

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
August 8, 2023**

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:**

Town of Windermere

**Project Title:**

HMGP-4337-443-R Town of Windermere, 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Magnolia Street, Drainage

**Location of Proposed Work:**

The first area begins at the intersection of Oakdale Street and East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue and ends at the intersection of Bessie Street and East 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This area includes portions of East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, East Boulevard, East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Bessie Street. The second project area starts at the intersection of East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Oakdale Street and heads eastward until the end of East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue at Windermere, Florida 34786.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The proposal is to upgrade the existing roadway and drainage system by grading the existing dirt road and installing an enhanced stormwater system. The proposed stormwater system includes improving the drainage collection and conveyance with roadside swales, concrete gutters, and a stormwater piping system. Sodded roadside swales are to be installed with plastic erosion matting. Additionally, runoff storage shall be increased utilizing a new rain garden and retention areas.

The improved stormwater system includes the addition of seventeen ditch bottom inlets, nine curb inlets, and two new junction boxes, and 411 linear feet of curb and gutter installation. The project includes stormwater piping and a mitered end section for each pipe end. Installation of approximately 80 linear feet (LF) of 15-inch round pipe, 548 linear feet (LF) of 18-inch round pipe, and 119 linear feet (LF) of 24-inch round pipe, 478 linear feet of 14" x 23" elliptical pipe, and 165 linear feet of 19" x 30" elliptical pipe is proposed. The proposal includes the construction of stormwater retention areas, with rain garden features, in both project areas; along East Boulevard immediately adjacent to Lake Bessie, and at Lake Street Park which is the eastern end of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The retention and rain garden system includes approximately 0.44 acres of improved and planted area as part of the project proposal. Outfall weir and pond structures, as well as associated improvements, are designed to regulate flow into Lake Bessie and Lake Down from the rain garden and retention areas.

As part of the stormwater improvement in the area, the existing dirt roadway is to be graded to accommodate the mitigation solution. The proposal includes approximately 2325 linear feet of roadway improvements, this includes the removal of 6 inches of existing material as well as furnishing and installing 6 inches of shell base for pavers material to connect to the overall grading system. Outside the roadway, grading work ties the site back to existing conditions. The project includes returning driveways that are damaged during construction to an operational condition. This project shall mitigate flooding that currently persists during rainfall events, protecting residences that have experienced repetitive flooding on roads and structural damages.

**Project Alternatives:**

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) paving the existing road and providing a closed storm sewer system with inlets. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) repetitive flooding and erosion are not alleviated and the needs of the community would not be served; and Alternative 2) does not retain the fabric and character of the community and is cost prohibitive, and therefore not practicable.

**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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