

FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Jackson County Pascagoula beach renourishment due to damages from Hurricane Zeta (DR-4576-MS PW-00231). 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 January 7, 2021 for Hurricane Zeta. 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.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Applicant:** Jackson County
- Project Title(s):** Ocean Spring East Beach: PA-04-MS-4576-PW-00231 PN 172329
- Location of Proposed Work:** (30.392285, -88.799788 to 30.398697, -88.815904)
- Floodplain:** The project is located in a VE Zone also known as a coastal high hazard area, per Jackson County FIRM Panel # 28059C0289G, 28059C0293G, dated 3/16/2009.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The county proposes to replace 6,736 CY of sand on Ocean Spring East Beach along 5,765 LF to restore the beach to pre-disaster condition. Fill will be obtained from a commercial source.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible due to potential adverse social and economic impacts on the community if the shoreline is not restored. Alternate locations were not considered as the beach is functionally dependent upon its location within the floodplain. The beach provides open space use of the floodplain and recreational value for the community.
- 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 by emailing FEMA- R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line MS-4576- PW-00231, Jackson County Ocean Spring east beach restoration at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.