

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Okaloosa County's Ocean City boardwalk restoration due to damages in Hurricane Sally (DR-4564-FL PW-00593). 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 October 21, 2020, for Hurricane Sally. 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:** Okaloosa County

**Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4564-PW-00593 PN 169245 - Water St Boat Access / Eldredge Park

**Location of Proposed Work:** GPS Coordinates: (30.436942, -86.597102)

**Floodplain:** Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Okaloosa County FIRM Panel #12091C0461J dated 03/09/2021.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Okaloosa County opted for an alternate method of repair for the Ocean City boardwalk in lieu of returning the facility back to its pre-disaster condition. The county removed the existing boardwalk and constructed a new viewing platform. The new viewing platform measures 5 feet (FT) x 10 FT, constructed over the existing revetment, and extending partially (5 FT x 2.5 FT) waterward of the Mean High-Water Line. The existing revetment (60 FT in length) varies from 4 FT to 9 FT in width. Applicant also installed additional riprap on the existing riprap revetment, installed up to 18 IN waterward of the existing riprap, extending no more than 10 FT in width in total. The county obtained USACE and FDEP permits for the work and has confirmed compliance with permit conditions.

**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 new viewing platform and riprap are functionally dependent upon their location within the floodplain. The facility also provides open space uses for recreation.

**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 FL-4564-PW-00593, Okaloosa County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.