

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

February 20, 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 The 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 in the floodplain and wetland, and Volusia County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the wetland and the potential impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed project consists of floodwater mitigation improvements along Taylor Road in DeLand, Florida, west of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, including acquisition of three residential properties, demolition of existing residential structures, and construction of regional stormwater infrastructure to reduce flooding and improve drainage capacity; the acquired parcels will remain vacant following project completion. Improvements include construction of a new stormwater pond on the south side of Taylor Road (approximately 1387–1351 Taylor Road), installation of a culvert connecting the new pond to the existing pond north of Taylor Road, installation of a pump at the northern pond, and approximately 6,800 linear feet of stormwater conveyance piping extending along Taylor Road, north along Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, and across vacant land to discharge into Lake Moore. Project activities will occur within wetlands (PUBHx, PFO4Cd, PSSC3, PEM1Cd) and the 100-year floodplain (Flood Zone AE) as shown on FEMA FIRM Panel 12127C0470H, with minor excavation required for pond construction, culvert installation, pump installation, and pipe placement across an approximate nine-acre project area

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 March 7, 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.