

**CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE - Revised
December 20, 2018**

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 a Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Grant.

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:

City of Bonita Springs

Project Title:

FY2019 FMA – City of Bonita Springs Acquisition

Location of Proposed Work:

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

Certain homes within the area bound by Dean Street on the north, Lime Street on the west, Bonita Beach Road on the south and Downs Street on the east. In addition, certain homes and land located in the Imperial Bonita Estates. All parcels are located in the city limits of the City of Bonita Springs.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The proposed project will acquire and remove certain residential properties located in the Quinn/Downs/Dean/West of Imperial area. The affected property owners in this area have expressed an interest in participating in the acquisition program. The proposed activity will be to acquire the structures, demolish the structure, remove the debris, abandon any wells and septic tanks, disconnect all utilities and then prepare the land as a passive stormwater retention area or green space. The City will acquire parcels based on Fair Market Value and will be based on pre-disaster building values (September 10, 2017). However, the City will base final purchase price on an appraisal completed by a certified professional appraiser from the surrounding area (Lee or Collier County preferably).

If the property owner requests a second appraisal, the property owner will be responsible for the cost and must be a local appraiser to be considered acceptable to the City. Certified appraisals will be used for the final purchase price. Title searches will also be conducted for each property to ensure that the owner is the proper titleholder. Some of the units are rentals and have tenants. Once the acquisition is completed, the City will provide notice that tenants have 90 days to relocate and will follow the relocation policy outlined in the FEMA regulations.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) elevation in place. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) repetitive flooding and severe repetitive flooding will continue and will not alleviate the flooding, and, in addition, the needs of the community would not be served; and Alternative 2) The elevation option will provide cost savings to the homeowner by reducing flood insurance claims and reduce the risk to physical injury and property damage, but resident could still be in danger from rising floodwaters and there would still be a need for emergency evacuation and/or medical assistance. Elevation would not entirely alleviate the homeowner from danger and therefore not practicable.

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 Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice, but *no later than January 20, 2019*. 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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