

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Pinellas County's Joe's Creek repairs due to damages in Hurricane Hermine (DR-4280-FL PW 471). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published November 21, 2016 for Hurricane Hermine. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain.

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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Applicant:** Pinellas County
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4280-PW-00471; PCDJK32 Joe's Creek Repair
- Location of Proposed Work:** (27.8162694, -82.6858138) to (27.810325, -82.7276694)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the AE Zone, otherwise known as area of 100-yr flooding, per Pinellas County FIRM Panels # 12103C0208 H, 12103C0204 H, 12103C0212 G, 12103C0211 G dated 08/18/2009 and 09/03/2003.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** Pinellas County will repair the embankment of Joe's Creek at 12 locations. The county is responsible for obtaining any necessary USACE and FDEP permits for the work and for confirming compliance with permit conditions.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the area will remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on adjacent property, residents, and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the creek is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain and serves as flood control.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4280-PW-00471, Pinellas County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.