# Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact, Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds, and Final Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

### New Smyrna Beach Corbin Park Stormwater Improvements

**December 5, 2025** 

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These notices shall satisfy **three** separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Volusia County.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 23, 2025, Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant -Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Public Law 117-328, Division A, approved September 30, 2022, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development Appropriation Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328, Division L, Title II) approved December 29, 2022. The request is to undertake a project known as New Smyrna Beach Corbin Park Stormwater Improvements, for the purpose of redirecting the stormwater due to heavy rains away from residential properties and reduce the risk to homeowners from flooding and improve storm resiliency in the subdivision. Volusia County was allocated \$328,910,000 under B-23-UN-12-0005. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency will release \$6,000,000 of the total funds to be used for the New Smyrna Beach Corbin Park Stormwater Improvements.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency, 1578 N. Woodland Blvd. DeLand, FL 32720-4213 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

## FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN/WETLAND

This is to give notice that the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands for the proposed New Smyrna Beach Corbin Park Stormwater Improvements Project under the U.S. Department of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program. The proposed project is located in the Corbin Park subdivision along

Paige Avenue, Robin Road, Burma Road, Corbin Park Road, Doster Avenue, Swoope Drive, Juanita Drive, Davis Drive, and S Walker Drive, New Smyrna Beach, Volusia County, Florida.

The project area consists of the roads and road-side drainage ditches, and culverts under driveways. Parts of the project area are within the 100-year floodplain. Within the proposed project boundaries, South Walker Drive, Corbin Park Road, and Paige Avenue are completely within the 100-year floodplain. For Burma Drive, only the intersection of Corbin Park Dr and Burma Dr is not within the 100-year floodplain. Portions of Doster Drive, Swoope Drive, Davis Drive, and Magnolia Drive are within the 100-year floodplain. While none of the streets in the project area are within National Wetland Inventory (NWI) designated wetlands, portions of South Walker Boulevard and Corbin Park Road are adjacent to NWI wetlands. None of the project area drainage ditches are in the wetlands. The wetlands are adjacent to the roadways.

The project consists of the installation of new and upsized stormwater conveyance systems; replacement of the existing culverts; construction of new stormwater pipelines into surface waters identified as drainage roadside ditches, additional swale treatment along improved roadways, and backflow prevention at outfalls. There are no natural functions of the floodplain in the project area as it only serves as roads and beneficial man-made floodwater conveyance in a developed residential area and do not contain any natural habitat for flora or fauna. The proposed project would not affect the 100-year floodplain. The estimated total project cost is \$8,451,220.

The Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: A. Other locations within Corbin Park Subdivision, B. Elevation of homes, C. Acquisition of homes and Relocation of Residents, and D. Take no action.

The Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency has reevaluated the alternatives to the proposed improvements to stormwater drainage along several streets in the Corbin Park neighborhood to redirect the stormwater away from properties and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Considering the avoidance of acquiring occupied residential parcels, cost of elevating affected residences, and the best maintenance of emergency access to the neighborhood streets, Option A, the improvements to stormwater drainage along several streets in the Corbin Park neighborhood is the most viable option. Also, the natural and beneficial functions and values of the floodplain will be retained. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

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. 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.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency encourages electronic submittal of comments at mdewall@volusia.org. As an alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency, 1578 N. Woodland Blvd. DeLand, FL 32720-4213 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00PM. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing (RROF, FONSI, or Final Floodplain Notice). All comments received by DATE, 2025 will be considered by the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency certifies to HUD that George Recktenwald in his capacity as County Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Volusia County Office of Recovery and Resiliency to use Program funds.

### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Office of Recovery and Resiliency's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Office of Recovery and Resiliency; (b) the Office of Recovery and Resiliency has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Office of Disaster Recovery, 451 7th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Certifying Officer: George Recktenwald, County Manager

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