

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
10/04/2021**

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 (HMGP). 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:

City of Callaway, Florida

Project Title:

HMGP-4399-297- City of Callaway, South Berthe Avenue, Drainage (Non-Phased)

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes at South Berthe Avenue between Fox Lake Drive (to the south) and Minneola Street (to the north).

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Callaway proposes to mitigate existing open ditch erosion through the installation of new drainage pipes and biodegradable erosion control blanket in the immediate area of South Berthe Avenue from the intersection with Fox Lake Drive north to the intersection with Minneola Drive. The proposal is to improve the drainage system along this section of South Berthe Avenue by increasing the stormwater conveyance and stabilizing the roadside.

The project will include the installation of a new cast in-place concrete inlet and junction box at the northwest corner of Fox Lake Drive and South Berthe Avenue, from which approximately 226 linear feet dual 30-inch pipes will be installed northward connecting to a second cast in-place box located between Fox Lake Drive and the existing waterway crossing. From this second box, approximately 360 linear feet of 36-inch ADS HP twin pipes, will be installed ending into the headwaters of Callaway Bayou via penetrations through the concrete end wall. On the southwest corner of Minneola Street and South Berthe Avenue, a precast FDOT 'type D' ditch bottom inlet will be installed to tie into the existing 24-inch cross drain under Minneola Street and send all captured stormwater into the Callaway Bayou via new 154 foot, 24-inch ADS HP pipe. This outfall pipe will penetrate the existing northwest concrete wing wall extending from the box culvert crossing. The existing pipe running south from Minneola Street along the east side of South Berthe Avenue, will be replaced with approximately 122 feet of new 18" ADS HP pipe connecting from the existing inlet across to Callaway Bayou with the inclusion of a concrete junction box manhole and concrete end wall.

Additionally, the project includes the necessary demolition of existing concrete ditch paving, pipe culverts and concrete headwalls, and the installation of biodegradable erosion control blanket on the west side of South Berthe Avenue between Fox Lake Drive and Rogers Pond. The improvements to the ditch piping and swale system will result in a uniformly stable and erosion resistant ground cover, significantly increasing the stormwater level of service (LOS) in the area, hence reducing frequency of roadway closures and damages due to local erosion and flooding along South Berthe Avenue.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) repair the failed concrete ditch paving in north and south ditches, re-grade all earthen portions of the ditches both horizontally and vertically and fortify ditch bottoms and sidewalls with new grassed sod. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the open ditch would continue to discharge silts and other debris into the headwaters of Callaway Bayou increasing levels of turbidity and decreasing environmental stability in the area; and Alternative 2) high stormwater velocities in the repaired open ditches would eventually undermine the newly constructed ditch paving and erode the newly sodded cross sections. Alternative 2 would be a short term fix subject to repeated failure over time and offer no real solution to the ongoing erosion problem.

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, Bureau of Recovery and 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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