

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Collier County's Doctors Pass navigational channel dredging and beach re-nourishment due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337 FL PW 5610). 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
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4337-PW-05610; 42436 – Navigational Passes Shoaling
- Location of Proposed Work:** 26.17419 North Latitude, 81.81416 West Longitude and surrounding channel as well as Naples Beach from Coastal Range Monument R-58A-300 to R-64
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Collier County FIRM Panel #12021C0387H dated 5/16/2012.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** Collier County dredged approximately 2,800 cubic yards of sand from Doctors Pass as a result of Hurricane Irma, depositing the sand on Naples Beach. The county obtained USACE and FDEP permits for the work and has confirmed compliance with permit conditions.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible as the excess sand along the channel floor would pose an unnecessary risk to large ships entering the channel. The no action alternative with respect to the beach re-nourishment would increase the flood risk to local upland buildings due to continued beach erosion. With the no action alternative, the community may continue to experience negative impacts on adjacent infrastructure, property, residents. Alternate locations were not considered as the channel and beach are functionally dependent upon their location within the floodplain. The beach also provides open space uses for recreation and habitat for wildlife.
- 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-05610, Collier County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.