

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Sarasota County Resilient SRQ under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management. The activity is funded under Resilient SRQ's Infrastructure & Public Facilities Program, HUD grant B-23-UN-12-0004. The proposed project is located at 5400 Pan American Boulevard, North Port, FL 34287 (27.049710 North, -82.239992 West). The extent of the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain was determined using the freeboard value approach. The proposed project, The Salvation Army of Sarasota County, involves the construction of a one-story building with parking for staff and the public. This building will be comprised of office space, staff kitchen/break room, conference room, and some meeting/classroom spaces. Services provided from this building will be emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc., case management, and life skills classes. The Social Services facility will provide an array of emergency services to families and individuals in need. The proposed site consists of a previously undeveloped approximately 495,632-square-foot (11.38-acre) lot in the City of North Port. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) panel #12115C0386G effective March 27, 2024, there are National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapped wetlands on the proposed project parcel. Per the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS), there is no mapped critical habitat, however there are National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) mapped wetlands on the proposed project parcel.

Alternative 1: (Preferred Alternative) The Salvation Army:

This Alternative would involve the construction of The Salvation Army facility to meet the needs of the community as it is one of the fastest growing cities in the country. The expansion will include the construction of a one, one story building with parking for staff and the public. This building will be comprised of office space, staff kitchen/break room, conference room, and some meeting/classroom spaces. Services provided from this building will be emergency financial assistance for rent, utilities, etc., case management, and life skills classes. The Social Services facility will provide an array of emergency services to families and individuals in need. The Emergency Financial Assistance Program will provide financial utility and rental assistance. Pathway of Hope provides intensive, long-term case management support to families to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty and move toward a life of self-sustainability to include increased education, income, employment and permanent housing. It will also have case management support through our Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing programs. It is envisioned that this facility will have shared community space to allow other partner agencies a space to conduct life skills workshops, ESL classes, etc. Additionally, if need dictates, they may reinstate a food pantry. The Preferred Alternative (Proposed Action) would cause impacts in to both the 100-year and 500-year floodplains, since the project site is located in "Zone AE" and "Zone X (shaded)" and would require ground disturbance. Resilient SRQ would ensure that the proper mitigation and/or minimization measures are taken. For example, if located in the floodplain, the structures would be floodproofed and/or elevated at least two feet above Base Flood

Elevation (BFE). Additionally, best management practices (BMPs) for soil erosion and stormwater management would be applied through minimum construction standards. For work adjacent to the floodway, silt fencing and/or hay bales would be installed to prevent impacts from soil erosion and stormwater runoff into waterways.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]:

Under the No Action Alternative, no work would occur at the project site and operations would continue as-is. The project site would remain in its present state and opportunities for a new Salvation Army facility would be lost.

Sarasota County Resilient SRQ has reevaluated alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. Environmental files documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, are available for public inspection, review, and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains 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 a floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Resilient SRQ at the following address on or before September 4, 2025 at Resilient SRQ, 301 N. Cattlemen Rd. Suite 200 Sarasota, FL 34232 Attention Steve Hyatt, MBA, CPM, Program Management Division Manager, or by phone by calling 311 or 941-861-5000 or TTY: 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771 during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Comments may also be submitted via email at ResilientSRQComments@scgov.net

Date: August 20, 2025