

**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 and Wetlands
E Taylor Rd Deland Pump Station & Water Retention Expansion**

March 9, 2026

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Office of Recovery and Resiliency
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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 March 26, 2026, 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 E Taylor Rd Deland Pump Station & Water Retention Expansion, to address flooding conditions during storms and heavy rainfall events. Volusia County was allocated \$328,910,000 under B-23-UN-12-0005. The Office of Recovery and Resiliency will release \$10,298,000 of the total funds to be used for the E Taylor Rd Deland Pump Station & Water Retention Expansion

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 AND WETLANDS**

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 Taylor Road Stormwater Mitigation 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 involves acquisition of three residential properties located along Taylor Road in DeLand, Florida, just west of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, to implement stormwater flood mitigation improvements. Existing residential structures on the acquired parcels will be demolished, and the properties will remain vacant following project completion to allow for long-term flood storage and conveyance functions. The project includes construction of a new stormwater pond on the south side of Taylor Road in the vicinity of approximately 1351–1387 Taylor Road. A culvert will be installed beneath Taylor Road to hydraulically connect the proposed southern pond with the existing pond located north of Taylor Road. Improvements also include installation of a pump station at the northern pond and approximately 6,800 linear feet of stormwater piping extending generally 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 the FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (Flood Zone AE; FIRM Panel 12127C0470H) and will involve minor excavation associated with pond construction, culvert installation, pump station installation, and stormwater pipe placement. Work will also occur within wetlands mapped as PUBHx, PFO4Cd, PSSC3, and PEM1Cd. The total project area is approximately nine acres. The action is intended to reduce repetitive flooding impacts to surrounding properties, increase stormwater storage capacity, and provide controlled conveyance to Lake Moore. Following completion, the acquired parcels will remain undeveloped and maintained as functional components of the stormwater management system.

In accordance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 and HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 55, the County evaluated practicable alternatives to locating the project within the floodplain and wetlands. No practicable alternative exists outside these resources because the project must occur within the existing drainage basin that conveys stormwater to Lake Moore, which is itself surrounded by floodplain and wetland systems. Relocating the project outside of these areas would not achieve the intended flood mitigation function or provide hydraulic connectivity necessary to reduce flood risk.

Measures to minimize potential adverse impacts to floodplains and wetlands will be incorporated into project design and construction. Disturbance will be limited to the minimum area necessary to complete the improvements, and construction sequencing will be planned to reduce temporary impacts. The selected contractor will be responsible for implementing appropriate erosion and sediment controls, complying with permit conditions, and restoring disturbed areas in accordance with approved plans and regulatory requirements. All required federal, state, and local permits will be obtained prior to construction.

The project represents a mitigation action intended to restore and enhance flood storage, improve hydrologic connectivity, and reduce long-term flood risk to nearby properties and infrastructure. Beneficial impacts are expected to outweigh temporary construction-related impacts, and the action supports community resilience objectives while maintaining floodplain and wetland functions.

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 transform386@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 5:00 PM March 26, 2026, 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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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.