be sent to the County at 1578 N. Woodland Blvd. DeLand, FL 32720-4213 and phone number 386-717-2831, Attention: Melissa Dewall. A full description of the project may also be reviewed at, or copies requested from, the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency from the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at 1578 N. Woodland Blvd. DeLand, FL. Comments may also be submitted via email to Melissa DeWall, Office of Recovery and Resiliency, at mdewall@volusia.org.

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