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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of FEMA’s 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 of wetland. WEO 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: Jackson County Board of County Commissioners**

**2864 Madison Street**

**Marianna, FL 32448**

**Project Title: HMGP-4177-14-R Jackson County, County Road 167 (Fairview Road) Drainage Improvements Project**

**Location of Proposed Work:**

The area affected by this project consists of activities located on CR 167 – Fairview Road south of Highway 276 (Kynesville Road) to Ontario Road in Jackson County, Florida 32448.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The purpose of this project is to elevate CR-167 (Fairview Road) above base flood elevation. The portion of the road to be elevated begins just north of Ontario Road and ends near the intersection of Kynesville Road. The project will increase drainage structures capacities by replacing existing culverts with structures appropriately sized to handle flood volumes and flow rates associated with the design storm or additional culverts. Also, proposed is to place compact fill to elevate the roadway, providing the elevation needed to use the road as an alternate evacuation route if necessary, and cross culverts at driveways be adequately sized and replaced.

Northwest Florida Water Management District issued permit for the project on December 22, 2016 under General Environmental Resource Permit #GEN-063-17736-1

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineering application #SAJ-2017-00074 submitted for determination of permit.

**Project Alternatives:**

The alternatives to the project that have been and shall be considered are:

Alternative 1) No action alternative – This alternative does not forward objectives of the community, state and national environmental goals, nor public benefit; and drainage will continue to worsen.

Alternative 2) Install the roadway directly on the streambed and convert the designated portion of the roadway into a low-water crossing – This alternative was determined unfeasible; the roadway is utilized as an important alternative emergency access route, and would prevent vital emergency services and evacuating the county effectively and efficiently.

**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 comment should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – HMGP-4177-DR-FL, 2702 Directors Row, Orlando, FL 32809. These are due within 30 days of this notice. The state (FDEM) will forward comments to applicable regularity 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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