

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Martin County's Bathtub Beach engineered beach repair due to damages in Hurricane Matthew (DR-4283-FL PW 873). 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 November 21, 2016 for Hurricane Matthew. 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. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to locate this facility at its original location within the floodplain because the facility is functionally dependent upon its location 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:** Martin County
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4283-PW-00873; MCGAG01 - Bathtub Beach
- Location of Proposed Work:** R-34.3 to R-39.5 (27.18899, -80.16026 to 27.17508, -80.15629)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Martin County FIRM Panels #12085C0158G, 12085C0166G, and 12085C0167G dated 3/16/2015.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** Martin County replaced sand eroded as a result of Hurricane Matthew. Approximately 72,173 cubic yards of sand was replaced using beach compatible sand obtained from sand dredged from borrow areas within the St. Lucie Inlet. 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 engineered beach is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The facility also provides open space uses for recreation and habitat for wildlife.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, calling 770-220-5432, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4283-PW-00873, Martin County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.