

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Indian River County's Vero Beach boardwalk structure repair due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW 05081). 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 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. 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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

Responsible Entity: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program

Applicant: Indian River County

Project Title(s): PA-04-FL-4337-PW-05081; 34251 - Indian River County Parks

Location of Proposed Work: Vero Beach, (27.67706, -80.36298)

Floodplain: Project is located in the AO and VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Indian River County FIRM Panel #12009C0547 G, dated 03/17/2014.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Indian River County repaired a beach boardwalk structure that was damaged as a result of Hurricane Irma. Repairs included repairing an existing boardwalk section at Vero Beach to bring it back to its original design, function and capacity, and to upgrade the boardwalk to comply with Federal ADA regulations. Upgrades included adding 120 SF of boardwalk, to comply with taper ADA accessibility, and adding 48 LF of required handrails.

Project Alternatives: The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as losing the structure would result in the public losing access to this portion of the beach. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on nearby residents and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the dune walkover structures are functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The facility also provides access to open space uses for recreation.

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, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-05081, Indian River County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.