

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland
Powers Avenue Stormwater Project**

February 11, 2026

County of Volusia
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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 site includes three residences and is bordered on the north side by an existing pond and on the west side by Spring Creek canal. To the south across Powers Avenue, is an important electrical substation. The proposed project includes the acquisition of three private residential properties; construction of a 4.7-acre retention pond; construction of inflow structures for the adjacent canal and Powers Avenue, and approximately 500 feet of new or upgraded stormwater collection system.

The proposed project would increase stormwater retention capacity for the surrounding area, increase the flood reliance of the substation, and help reduce flooding near Spruce Creek Road and Dunlawton Avenue.

The project area is within the 100-year floodplain. There are no wetlands on the project site. The pond to the north is designated as Freshwater Pond Habitat and the stream/canal to the west is designated as Riverine Habitat in the National Wetlands Inventory maps.

The estimated total project cost is \$2,370,000.

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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