

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for City of Marathon's Sombrero Beach engineered beach repair due to damages in Hurricane Irma (DR-4337-FL PW 06480). 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 October 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. 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:	City of Marathon
Project Title(s):	PA-04-FL-4337-PW-06480; PN 65836 – Sand Replenishment Project for Sombrero Beach and Coco Plum Beach
Location of Proposed Work:	2130 Sombrero Beach Road, Marathon, Florida 33050 (From: 24.691273, -81.087163 To: 24.692092, -81.083073)
Floodplain:	Project is located in the VE Zone, otherwise known as the Coastal High Hazard Area and the AE Zone, otherwise known as the area of 1% annual chance of flooding, per Monroe County FIRM Panels #12087C1379K dated 2/18/2005.
Proposed Work and Purpose:	The City of Marathon has proposed to use FEMA Public Assistance Grant funds to replace sand eroded as a result of Hurricane Irma. Approximately 2,000 cubic yards of sand will be cleaned and placed back on the beach and an additional 4,800 cubic yards of beach compatible sand will be replaced using sand obtained from sand dredged from borrow commercial sources. The will obtain USACE and FDEP permits for the work as a condition of the grant and will abide by all applicable federal and state laws, including seasonal restrictions due to sea turtle mating habits.
Project Alternatives:	FEMA has considered no action alternative and has found that this alternative is not feasible as residential areas upland of the beach will remain vulnerable to flood risk, including property damage and hazards to human life and safety. With the no action alternative, continued negative impacts on adjacent infrastructure, property, residents, and the community may be experienced. Alternate locations were not considered as the engineered beach is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The facility also provides open space uses for recreation and habitat for wildlife.
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-4337-PW-06480, City of Marathon at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.