

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Monroe County's Tavernier Fire Station repair due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW 06476). 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:** Monroe County
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4337-PW-06476; 68384 - Tavernier Fire Station
- Location of Proposed Work:** 151 Marine Avenue, Tavernier, FL 33040 (25.01074, -80.51732)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the AE Zone, otherwise known as the area susceptible to 1% annual chance of flooding to the base flood elevation, per Martin County FIRM Panel # 12087C0919K dated 2/18/2005.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** Monroe County replaced gutters, stucco, bay doors, asphalt roofing, fascia, door motors, wall paint, ceiling tiles, rubber gym flooring, a flag pole, a fuel pump, a portable generator, an exterior light, and will replace two roof-mounted air conditioning units at the Tavernier Fire Station, as a result of Hurricane Matthew. The work completed will not adversely affect the floodplain and those elements of the project that are below the BFE are not susceptible to flood hazards due to their material composition or portability.
- Project Alternatives:** The no-action alternative would not be feasible as the facility is critical for emergency response and taking no action would have adverse safety implications for the community. Alternate locations were not considered as relocation of the fire station would be cost-prohibitive and there are no locations outside of the floodplain that would equivalently serve the emergency response needs of the community.
- 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-06476, Monroe County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.