Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland
Stephens Canal Bank Stabilization Project

February 10, 2026

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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 a riverine 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 Stevens Canal in South Daytona serves as a primary stormwater drainage route. During heavy rain events, sections of the canal banks have collapsed, creating blockages that increase flood risks for nearby neighborhoods. The Stephens Canal Bank Stabilization Project intends to stabilize the banks along approximately 1.27 miles of the Stevens Canal with sheet piling to prevent the severe erosion it experiences during and immediately following a severe weather event. This project will stabilize both canal banks using reinforced materials and erosion-control measures, ensuring that stormwater can flow efficiently and safely away from residential areas. Nearly all of the project area is within the 100-year floodplain, and all of the project area is in a riverine habitat as designated by National Wetland Inventory maps. The estimated total project cost is $2,500,000.

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 February 26, 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 Dewalt. 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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