

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
June 9, 2025**

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.

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:**

Lee County

**Project Title:**

HMGP 4673-276-R - Lee County, Potable Water Distribution System, Infrastructure Retrofit

**Location of Proposed Work:**

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:

Summerlin Road, beginning at approximately 26.49428818° N, 81.93720372° W and ending at approximately 26.5035924° N, 81.91130596° W.

Summerlin Road, beginning at approximately 26.50314055° N, 81.9112924° W and ending at approximately 26.5192984° N, 81.89300738° W.

Gladiolus Drive, beginning at approximately 26.52409183° N, 81.87717261° W and ending at approximately 26.5247807° N, 81.87181817° W.

San Carlos Road, beginning at approximately 26.46202729° N, 81.95392053° W and ending at approximately 26.45903956° N, 81.95396935° W.

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The proposed scope of work is to install approximately 17,650 linear feet of 16-inch ductile iron pipe (DIP) extending from Summerlin Road, replace 1,089 linear feet of asbestos cement along San Carlos Drive, and 1,925 linear feet along Old Gladiolus Drive. The proposed project includes varied water main connections (6 to 16 inches), valves, and air release valves. Excavation will reach four (4) to six (6) feet in depth over the 17,650 linear foot pipeline route.

**Project Alternatives:**

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

1) the no action alternative and 2) To install approximately 11,460 linear feet of new 16-inch HDPE, and a water supply tank. The alternate pipeline extends from the existing potable water system along San Carlos Boulevard and crosses the Matanzas Pass into Fort Myers Beach. The pipeline consists of 2,500 linear feet that would be subaqueous. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) the risk of potable water services and fire protection disruption remains. The existing pipeline remains vulnerable to storm surges, erosion, and subsidence. The pipeline location remains within environmentally sensitive, inaccessible areas, and if the pipeline needs any type of repair in these areas, the only solution available for the County is to abandon the existing pipeline and replace it with the proposed pipeline or an alternative pipeline. This will result in

approximately 630 impact days to abandon the existing pipeline and replace the pipeline with the proposed or alternative pipeline and approximately 39,732 people without potable water services. Alternative 2) this alternative is not viable due to increased complexity and prohibitive cost. It includes subaqueous directional boring below the seabed of the Matanzas Pass Bay and Preserve between Lee County and Fort Myers Beach. In addition, to provide sufficient water supply and fire protection, a water supply tank would need to be sized accordingly, which increases the costs substantially.

**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 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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