

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland
Aspen Stormwater Pond Expansion Project**

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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 in freshwater pond habitat and the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed project site currently consists of two retention ponds, a pump station, and a mechanical building with an emergency generator and 500-gallon fuel tank. The site is kept mowed. The Big Tree Village neighborhood in South Daytona has experienced significant flooding, with stormwater runoff overwhelming streets and properties due to limited retention capacity in the existing Aspen Stormwater Pond.

The proposed Aspen Stormwater Pond Expansion Project includes the expansion of the two existing ponds into one large pond taking up the entire site. The new pond would be 8 feet deep matching the existing larger ponds current depth. The existing pump station would be replaced with a higher-capacity system. The mechanical building would be retained. The emergency generator and 500-gallon fuel tank would be replaced with a new 300kW emergency generator with an integral 1000-gallon fuel tank on a concrete pad just north of the existing tank.

All of the project area is within the 100-year floodplain, and the two retention ponds are designated as freshwater pond habitat in the National Wetland Inventory maps. The estimated total project cost is \$4,240,271.

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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplains, 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 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.

Written comments must be received by the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency at the following address on or before 5:00pm on February 27, 2026. Comments can be sent to the County at 1578 N. Woodland Blvd. De Land, 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. De Land, FL. Comments may also be submitted via email to Melissa DeWalt, Office of Recovery and Resiliency, at mdewall@volusia.org.

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

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