



St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Housing & Community Development

PUBLIC NOTICE Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Wetland

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that St. Johns County has determined that the following proposed action under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Alpha Omega Miracle Home (AOMH) GROW program will impact 0.27-acre palustrine wetland. St. Johns County has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating the action in the identified wetland and the impacts on the wetland from the proposed action, as required by 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, are unavoidable. The proposed project is located at 2860 Collins Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084. The proposed project consists of construction of 29 housing units, to be used for the GROW program and provide affordable housing units to homeless or at risk of being homeless, primarily: single expectant moms, their children, and senior women 60+. Also, to be constructed is a 2-story Community Care Center. Sewer and water lines will be installed to accommodate the facilities.

St. Johns County has considered the following to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. A St. Johns River Water Management District Permit (154644-1) was issued on April 24, 2019. The permit is for stormwater systems designed to provide water quality treatment in accordance with Section s 4.1 and 8.0 A.H.Vol. II for discharge to Class III waters. The permit also constitutes a water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Calculations provided demonstrate that the post-development peak rate of discharge will not exceed the pre-development peak rate of discharge generated by the 25 year-24-hour storm event.

St. Johns County has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the wetland and determined that there is no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three (3) primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands 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 wetlands 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 wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by St. Johns County at the following address on or before end of business on Monday, September 26, 2021: St. Johns County, Housing & Community Development Division, 200 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084 and (904) 827-6897, Attention: Kym D. Johnson, Housing Program Specialist CDBG. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the above address. Comments may also be submitted via email at kdjohnson@sjcfl.us.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in the CDBG program or in public meetings should contact the ADA Coordinator at 904-209-0650. Deaf and/or hard-of hearing individuals may use Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): 904-209-0650, or the Florida Relay Service: 800-955-8770. CDBG information is provided in English; the Board of County Commissioners meeting will also be conducted in English. If you require a translator, please call 904-209-0650. To request services, please notify the County at least five business days prior to need for services.

