

**Orlo Vista Flood Mitigation Project
Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation
Orange County, Florida**

**Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and
Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

December 24, 2022

Orange County
4200 South John Young Parkway
Orlando, Florida 32839
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Orange County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 10, 2023 Orange County will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Orlo Vista Flood Mitigation for the purpose of implementing stormwater retrofit improvements to prevent future flooding conditions within the Orlo Vista Community following a 100-year storm event, in the amount of \$23,500,000 within the Orlo Vista Community located in west Orange County.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Orange County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Orange County Public Works, Stormwater Management Division, located at 4200 South John Young Parkway, Orlando, Florida 32839 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Orange County. All comments received by January 9, 2023, will be considered by Orange County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Orange County certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that Byron Brooks in his capacity as County Administrator consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Orange County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will accept objections to its release of fund and Orange County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Orange County; (b) Orange County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity at Caldwell Building, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Potential objectors should contact the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Byron Brooks, County Administrator, Certifying Officer