

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
April 22, 2026**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands.

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.

Applicant:

Gainesville Regional Utilities

Project Title:

HMGP-4734- (133)- Hogtown Creek Gravity Sewer Main, Infrastructure Retrofit

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:
Residential properties located on the 1400 and 1500 blocks of NW 18th Street, NW 19th Street, and NW 20th Street; and 1900 block of NW 14th Avenue.

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The project will construct a new 8" diameter gravity wastewater sewer main within the existing rights-of-way along NW 18th St. and NW 14th Ave. A segment of gravity sewer pipe that is located along the bottom of Hogtown Creek will be abandoned and the flow from that line will be re-routed to the new gravity sewer. Some homes in the area will have low-pressure sewer grinder pump systems installed. The gravity sewer line in Hogtown Creek is currently at risk of being broken during a severe storm event which would cause sewer overflows. The project will eliminate this risk.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been considered are 1) no action, or 2) armoring or replacement of the existing gravity sewer in the creek. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) risk of pipe failure is unabated and Alternative 2) would require significant clearing and removal of vegetation, which would not fully mitigate the risk of the pipe failing during a severe storm, and would be cost prohibitive, and therefore not practicable.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impact of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2489 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 30 days of this notice. The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested people may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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