Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that **Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners** under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Hurricane Milton Disaster Relief (DR4834) Agreement Number: Z4326 is located in the floodplain and wetland, and Pinellas County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 and in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

Project Location, Project Area and Activities:

This project is located in the City of Gulfport in Pinellas County, Florida. The proposed project location is between the intersections of Dolphin Boulevard South and Royal Palm Drive South, and Dolphin Boulevard South and Fairway View Boulevard South. The project area consists of the failed section of seawall southeast of Dolphin Boulevard South at approximately (27.752743, -82.728511). The proposed activities involve removing approximately 70 feet of failed concrete seawall panels down to the mudline, while leaving the intact wall in place. The seawall will be replaced with a new steel sheet pile seawall system along the seaward side of the existing structure. Accumulated sediment which resulted from the failure of the seawall will be redistributed using pressure washing methods to reestablish the design mudline elevation. The project area of effect is approximately 1 acre, entirely within the 100-year floodplain (Zones VE & AE), and adjacent to Estuarine and Marine Deepwater wetlands.

Notice Primary Purpose:

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and wetland and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain and wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain and wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about the floodplain and wetland can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in the floodplain and wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners at the following address on or before [November 19th, 2026]**:**

Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, 14 S. Ft. Harrison Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756 and (727)-464-4880, Attention: Kameron Thomas-Gonzalez, Project Manager.

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 7:00AM to 3:30PM at 14 S. Ft. Harrison Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756. Comments may also be submitted via email at kthomasgonzalez@pinellas.gov

Date: November 4th, 2026