

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and
Riverine Wetland**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Sarasota County, as the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following Proposed Action under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR Grant No. B-25-UU-12-0008) under the Resilient SRQ 2024 Program is within the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and riverine wetland. Sarasota County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on these areas from the Proposed Action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed project area will be a segment of the Phillippi Creek river channel and its associated riverbed substrate from the mouth of the Creek (27.271269 North, -82.542014 West) to where it intersects with Beneva Road in Sarasota (27.326391 North, -82.497609 West). Along this approximately seven-mile stretch of the Creek on the northwest and southeast banks are properties of various land uses including single-family residential, multi-family residential, mobile home residential, governmental use, and more. The majority of the surrounding banks are bulkheaded and contain small residential docking structures. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2PFA) and freeboard value approach (FVA). Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Federal Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels utilized were: #12115C0142G, 12115C0134G and 12115C0153G effective March 27, 2024, as well as 12115C0143G, 12115C0142G and 12115C0144G effective March 27, 2024, and wetlands were identified using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory Mapper.

The proposed Phillippi Creek Dredging project will consist of the excavation of sediment washed into the Phillippi Creek during the 2024 hurricane season. Efforts will restore the historical Phillippi Creek cross section high points to -4 ft, below Mean Low Water (MLW), removing 9,480 square feet (63,827 cubic yards) of substrate using a shallow barge. High points will be removed to reestablish historical cross section depth and width. Material will be transported via barge or pipe and temporarily placed within material management areas to dry. Dredge material will then be transported to an approved disposal facility or location to be used for future projects. Best Management Practices will be implemented to minimize impacts to any existing resources or habitats.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in FFRMS floodplain and 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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the FFRMS floodplain and wetlands. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about FFRMS floodplain and 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 FFRMS floodplain and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk of flood impacts.

Written comments must be received by Sarasota County at the following address on or before September 19, 2025: Resilient SRQ, 301 N. Cattlemen Rd. Suite 200 Sarasota, FL 34232 Attention Steve Hyatt, MBA, CPM, Program Management Division Manager, or by phone by calling 311 or 941-861-5000 or TTY: 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771 during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays. Comments may also be submitted via email at ResilientSRQcomments@scgov.net.

Date: September 3, 2025