

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
September 11, 2025**

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:**

Village of Estero

**Project Title:**

HMGP-4673- (609)- Village of Estero, Estero River Watershed Utility, Infrastructure Retrofit

**Location of Proposed Work:**

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

**Phase A:**

Pine Tree Lane  
Coconut Drive  
Park Place  
Palmetto Terrace  
Riverside Drive  
Royal Palm Drive  
Mederia Lane  
Porthole Court  
Armada Court

**Phase B:**

Broadway Ave West (west of River Drive)  
Holiday Drive  
Charing Cross Circle

**Phase C:**

Sherrill Lane  
Leuttich Lane

**Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The project consists of the construction of sanitary sewer and potable water lines within the existing street rights-of-way, connection of the adjacent residences to the sewer and water lines, and elimination of the existing septic tanks. The Phase A area will include a sewer pumping station (lift station) constructed on the east side of Park Place between Royal Palm Drive and Mederia Lane. A force main will connect to the existing Lee County Utilities force main on Broadway Avenue West. The Phase B area will include a sewer lift station constructed on the north side of Broadway Avenue West, across from Charing Cross Circle. A force main will connect to the existing Lee County Utilities force main on Broadway Avenue West. The Phase C area will connect to the Phase B sewer lift station and also includes stormwater drainage improvements to reduce the potential for flooding in the area. As part of the project, roadways impacted by the installation of sewer and water lines will be reconstructed.

Construction of the project will provide safe potable water to all residences currently utilizing on site wells and provide safe and reliable sanitary sewer disposal facilities. The potable water and sanitary sewer services will be more likely to continue to function during times of flooding from either intense rainfall or tidal storm surge. To help ensure the functionality of the sanitary sewer systems, the lift stations include the provision for either a portable generator rapid connection or an on-site generator. An additional environmental benefit is that elimination of the septic systems is anticipated to reduce the currently identified nutrient and bacterial loading within the Estero River.

**Project Alternatives:**

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are

- Alternative 1: the no action alternative,
- Alternative 2: construction of a vacuum assisted sanitary sewer collection system (to minimize excavation depths) along with the standard potable water line system, and
- Alternative 3: relocation, acquisition/demolition of the affected residential neighborhoods.

These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because:

- Alternative 1: The potential for repetitive flooding to negatively impact the existing wells and septic systems is not alleviated and the needs of the neighborhoods would not be served;
- Alternative 2: Lee County Utilities is unwilling to accept ownership and operation of a vacuum assisted sanitary sewer collection system as it would be different from their other existing facilities and have different maintenance requirements; and
- Alternative 3: The existing owners within the project's neighborhoods do not desire to see their residences eliminated, would not retain the fabric of the community by removing several neighborhoods, and is cost prohibitive 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 Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice (due date is on or before October 11, 2025). 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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