

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Palm Beach County's Singer Island Dune Restoration due to damages by Hurricane Dorian (DR-4468-FL PW 00166). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published September 23, 2020, for Hurricane Dorian. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state, and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program

Applicant: Palm Beach County

Project Title(s): PA-04-FL-4468-PW-00166 (PA-GM 126772); Singer Island Dune Restoration

Location of Proposed Work: R-60.9 to R-67 (26.814221, -80.035663) to (26.79562, -80.03177)

Floodplain: Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as Coastal High Hazard Area, per Palm Beach County FIRM Panels #12099C0383F and #12099C0391F, dated 10/5/2017.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Palm Beach County restored dunes at Singer Island to their pre-disaster function, capacity, and footprint by replacing 6,792 CY of engineered dune sand along 6,770 LF of shoreline above the mean high-water line. Sand was replaced using beach compatible sand obtained from an approved location.

Project Alternatives: The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the area will remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on adjacent infrastructure, property, residents, and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the engineered beach is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The facility also provides open space uses for recreation and habitat for wildlife.

Comments: This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341 or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line, "Public Comment for DR-4468-FL PW 00166, Palm Beach County Singer Island Dune Restoration" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.