

## **Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a [100-Year/500-year Floodplain or Wetland]**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **Holmes County Board of County Commissioners** has conducted an evaluation as required by **[Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990]**, in accordance section 404 of the Robert T Stafford Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the FEMA hazard mitigation program HMGP **DR-4177-23-R, DR-4177-24-R, DR-4177-25-R, DR-4177-26-R**. The proposed project(s) is located at **Sam Ard Road, site 1&2, Sand Pond RD, Sandy Creek Road, Old Liberty School Road, Homestead Road, English Lane, Commander Road, Owens Lane, Kings Lane, and Triple Lane**. The purpose projects are to replace drainage pipes and install concrete headwalls to mitigate future damage. A full description of scope of work as provided in the original public notice is available upon request.

The **Holmes County Board of County Commissioners** has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: **The sole purpose of the above listed projects is to mitigate the concern and alleviate the flooding and erosion of the effected roadways, allowing the public safe travel. Installation of the new pipes and headwalls will mitigate the over flow flooding therefore reducing future damage and minimizing adverse impacts and help restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. The alternatives to the project that have been considered are as follows. 1 the no-action alternative and 2. Installing concrete vehicular bridges. These alternatives to the proposed projects are not viable because under alternative 1, the repetitive flooding is not alleviated and the needs of the community would not be served. Alternative 2, does not retain the fabric of the community and is not cost prohibitive, and therefore not practicable. The above listed actions and considerations, are to insure compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act NEPA, EO 11988, EO 11990 and E) 12898.**

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in **[floodplains/wetlands]** and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about **[floodplains/wetlands]** can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in **[floodplains/wetlands]**, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the **Holmes County Board of County Commissioners** at 107 East Virginia Ave. Bonifay Fl. 32425 on or before 4:00pm **October 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**. **Additional information may be obtain from Holmes County FEMA Coordinator Joey Marsh, at 1-850-547-1119**. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **8:00am-4:00pm at the above listed address**. Comments may also be submitted via email at [holmescofema17@gmail.com](mailto:holmescofema17@gmail.com).

**Date: October 6<sup>th</sup> 2017**