

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Guana Dam repair due to damages in Hurricane Matthew (DR-4283-FL PW 00957). 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 November 21, 2016 for Hurricane Matthew. 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:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4283-PW-00957; FIDJA02 -Guana River Dam
- Location of Proposed Work:** GPS Coordinates: (30.02311, -81.32852)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the AH Zone, otherwise known as the area susceptible to 1% annual chance of flooding, per St. Johns County FIRM Panels # 12109C0214J dated 12/7/2018.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** FWC replaced damaged revetments associated with the Guana River Dam that were undermined as a result of Hurricane Matthew. The replacement included dewatering the work area, demolition of the damaged revetments, grading and slope stabilization, and installation of new concrete revetments. The repairs were carried out in accordance with Army Corps of Engineer's Nationwide Permit # 3.
- Project Alternatives:** FEMA has considered the no-action alternative and has determined that taking no action would not be feasible as the revetments are integral to the successful operation of the dam and their loss would likely result in complications elsewhere in the lagoon system and nearby communities. The facility is functionally dependent on its location in the floodplain and alternative locations were not considered.
- 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-4283-PW-00957, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.