# JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE July 11, 2019

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Applicant:** *City of Tallahassee* 

## **Project Title:**

HMGP 4280-04-R City of Tallahassee Pump 149

### Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations: The Pump Station is located at 3201 Springhill Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32305 which is adjacent immediately to the north of Munson Slough

## **Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The City of Tallahassee proposes to install an underground electrical feed from an alternate electrical substation to Pump Station 149 to provide it with a reliable emergency power supply. The construction phase of the project will include installation of the underground electrical feed and electrical connections and related components. After Hurricane Hermine, Pump Station 149 lost power due to downed power lines and a power surge that caused the emergency generator to fail. This power failure resulted in 1.625 million gallons of sanitary sewage spillage from Pump Station 149 alone. The project when completed will reduce the impact of power loss during and after severe weather events, allowing Pump Station 149 to fully function during such events.

### **Project Alternatives:**

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) an alternative would be to provide redundant power supply to the pump station via overhead cable run through nearby electrical poles. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) repetitive flooding is not alleviated, the area would continue to be vulnerable to hazardous sewage overflow, and the needs of the community would not be served; and Alternative 2) unlike the underground cable design, the overhead power source would remain vulnerable to hurricane and tropical storm winds and could potential be placed out of service more easily.

### **Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice. The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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