

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Sarasota County Office of Financial Management (OFM) as the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed actions under Resilient SRQ Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Single-Family Housing Programs, B-25-UU-12-0008 may include properties located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) 100-year floodplain/wetland, and Sarasota County OFM will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and/or 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. A portion of Sarasota County's CDBG-DR allocation under grant number B-25-UU-12-0008 will be used to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing in areas affected by Hurricanes Debby, Helene, and/or Milton through the following proposed programs: homeowner rehabilitation/reconstruction of single family and mobile homes and homeowner reimbursement. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain will be determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA), 0.2 percent flood approach, or freeboard value approach. This multi-year project is anticipated to run from 2025-2031 where Sarasota County OFM will carry out various individual actions on single family homes, including mobile home units. Rehabilitation activities may include but are not limited to; repair or replacement of structure elements such as roof, windows, doors, sheetrock, plumbing, electrical fixtures, HVAC, elevation, lead-based paint, asbestos, radon, etc. testing and mitigation (as necessary), and ADA improvements. Reconstruction will include rebuilding a structure in a substantially similar manner on the same site. Reimbursement will offer direct reimbursement assistance to homeowners affected by the above-mentioned 2024 Hurricanes for incurred eligible expenses to a primary residence prior to application for federal assistance from Sarasota County. The proposed project(s) will be located in multiple locations throughout Sarasota County. The exact location of site-specific projects will be determined at a later date. Site-specific project activities will be conducted on previously developed residential properties and no project activities will result in new construction in a wetland. Homes located in the 1- percent-annual-chance (100-year) floodplain or the 0.2-percent-annual-chance (500-year) floodplain, that receive assistance for reconstruction, repair of substantial damage, or substantial improvement, will be elevated with the lowest floor, including the basement, at least two (2) feet above the most applicable Base Flood Elevation (BFE). This elevation requirement standard applies equally to structure both in the 100-year and 500-year floodplain, consistent with the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) and 24 CFR Part 55. While elevation is required for structures in both flood zones under the program, flood insurance will be required in perpetuity only for homes located within the 100-year floodplain. When replacement of a mobile home unit (MHU) is not feasible at the same location as the original structure, the MHU may be replaced at an alternative location if the homeowner leases the land or pad site for the MHU. The alternate location must be a previously developed residential property/parcel, zoned to allow for installation of an MHU and have ready access to sewer, water, and electric connections. Additionally, the alternate site cannot be located in the 100-year or 500-year floodplain.

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

Written comments must be received by Sarasota County OFM at the following address on or before May 25, 2025: Sarasota County OFM – Resilient SRQ, 301 N. Cattlemen Rd. Suite 200, Sarasota, FL 34232 and 941-861-5309, Attention: Steve Hyatt, Division Manager. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from the draft action plan at <https://2024storms.resilientsrq.net/>. Comments may also be submitted via email at ResilientSRQcomments@scgov.net.

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