

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
2/20/2020**

Currently this project has not received funding. Advertisement of this project is a requirement for eligibility of funding when or if funding becomes available.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

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.

Applicant:

Flagler County BoCC / Land Management Department

Project Title:

HMGP 4337-699 Flagler County, Hammock Community Center, Wildfire

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of the following locations:

Approximately 40-50 acres of land located on Flagler County Property North of South of 79 MalaCompra Road Palm Coast, FL 32137. Please see attached map for location of project work at the above address.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The project would consist of removing dead and down scrub oak trees, living and dead palmetto plants and other herbaceous material such as gall berry, rusty lyonia and many other small coastal strand ecosystem species on 40 - 50 acres. The work will be done with a combination of the actions below in approximately half a year to a full years' time depending on environmental conditions.

- Crew to take down standing large trees and cut into smaller sections
- Heavy equipment with grapple for moving trees
- Establish a site for an Air Curtain Incinerator meeting legal and safety requirements
- Utilize an Air Curtain Incinerator to safely burn all debris
- Fire certified personnel onsite at all times during operation of Air Curtain Incinerator with a fire truck

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) No action will lead to a buildup of hazardous fuels and fire lines becoming overgrown. This will put homes in and around the project site in danger from increased risk of wildfire and lack of defensible space. The second option includes treating a small area which will buy time but not prevent an increased wildfire risk. Option number 2 would help if the entire project does not get approved but additional treatment will be needed.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Recovery and Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice. The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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