

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland
Daytona Beach Lift Station Replacement (Stations 15, 17, 18 and 22)**

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 proposed action under the U.S. Department of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) is 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. Many of the City's sanitary sewer system lift stations do not have backup power. Power failures at lift stations cause backup of the sewer system into residences, businesses, and into streets. The Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency intends to construct new lift stations adjacent to the old stations. The new stations will include emergency generators and components to be constructed in accordance with current City standards and above the 500-year floodplain elevation.

All four of the lift stations parcels are entirely within the 100-year floodplain. The potential area of disturbance within the floodplain for the project is as follows: Station 15-0.43 acres, Station 17-0.22 acres, Station 18-0.38 acres, and Station 22-0.19 acres. The new lift stations will range in size from between 25 by 20 feet to 30 by 27 feet. Maximum area of disturbance would be approximately 50 feet by 50 feet. Excavation to depths of 8 feet may be required. Once constructed the old lift stations will be decommissioned and demolished.

The eastern border of the Station 22 parcel is adjacent to basin designated as an estuarine and marine deepwater habitat. The current lift station is 107 feet west of the basin. No other parcel is near a wetland.

There are no natural functions of the floodplain in the project areas as they only serve as beneficial man-made floodwater conveyance facilities in developed residential areas and do not contain any natural habitat for flora or fauna. The parcels are landscaped and mowed. The wetland is an estuarine canal and basin off of the Halifax River.

The estimated total project cost is \$9,504,500 (Station 15-\$2,616,500; Station 16-\$2,126,000; Station 18-\$2,216,000; Station 22-\$2,636,000).

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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