

**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL
PUBLIC NOTICE
August 21, 2025**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

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 to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands.

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.

Applicant:

Gateway Services Community Development District

Project Title:

HMGP-4673- 678- Wastewater Force Main, Infrastructure Retrofit

Location of Proposed Work:

The area affected by this project consists of homes in the following locations:

Hampton Park, Silverlakes, Pinewood Lakes, Eagle Pointe, Pinecrest, Waterford Village (the project will run down the FPL easement abutting all of these neighborhoods)

Proposed Work and Purpose:

Purpose: Hydraulic modeling has shown that pipe flow and pressure issues in the north part of Gateway are prevalent during peak demand periods. Also, the hydraulic modeling showed concerns with the ability of the existing wastewater pump station in the vicinity to be able to continue to convey wastewater to the Gateway WWTP. Only a single point of entry to Wastewater Treatment Plant, this project will provide redundancy in the force main system. Therefore, in the event of one of the mains breaking, the system can still run smoothly.

Proposed Work: The project involves installing a total of 9,990 linear feet of Wastewater Force Main, which includes 6,659 linear feet of 12-inch Force Main by open cut, 91 linear feet of 12" PVC Force main that is installed by jack and bore to cross Gateway Boulevard, 2,230 linear feet of 16-inch Force Main using directional drilling, and 1,010 linear feet of 16-inch Force Main by open cut. The installation will start at the Lee County Gateway Reclamation Facility, extend to Griffin Drive, and then continue through the FPL Powerline Easement within a 15-foot-wide utility corridor, ending at Gateway Boulevard. The project also entails approximately 1.4 acres of clearing and grubbing, 113 square yards of sidewalk replacement, and 2,368 square yards of asphalt pavement removal and replacement. It will require two 10-inch plug valves, fifteen 12-inch plug valves, and one 16-inch plug valve. As well as, two 12-inch insertion valves, and nine 2-inch air release valves. There will be four force main connections: one at the north end, two at the south end, and one at the Gateway Reclamation Facility. Silt fences will be used to prevent stormwater pollution, and 7,669 linear feet of restoration will be done.

Project Alternatives:

The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative and 2) Gateway purchasing a fleet of pumper trucks in lieu of the new forcemain piping. The piping is being built if there is a failure in the original 12" forcemain that is already present. So, an alternative to building this redundant piping is to purchase a fleet of trucks so if there is a failure the pumper trucks can go out to the lift stations and pump the sewage out of the wet wells to transfer to the wastewater treatment plant. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) If no action is taken, there could be an outage caused by a storm that would limit the ability of Gateway to remove sewage out of the system and enter into waste water treatment plant which can lead to the lift stations flooding; and Alternative 2) Parking these pumper trucks and having them sit idle

for long amounts of time is a waste of money and space. Also, with the pumper trucks it is only a temporary solution, with the new force main there is room for expansion and other projects that Gateway can plan to do in the future and the future projects will be much more feasible with the redundant force main and irrigation main. The pumper trucks do not make any improvement to the district.

Comment Period:

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 15 days of this notice (***or August 21, 2025***). The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

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