

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The First Baptist Church of Port St Joe has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) as a sub-recipient.

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, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

Sub-Applicant: First Baptist Church of Port St Joe

Project Title: DR-4399 Demolition of HOW building

Location of Proposed Work: First Baptist Church of Port St Joe

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
First Baptist Church	102 Third St., Port St Joe, Florida 32456	29.813252	-85.304616	1959

Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:

This project is for demolishing the First Baptist Church which was over 50% destroyed, which work has already been completed. All work was located in an AE zone (1% annual chance flood elevation). Its location in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) was determined by Gulf County Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number: 12045C0333G, dated 04/16/2009. The work conformed to all applicable State of Florida and local floodplain regulations. There was a potential for the facilities to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within SFHA.

Completed Work and Purpose:

The First Baptist Church demolished the remains of the original church. The Applicant plans on building a new structure outside the floodplain, but those plans are not yet finalized.

Project Alternatives:

Alternative #1 (No action): The 'no action' alternative would ultimately result in a negative

impact on the First Baptist Church. If the church had not been demolished it would have remained a liability and safety hazard for the Applicant and an eyesore for the community.

Alternative #2: Demolishing the church removed liability concerns and restored the property to a state closer to its natural function as a floodplain.

Comments:

This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described actions funded by the FEMA PA Program. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region IV - EHP, 3005 Chamblee Tucker Rd., Atlanta, GA 30341-4112 or by email at FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Please include in the subject line of the email “DR-4399-FL EHAD.” Comments should be sent in writing at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice. Please remove after 15 days after posting.

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