

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a scope of work amendment for the subgrant application for the Town of Hillsboro Beach's engineered beach renourishment due to damages in Hurricane Dorian (DR-4468-FL PW-00259). 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 20, 2019 for Hurricane Dorian and a project specific public notice was posted on March 3, 2021 for the original project's scope of work. 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.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Applicant:** Town of Hillsboro Beach
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4468-PW-00259 (1) PN 130748 – Beach Renourishment
- Location of Proposed Work:** FDEP Markers: R-6+750 – R-12+450  
GPS Coordinates: Beach (26.305281, -80.076575) to (26.290990, -80.078038)  
Offshore borrow site (26.33108, -80.0686) to (26.33541, -80.07146)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Broward County FIRM Panel #12099C1200F and 12099C1179 dated 10/05/2017.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The Town of Hillsboro Beach will perform beach renourishment by installing 64,030 cubic yards of engineered beach sand along 5,700 linear feet (LF) of reach, using an upland sand source and/or offshore borrow area pending availability at the time of the work. Three (3) floating vessel exclusion buoys will also be replaced in-kind. A hazard mitigation proposal is included to perform a feasibility study to determine the appropriate mitigation alternative to implement in the project area. The feasibility study shall gather and review existing data for the project area and for adjacent coastal systems. The town is responsible for obtaining permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) prior to the start of construction and for complying with permit conditions.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no-action alternative and has found that it would not be feasible as the area will remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. The no-action alternative would potentially have adverse social, economic, and public safety impacts to the community. Alternate locations were not considered as the engineered beach is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The engineered beach also provides open space uses for recreation and habitat for wildlife and protects adjacent property from storm and wave surge.
- 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-4468-PW-00259, Town of Hillsboro Beach at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.