

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application for Collier County School Board to make repairs and upgrades to the Everglades City School Campus due to storm damage from Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL-PW-05506). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project 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.

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:** Collier County School Board
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4337-PW-05506; PN 30617, Everglades City School
- Location of Proposed Work:** 415 W School Drive, Everglades City, FL, 34139 (25.86415, -81.38625)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in an AE Zone, an area inundated by 1% chance of annual flooding, per Collier County FIRM Panel # 12021C1085H dated 05/16/2012.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** Collier County School Board repaired and replaced flooring, drywall, doors, ceiling tiles, roofing, HVAC and electric utilities, a scoreboard, cabinets and lockers, and other building contents and equipment to repair Everglades City School back to pre-disaster condition. Collier County School Board also proposes to minimize flood impacts to the school through mitigation measures to improve drainage, perform grading and erosion control, and erect flood gates. The purpose of the work is to restore the facility to its pre-disaster condition and prevent future flood damage.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternatives that have been considered are the no action alternative and the relocation alternative. Not repairing the damaged structure is not a practicable alternative because it could pose a safety hazard and seriously limit educational opportunities within the campus. Relocating the facility outside of the floodplain is not practicable because the facility would need to be moved far away from the community it serves in order to be out of the floodplain. Relocation of the facility could adversely impact social and educational resources for the community.
- The project includes a mitigation proposal to minimize future flood impacts through drainage improvements and installation of flood gates. The floodwater diverted away from the school will drain into the existing underground drainage system. In order to limit adverse flood risk to downstream communities, the project will upgrade pumps and valves to optimize the drainage capabilities of the existing system.
- 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, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-05506, Collier County School Board at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.