

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
April 29, 2024**

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:

Indian Trail Improvement District

Project Title:

HMGP-4337- 288- R, Indian Trail Improvement District, Canal Reinforcement, Drainage

Location of Proposed Work:

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

(26.815381, -80.434347) to (26.815381, -80.434101), Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Project is in a canal adjacent to Fish & Game Management areas.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The project will consist of the construction of a control structure at the location the outfall canal discharges into the L-8 Canal. The control structure will consist of a sheetpile cutoff wall installed across the canal, a concrete gate structure and slide gates. The cutoff wall will have a continuous overflow weir, with the ability to discharge at elevations higher than approximately 18.00 ft. NGVD29. The slide gates will operate between approximate elevations 10.00 Ft. NGVD29 to 14.00 ft. NGVD29.

The proposed HMGP project's main purpose is to prevent a significant rain event from overwhelming the drainage system and storage areas in the northern part of the community leading to the breach in the Corbett Berm.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) completely harden 2.25 miles of existing spoil mound at a cost approaching \$10 million. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) *breaches continue*; and Alternative 2) is cost prohibitive.

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 Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice (*or May 29, 2024*). 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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