

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Port St. Joe 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 Port St. Joe

Project Title: DR-4399 Port St. Joe 20th Street Lift Station

Location of Proposed Work: First Baptist Church of Port St Joe

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
20 th Street Lift Station	20th Street and DuPont Drive, Port St. Joe, Florida	29.79638	-85.30037	1972

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for relocating the existing 20th Street Lift Station to a new location and raising the facility above Base Flood Elevation (BFE). The new lift station will be located approximately 50 feet to the west of the current station. All work was located in an AE zone (1% annual chance flood elevation). Its location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by Gulf County Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 12045C0341G, dated 04/16/2009. The work conformed to all applicable State of Florida and local floodplain regulations. There was a potential for the facilities to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within SFHA.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The proposed project is to relocate the existing 20th Street Lift Station to a new location and raising the facility two feet above Base Flood Elevation (BFE). The new lift station will be located approximately 50 feet to the west of the current station. The purpose of these improvements is for the new lift station to avoid being damaged during future flood events.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative impact on the City of Port St. Joe. Either not restoring the existing facility to pre-disaster condition or not raising the facility above BFE will lead to future failures of the City's sewerage system.

Alternative #2: Moving the facility and raising critical components of it two feet above BFE will allow the lift station to continue functioning during future flood events and in so doing assist in saving human lives and property.

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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End of Notice