

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the San Carlos Park Fire Protection & Rescue District Fire Station 52 due to damages from Hurricane Ian (DR-4673-FL PW 00658 PN 692106). 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, 2022, for Hurricane Ian. 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 serves a vital function for the community providing fire and life safety and 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:** San Carlos Park Fire Protection & Rescue District
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4673-PW-00658 PN 692106;
- Location of Proposed Work:** 16901 Island Park Road Fort Myers, Florida 33913 (GPS Coordinates: 26.49782, -81.85806).
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the AE Zone, otherwise known as an area with 1% annual chance of flooding, per Lee County FIRM Panel Number 12071C0576H, dated 11/17/2022.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The San Carlos Park Fire Protection and Rescue District Station 52 incurred damage from the storm including fencing, tree removal, roofing, exterior windows, and interior water damage. The Station 52 project will replace and or repair equivalent components back to pre-disaster operational conditions within existing footprints.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no-action alternative, as required by Title 44 CFR Part 9. FEMA has determined the no action alternative is impracticable as the full functionality of the fire station is necessary to serve and protect the safety and wellbeing of the community. The no action alternative would adversely impact the ability of the firefighters to perform their normal duties and would create an unsafe environment. No alternative locations were considered as the facility is dependent on the current location, therefore relocation is impractical.
- 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, 3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP-FLORIDA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line, "Public Comments for 4673-00658 PN 692106, San Carlos Park Fire Protection & Rescue District" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.