

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a subgrant application from the City of Port Saint Joe (Gulf County, FL) for the reconstruction of the Maddox House Structure and Components as well as the Maddox House Bathroom due to damages from Hurricane Michael (DR-4399-FL). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for the above project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 30, 2018 for Hurricane Michael. 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.

Locations of the Proposed Work:

Maddox House GPS: 29.81227, -85.30632

Maddox House Address: 150 Captain Fred's Place, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Maddox House Bathroom GPS: 29.81239, -85.30645

Maddox House Bathroom Address: 155 Captain Fred's Place, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Proposed Work and Purpose:

The City of Port St Joe intends to utilize contract labor to replace the Maddox House Structure and Components, including interior pine walls, tongue and groove pine flooring, equipment (kitchen utilities) and contents in their entirety with a like-kind design within the same footprint of the pre-existing structure. The Applicant also intends to utilize contract labor to rebuild the Maddox House Bathroom structure in the same footprint with in-kind plumbing and lavatory fixtures. This ground has already been disturbed as the Maddox House Bathroom was built on this site in 1980, however a larger ADA ramp will be necessary. The new structures will be mitigated on raised brick piers.

Project Alternatives:

FEMA has determined there is no practicable alternative as the Historic Maddox House was a locally significant structure. It was located adjacent to three other historic structures in George Core Park, and in close proximity to Historic Main Street. Its latest use before Hurricane Michael was as a rental cottage. Moving the new construction to another location would remove incentive for visitors to stay in the vicinity of this historic area, as it would remove the structure from a location attractive to tourists. Additionally, there are few areas within Port St Joe that are outside the floodplain or wetlands. Similarly, there is no practicable alternative as the Maddox House Bathroom was a necessary facility which served two adjacent parks.

Comments:

This announcement will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA Program. Interested persons may obtain information for this specific project or a map of the affected area 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 or questions should be sent, in writing, with the subject line:

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within 15 days of the date of this notice.