

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the City of Mexico Beach Harbor and Canal dredging due to the deposit of debris and sedimentation resulting Hurricane Michael (DR-4399-FL PW 01961). 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 30, 2018 for Hurricane Michael. 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:** City of Mexico Beach
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4399-PW-01961; Harbor and Canal Dredging WTBC
- Location of Proposed Work:** 201 Paradise Path, Mexico Beach, Florida 32410; Start: (29.950534, -85.430531) End: (29.949714, -85.419296)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the Zone VE (EL 13 Feet) and AE (EL 8-12 Feet), otherwise known as the area of 1% annual chance for flooding up to the base flood elevation, per Bay County FIRM Panels # 12005C0508H, dated 06/02/2009.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The City of Mexico Beach will conduct dredging operations throughout the city's Canal: Dredging will begin at the western Marina Outlet and terminate at the eastern end of the Boating Marina Canal. 23,588.95 cubic yards of storm derived solids will be dredged from approximately 7,300 linear feet of canal with widths varying from 50-100 feet, at a depth of 10 feet. Operations will be conducted to restore the marina canal to pre-disaster function and capacity. Temporary staging areas will be utilized for this project, being located at: GPS's (29.953858 -85.430497) and (29.952619 -85.4188). The final disposal sites are identified as: Waste Pro Landfill and Bay County Steelfield Landfill. 0% Complete, Cost \$8,335,227.00.
- FEMA EHP initiated consultation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services (USFWS) for actions taking place within Coastal Barrier Resources Systems (CBRA) regarding the dredging spoil site being located within CBRA Unit P31. The agency has concurred that the projects activities are located within a System Unit of the CBRS and meets exception: 16 U.S.C. 3505(a)(2).
- 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 Beach Marina Canal provide the community with public access to the intracoastal waters for recreational open-space use. To not restore the canal to pre-disaster depths or permanent closure of the canal would likely have adverse impacts on the social and economic wellbeing of the community. Alternate locations were not considered as the Beach Marina Canal 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-4399-PW-01961, City of Mexico Beach at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.