

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Apalachicola has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

Sub-Applicant: City of Apalachicola

Project Title: DR-4399 City of Apalachicola Battery Park Pier, Pavilion and Dock

Location of Proposed Work: Frank Pate Park of Port St Joe

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Battery Park pier, pavilion and dock	Battery Park, City of Apalachicola, FL	29.72374	-84.98220	1990

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for rebuilding the City of Apalachicola's Battery Park pier, pavilion and dock, which were damaged heavy winds associated with Hurricane Michael on October 11, 2018. All work is located in an VE zone (1% annual chance flood elevation). Its location in a Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) was determined by Franklin County Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 12037C0526F, dated 02/05/2014. The proposed work conforms to all applicable State of Florida and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facilities to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within CHHA.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Apalachicola proposes to reconstruct the pavilion in the same style of the original and using the same materials to retain the historic appearance of the original pavilion. The City proposes to restore the damaged elements of the pavilion, dock and pier to their original configuration using similar materials and maintaining all impacts with the footprint of the previously existing park features and will not result in new ground disturbance with the exception

of measures to make the park compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Additional features to be added to the park complex include: 1) Install fishing locations along the pier; 2) build 289 SF of concrete sidewalk; 3) install two bollards; 4) build 120 foot long by 5 ft wide Mulch path; 5) build 468 SF of asphalt parking; 6) install two ADA signs; 7) install 80 LF of ADA striping; 8) install two wheel stops.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on Battery Park in the form of reduced park use by visitors. If the park pier, pavilion and dock were not rebuilt, then adverse economic and social impacts to the community may occur through reduced visitation.

Alternative #2: Rebuilding the park pier, pavilion and dock to their original configuration in its current location is the only practicable choice as it is cost effective and will not result in additional impacts on the natural values of the floodplain.

Comments:

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described actions funded by the FEMA PA Program. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region IV - EHP, 3005 Chamblee Tucker Rd., Atlanta, GA 30341-4112 or by email at FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please include in the subject line of the email “DR-4399-FL EHAD.” Comments should be sent in writing at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice. Please remove after 15 days after posting.

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