



August 25, 2021 – September 10, 2021

Public Notice:

The City of Punta Gorda Florida has identified and intends to make application to the Rebuild Florida Mitigation Grant Program Round II.

The Public is invited to make comments about this intent and or request a copy of the final grant proposal by emailing mreichert@cityofpuntagordafl.com

Historic Street Bricking and Utility Project –The City of Punta Gorda Historic Streets and Utility mitigation project location is in the area known as the Historic District. This area is rich in history and worthy of preservation to maintain the neighborhood's architectural character while upgrading the failing subsurface utilities to current quality standards. The project neighborhood encompasses four city blocks. The Punta Gorda - City Council adopted a resolution in 1988 to re-establish the local brick streets through renovation and restoration. The Community Redevelopment Area Plan has identified the streets as part of a vision to preserve the feel of the historic coastal downtown area. The streets are designated to be maintained as forever, "brick streets."



The historic streets lined with antique brick for grant assistance consideration are portions of Palm, Chasteen Street and Gill Street. These streets have failing subsurface utilities – water and sewer, roadway depressions, and lack sidewalks or non-ADA compliant walkways. The conditions referenced are potentially hazardous to residents because, in some areas, no sidewalks force the public/residents to walk in the uneven roadway adding potential safety concerns and liability issues. Sidewalks and ADA ramp improvements are necessary safety improvements for the general public and our locally known walkable community in the downtown area, adding connectivity to the downtown area.

This Historic District neighborhood is subject to tidal waters, high water tables, and flooding. The flooding leads to the potential for environmental concerns related to failing sanitary lines, potential water contamination or other safety concerns to the general public in residential neighborhoods. Furthermore, there is the possible contamination of the pristine estuary of Charlotte Harbor.

The bricking of streets is a valuable tool in flood control. Brick streets offer a permeable surface. The streets will have a layer of filtration rock with loosely spaced-Bricks over the top. The bricks allow for better drainage than an asphalt or concrete alternative.

Budget – Total cost of the project is \$2,754,500

Amount Requested from Rebuild Florida Mitigation Grant Program – \$2,024,500