

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
Daytona Beach Lift Stations 15, 17, 18, and 22 Replacement

DATE February 12, 2026

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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 February 28, 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 Daytona Beach Lift Station Replacement (Stations 15, 17, 18, and 22), to address condition/safety related concerns, provide improved operations and maintenance, update the station to meet current City standards, and improve the stations' resiliency against flooding by elevating equipment and install backup power generators. Volusia County was allocated \$328,910,000 under B-23-UN-12-0005. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency will release \$9,504,500 of the total funds to be used for the Daytona Beach Lift Station Replacement (Stations 15, 17, 18, and 22).

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.

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 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 for the proposed Daytona Beach Lift Station Replacement (Stations 15, 17, 18, and 22) Project under the U.S. Department of U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program. The proposed project sites are located on various site in Daytona Beach, Volusia County, Florida. The sites include existing sewage lift stations built during the 1950s.

The project consists of the replacement of Lift Stations 15, 17, 18, and 22 with modern, flood-resistant infrastructure. New lift stations would be built adjacent to the existing lift stations with elevated electrical components, new equipment including flood-resistant, high-capacity system capable of handling increased sewage/stormwater volumes, and emergency generators with fuel tanks. The new lift stations would include high-capacity submersible pumps, reinforced waterproof structures to mitigate flood risks. The new lift stations would be connected to the existing sewer pipelines. Once the new lift stations are operational, the existing lift stations would then be demolished.

All four of the lift stations parcels are entirely within the 100-year floodplain according to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel Number 120009C0205G effective date March 17, 2014. 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. The eastern boundary of Lift Station 22 is adjacent to a basin designated on the National Wetland Inventory (NWI) map as an estuarine and marine deepwater habitat.

The proposed project involves the disturbance of the already disturbed lift station sites. Removal of existing landscaping and excavation and would be within the existing site boundaries. The disturbance will result in temporary impacts to the floodplain. At Lift Station 22, sediment control measures would prevent any impact to the adjacent wetland.

The proposed project would not permanently affect the 100-year floodplain. The natural and beneficial functions and uses of the floodplain (infiltration) would be retained. The entire parcel will be kept mowed for the life of the facility. The estimated total project cost is \$9,504,500.

The Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: A. Replace the lift stations with new stations; B. Other locations for new lift stations; C. Upgrade existing equipment and install emergency generators; and D. Take no action.

The Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency has reevaluated the alternatives to the construction of new replacement lift stations at the existing lift station locations and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Considering the avoidance of construction of new sewage line systems and avoidance of interruption in lift station operations, Option A the construction of new replacement lift stations is the most viable option. Also, the natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain will be retained. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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, FONSI, or Final Floodplain Notice). All comments received by 5:00pm on February 27, 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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