

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Jacksonville Port Authority's berth dredging project at several terminals including Talleyrand, Blount Island, Dames Point, and the Turning Basin, due to damages from Hurricane Dorian (DR-4468-FL PW-00321). 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 December 11, 2019 for Hurricane Dorian. 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: Jacksonville Port Authority

Project Title(s): PA-04-FL-4468-00321 PN 123167 - Dredging

Location of Proposed Work: Talleyrand Berths 3-8: (30.34426, -81.62174; 30.34431, -81.62205; 30.35728, -81.6195; 30.3577, -81.61909).
Blount Island Berth 20: (30.40282, -81.54762; 30.40684, -81.54343; 30.40781, -81.54565; 30.40736, -81.54553; 30.40338, -81.54692).
Blount Island Berth 22: (30.39431, -81.5506; 30.39824, -81.54922; 30.39763, -81.54902; 30.39473, -81.55004).
Dames Point Berth 18: (30.39052, -81.56539; 30.391, -81.56441; 30.38654, -81.55968; 30.38741, -81.5621).
Dames Point Turning Basin: (30.39621, -81.57255; 30.39014, -81.56785; 30.39039, -81.56922; 30.39521, -81.5728).

Floodplain: Project is located in the AE Zone, areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event determined by detailed methods, and the VE Zone, areas subject to inundation by the 1-percent annual-chance flood event with additional hazards due to storm-induced velocity wave action, per Duval County FIRM Panels #12031C0216J, #12031C0218J, #12031C0214J, #12031C0376J dated 11/2/2018.

Proposed Work and Purpose: Jacksonville Port Authority will remove and dispose of silt sediment to restore the Talleyrand, Blount Island, Dames Point, and Turning Basin, facilities back to their pre-disaster design, function, and capacity within the existing footprint.

Project Alternatives: FEMA has considered the no action alternative and has determined that it is not feasible to take no action as leaving the facilities unrestored will have adverse social, and economic impacts. Alternative locations were not considered as the port facilities are functionally dependent upon their location in the floodplain.

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-4468-PW-00321, Jacksonville Port Authority at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.