

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain and Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Broward County Board of County Commissioners (Broward County) under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under Project Grant No. B-23-CP-FL-0385 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and Broward 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, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is at North Andrews Ave Bridge (#860156) over South Fork Middle River in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.

The North Andrews Avenue Bridge (#860156) Repair Project is a federally supported infrastructure initiative to repair this vital corridor crossing over the South Fork Middle River in Broward County. Built in 1964, the bridge shows signs of age-related deterioration that compromises its structural integrity and public safety. Structural repairs to the bridge's deteriorated components include the restoration of piles and bent caps that have been compromised by corrosion, cracking, and spalling. The funding will also support the installation of guardrails at the bridge approaches to enhance safety. In addition, a waterproofing membrane will be applied to protect the bridge from further water intrusion and extend its service life. The existing bridge will not be changed in size or capacity by more than 20 percent, and there would be no change in land use. The total area of the project is 0.38 acres, entirely located within the Zone AE floodplain. The bridge crosses the South Fork Middle River, which is identified as a marine and estuarine deepwater wetland in the National Wetlands Inventory. Temporary construction activities may cause short-term, minor impacts to water quality and aquatic habitat. These effects will be minimized through standard erosion and sediment controls, best management practices, and compliance with all required permits and environmental regulations. Because the project involves only rehabilitation and repair within the existing bridge footprint, there will be no expansion of the structure, no increase in impervious surface, and no change in land use. As a result, impacts to floodplain and wetland functions are expected to be minimal and temporary, with no long-term effects on flood storage, flood conveyance, or wetland function beyond existing conditions.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in a floodplain or 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 a floodplain or wetland, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by Broward County at the following address on or before August 20, 2026:

Broward County
Attn: Anh Ton, P.E., HBMD Director
1600 Blount Road
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Comments may also be submitted via email at aton@broward.org or phone: (954) 357-6059.

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the address above and at the following web address: Broward.org/streets.

Date: August 4, 2026