

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE**
April 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.

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:

Jefferson County

Project Title:

HMGP-4486-123-R Jefferson County, Boston Highway, Erosion Control, Phase II

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:
Project is located on Boston Highway/CR 149, approximately 800-feet south of Dills Road.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The project involves replacement of the existing dual corrugated metal culvert pipes that convey Wards Creek due to ongoing erosion, culvert end failure and corrosion and bank erosion. The culverts will be replaced with two 60" wide by 38" high elliptical reinforced concrete pipes with headwall and endwall. The construction will require a temporary closure of Boston Highway/CR149 to install the culverts. A detour route will be provided during construction.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) *jack/bore the proposed dual culverts*. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) *ongoing erosion of the bank will continue to occur and lead to failure of the road bed and closure of Boston Highway for emergency repairs*; and Alternative 2) *the culverts have approximately 2.5-feet of cover and jack/bore is not feasible at this shallow depth, additionally this option 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, dated April 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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