

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
12 March 2018**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

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 to and to provide 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 or low-income populations.

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.

**Applicant:**

St. Johns County

**Project Title:**

HMGP 4283-97 Manhole Lid Inserts – Main System

**Location of Proposed Work:**

The area affected by this project consists of the following locations in St. Augustine: [Please see map.](#)

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The St. Johns County Utility Main System contains 2,900 manholes, all of which are located in a flood zone or storm surge zone. Rainfall induced inflow hydraulically overloads the wastewater treatment facility, which reduces treatment capacity and greatly increases the cost of treatment. In addition, sewer overflows in the system could degrade the environment, damage property and risk public health. The manhole lid inserts will eliminate the rainfall induced inflow into the sewer collection system. The project includes survey of the system to measure identified manholes for appropriately sized inserts and the purchase and installation of the inserts.

**Project Alternatives:**

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) increase capacity of pumping stations and treatment facilities. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the inflow would continue; and Alternative 2) increasing capacity is cost-prohibitive.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice. The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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