

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
March 31, 2022**

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. EO 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:
City of Sebastian

Project Title:
HMGP Project #4337-325-R Stonecrop Improvement Project

Location of Proposed Work:
The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:
Majestic Ave. and Montrose Ave. extending from Stonecrop St. to east of Laconia St.

Proposed Work and Purpose:
Construction and operation of a Stormwater Management System for a 2.76-acre project known as Stonecrop Drainage Improvements. Hardening of 1560+/- LF of existing dry conveyance ditch to prevent continued adverse flooding and erosive impacts to surrounding and downstream property. There are no wetlands within or adjacent to the project site that would be subject to direct or secondary impacts. This project includes 1.08 acres of an existing upland-cut ditch surface water impacts.

The project includes stabilization of the Stonecrop Canal by hardening the banks using a cable-block or Fabriform erosion control revetment system dependent upon cost and availability. The proposed project consists of installing this system in the regraded, gentler cross-section of the existing Stonecrop Canal, along the western portion between Laconia St. and Stonecrop St. This canal serves to drain existing residential areas in the City of Sebastian, and drains west through a permitted control structure and into the St. Sebastian River. Water quality treatment for the installation activities will be provided by the use of turbidity curtains and appropriate erosion control devices to protect the downstream water body from erosion and turbidity during construction. The open bottom will continue to support vegetation for the uptake of nutrients and continued water quality.

The project does not propose any new impervious areas or development, therefore no additional water quality treatment is required and is designed to improve water quality. This project includes the modification of the cross-sectional configuration of the current drainage ditch for the purpose of improving water quality by regrading the drainage ditch with gentler slopes, which can reduce erosion, increase growth of vegetation, and increase uptake of nutrients and other substances by vegetation.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) *the no action alternative* and 2) *pipng of the ditch*. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) *repetitive flooding is not alleviated, severe erosion of the ditch will continue placing property at risk and the needs of the community would not be served*; and Alternative 2) *is not cost effective and will reduce the water quality treatment purpose of the open ditch structure*.

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 (***April 30, 2022***). 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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