

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for **City of Everglades** due to damages as a result of **Hurricane Ian** (DR-4673-FL). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990 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 for **Hurricane Ian** (DR-4673-FL) was published on **October 18, 2022**. 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 of an action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to repair 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 Everglades, Collier County**
- Project Title(s):** **Wastewater Treatment Plan - Existing**
PA-04-FL-4673-PW-05589 (PA-GM 711893)
- Location of Proposed Work:** **401 Copeland Ave. Everglades, Florida 34139 (25.85345, -81.38486)**
- Floodplain/Wetlands:** Project is located in a **Zone AE per Collier County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel Number 12021C1085J dated 2/8/2024**. The proposed work **will not** take place in wetlands per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory and will have little potential to impact or affect wetland values.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The applicant utilized contracts for repairs that included removal and replacement of flow meters, samplers, dry beds, control panels, underground tank and transformer, system components, and entrance gated fencing. The purpose of these repairs is to restore the Wastewater Treatment Plant to pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within the existing footprint utilizing codes and standards (FP-104-009-11 Version 2.1).
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no-action alternative, as required by Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations and has determined it is impracticable as the facility serves the public in the majority of which is located within the floodplain. The no action alternative would adversely impact the community's public health, safety and welfare. No alternative locations are **practicable** due to the **facility being functionally dependent on its current location**.
- 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, "**FL- 20241126 PA 4673-05589 PN 711893 Wastewater Treatment Plan - Existing**" at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.

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THIS NOTICE MAY BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC VIEW ON THE 15th DAY FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF POSTING.

NOTICE WAS POSTED ON 18th DAY OF December 2024

*****END OF NOTICE*****

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