

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Jefferson County's Thompson Valley Road and box culvert crossing repairs due to damages in Hurricane Michael (DR-4564-FL PW 00078). 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 21, 2020 for Hurricane Sally. 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:** Jefferson County
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4564-PW-00078; Thompson Valley Road
- Location of Proposed Work:** Thompson Valley Road, Monticello, Florida, 32132 (30.47441, -83.88058)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the A Zone, otherwise known as the area of 1% annual chance for flooding up to the base flood elevation, per Jefferson County FIRM Panels # 12065C0300C, dated 02/05/2014.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** Jefferson County repaired the Thompson Valley Road and the associated box culvert bridge. The repairs were made with hazard mitigation modifications including installation of a toe wall, replaced the sod fill beneath the culvert with slurry concrete, and lastly replaced and upgraded to larger riprap. Repairs were authorized by FDEP under the exemptions set forth in 40 CFR § 232.3. An H&H study was uploaded to grants manager on 12/21/2021. Additionally, a letter confirming compliance and coordination with the local floodplain administrator was received on 12/30/2021.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA considered the no-action alternative, as is required by Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Part 9.9 and found that the no-action alternative was not feasible as the repairs to Thompson Valley Road and its associated box culvert crossing provides the community with public access to cross Mill Pond Creek for daily life and emergency situations alike. Removal or permanent closure of Thompson Valley Road at Mill Pond Creek would likely have adverse impacts on the social, economic, and safe wellbeing of the community as a whole. Alternate locations were not considered as the culvert crossing on Thompson Valley Road, at Mill Pond Creek is functionally dependent on its current location.
- 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, 3005 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-4564-PW-00078, Jefferson County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.