

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Sarasota County Resilient SRQ under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Infrastructure & Public Facilities Program HUD grant B-23-UN-12-0004 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and Resilient SRQ will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, 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 would be located at 400 N McCall Road, Englewood, FL 342232 (26.9704 North, -82.3589 West). The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using 0.2 percent flood approach.

The proposed project, known as CHT Sarasota Englewood, involves the construction of 39 single-family homes and supporting infrastructure. The proposed site consists of an undeveloped, approximately 790,178 square-foot (18.14-acre) lot. The entirety of the action area lies within the FFRMS floodplain. Additionally, approximately half of the site consists of United States Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapped wetlands.

This investment into hurricane hardened structures would address the effects of Hurricane Ian on the disadvantaged low-income population and would reduce the ongoing operational maintenance need over the life of investment, thus optimizing the operational stability of the facilities.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Resilient SRQ at the following address on or before December 20, 2024: Resilient SRQ, 301 N. Cattlemen Rd. Suite 200 Sarasota, FL 34232 Attention Steve Hyatt, Division Manager, Program Management Division, Office of Financial Management (OFM), or by phone by calling 311 or 941-861-5309 or TTY: 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771 during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Comments may also be submitted via email at shyatt@scgov.net.

Date: December 05, 2024