

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the City of Anna Maria's pier reconstruction project due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW 00593). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for projects 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. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to locate this facility at its original location within the floodplain because the facility is functionally dependent upon its location 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:** City of Anna Maria
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4337-PW-00593: City of Anna Maria Pier Structure With Building
- Location of Proposed Work:** 100 North Bay Boulevard, Anna Maria, Florida (27.533874, -82.73108)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the Open Water and VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Manatee County FIRM Panel #12081C0136E, dated March 17, 2014.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** Applicant plans to completely reconstruct the City of Anna Maria Pier within the same footprint to include a new 12-foot-wide by 683-foot-long pier with a 58-foot-long by 111-foot-wide T-head which will house a new restaurant and 5-foot-wide by 50.5-foot-long landing/tie-off dock. All work will comply with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Florida Department of Environmental Protection permitting requirements.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as not restoring the pier would have negative impacts on residents and the community. Alternate locations were not considered as the pier is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The facility also provides open space use for recreation within the floodplain.
- FEMA has determined that grant funding under this project cannot be used to replace the restaurant or bait shack on the pier. Per 44 CFR Part 9.11, FEMA cannot fund new construction within the Coastal High Hazard Area, or V Zone, unless it must be in close proximity to water to function. Other funds may be used by the applicant to restore the structures in lieu of FEMA funding.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons may submit questions or comments about this project or request a map of the affected area by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, calling 770-220-5432, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line PA-04-FL-4337-PW-00593: City of Anna Maria Pier Structure With Building, at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.