

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Monroe County's Higgs Beach Park repair due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW 06516). 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-06516; 68389 - Higgs Beach Park
- Location of Proposed Work:** 1000 Atlantic Blvd Key West FL 33040 (24.54700, -81.78691)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area, per Monroe County FIRM Panels #12087C1516K dated 12/6/2019.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** Monroe County replaced electrical equipment, handrails, signage, fencing, playground equipment, and tennis court fixtures. The County will also replace fencing, roofing, emergency phone equipment, infill landward of a seawall, HVAC fixtures, wood lettering, signage, park equipment, playground equipment, concrete walkways, pier decking (not for fishing), tennis court fixtures, wood decking (yoga platform), and railing. The project includes a hazard mitigation proposal to upgrade shade structures with flood vents to reduce hydrostatic pressure.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no action alternative for this project and has found that the no action alternative is not practicable as the park damages, if left unrepaired, would adversely affect the community. If sand is not infilled behind the seawall the wall may suffer more extensive damages with the next event. Alternate locations were not considered as the beach park is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The facility also provides open space uses for recreation and habitat for wildlife.
- 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-06516, Monroe County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.