

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed  
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain or  
Wetland**

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Carrabelle, Florida, as the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58, has determined that the following proposed action under the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program Agreement Number M0175 is located within the 100-year floodplain and adjacent to the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and wetlands. The City of Carrabelle will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain and adjacent wetlands from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, Protection of Wetlands and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is within Lanark Village in the City of Carrabelle, Franklin County, Florida.

The City of Carrabelle has been awarded Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding to improve the resiliency and reliability of its wastewater collection system serving Lanark Village. The proposed project consists of replacing the existing Master Vacuum Station and replacing three existing sanitary sewer vacuum valve pits located within Ho Hum RV Park with a consolidated, hardened buffer tank located within the City's existing right-of-way. These improvements will replace aging infrastructure that has become vulnerable to flooding, storm surge, saltwater intrusion, and hurricane impacts while maintaining reliable wastewater service to the community.

Floodplain mapping was completed using the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) and applicable Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). Approximately .02 acres of the Master Vacuum Station project area is located on FIRM Panel 12037C0265G (effective October 10, 2024) within FEMA Zone AE with a Base Flood Elevation (BFE) of 16 feet and immediately adjacent to Zone A. Approximately .02 acres of the Ho Hum RV Park project area is located on FIRM Panel 12037C0455F (effective February 5, 2014) within FEMA Zone VE (Coastal High Hazard Area) with mapped Base Flood Elevations ranging from approximately 17 to 19 feet. Both project footprints are located within the FEMA 100-year Special Flood Hazard Area and are immediately adjacent to the FFRMS floodplain.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) indicates that wetlands occur adjacent to both project locations. Riverine and freshwater wetlands occur adjacent to the Master Vacuum Station, while estuarine and marine wetlands associated with Apalachee Bay occur adjacent to Ho Hum RV Park. The proposed work will remain within previously disturbed utility sites and existing municipal rights-of-way. No permanent

filling, dredging, or conversion of wetlands is proposed, and the project has been designed to avoid direct impacts to adjacent wetlands to the maximum extent practicable.

The adjacent floodplain and wetland resources provide important natural and beneficial functions, including floodwater storage and conveyance, attenuation of coastal storm surge, groundwater recharge, shoreline stabilization, water quality improvement through filtration of sediments and pollutants, and habitat for fish, wildlife, and other coastal species. These resources also provide recreational, aesthetic, and ecological benefits to the surrounding community.

The proposed project has been designed to minimize impacts to floodplain and wetland resources by replacing existing wastewater infrastructure within previously disturbed utility corridors. The project will not induce new development, substantially increase impervious surface area, or permanently alter floodplain storage capacity. Temporary construction-related impacts will be minimized through implementation of erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices (BMPs), prompt stabilization of disturbed areas, and measures to prevent sediment, debris, and construction materials from entering adjacent wetlands and floodplain areas. Upon completion, the project will improve the resilience of critical wastewater infrastructure while maintaining the existing floodplain and wetland functions.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain or wetland and those with an interest in protecting these natural resources are encouraged to express their concerns and provide information regarding these areas. Commenters are encouraged to suggest practicable alternatives, alternative methods of accomplishing the project purpose, and measures that would avoid or minimize impacts to floodplain and wetland resources.

Second, an effective public notice program serves as an important educational tool by informing the public of the risks associated with occupancy and modification of floodplains and wetlands and by supporting Federal efforts to reduce flood losses and protect natural floodplain functions.

Third, when the Federal government participates in actions affecting floodplains or wetlands, it has an obligation to inform those who may be affected by the proposed action or who may experience increased or continued flood risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Carrabelle at the following address on or before August 3, 2026: City of Carrabelle, 1206 Highway 98 East, Carrabelle, FL 32322, (850) 697-2727, Attention: Courtney Dempsey, City Administrator. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1206 Highway 98 East, Carrabelle, FL 32322. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Courtney Dempsey, City Administrator, at (850) 697-2727. Comments may also be submitted by email to [administrator@mycarrabelle.com](mailto:administrator@mycarrabelle.com).

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