

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Floodplain**

April 8, 2026

County of Volusia
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To: All interested Agencies, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Florida Division of Emergency Management, Volusia County, and any other applicable Groups and Individuals.

This is to give notice that Volusia County, as the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58, has determined that the following proposed action under HUD grant B-23-UN-12-0005 is located within the 100-year floodplain. Volusia County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within 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 Part 55.

The proposed Sugar Forest Stormwater Pond and Pump Station Project is intended to reduce flood risk within the Sugar Forest Subdivision and surrounding areas, which have experienced significant flooding during recent storm events, including Hurricanes Ian and Milton, through construction of a regional stormwater management system consisting of a stormwater retention pond on City-owned property near the intersection of Madeline Avenue and Pepperhill Road, a high-capacity stormwater pump station adjacent to the pond, approximately 8,000 linear feet of stormwater force main conveying stormwater to a new outfall at the Halifax River near the terminus of Herbert Street, and associated stormwater collection infrastructure to route runoff to the proposed system; the proposed outfall will discharge to the Halifax River, which is connected to adjacent tidal wetlands, with no direct impacts to wetlands anticipated as the system is designed to convey stormwater in a controlled manner consistent with applicable regulatory requirements.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and wetland 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 floodplain and wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain and wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about the floodplain and wetland 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 the floodplain and wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Volusia County at the following address on or before 5:00pm on April 23, 2026: Office of Recovery and Resiliency, 1578 N Woodland Blvd, DeLand, FL 32720 and 386-943-7029, Attention: Mikel Branch, Special Projects Coordinator. A full description of the project may also

be reviewed from 8:00am-5:00pm at the previously listed address. Comments may also be submitted via email at transform386@volusia.org.

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Pursuant to Title II of the ADA, Volusia County does not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities in providing or conducting its services, programs, or activities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of county policies to participate in a meeting or other event, should contact the County's ADA Title II Coordinator, Mr. Jim Corbett at (386) 246-1760 no later than 2 days before the event or meeting.