

Environmental Review
Community Development Block Grant
Office of Long-Term Resiliency
Mitigation – General Infrastructure Program



TO: The Honorable Garrett Anderson, Mayor
City of Avon Park

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DATE: October 27, 2022

RE: City of Avon Park
Distribution System and Drinking Water Treatment Plant Infrastructure Project
Community Development Block Grant - Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program
Federal Grant Number: B-18-DP-12-0002
DEO Agreement Number: MT039

On September 9, 2022, DEO received the environmental review record (ERR) related to the City of Avon Park's *Distribution System and Drinking Water Treatment Plant Infrastructure project*.

DEO has reviewed the submitted ERR and the following information is needed to complete the compliance requirements.

1. Confirm work has not started, and no U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) nor non-HUD funds have been committed toward the project.
2. Refer to the *Environmental Assessment Factors*:
 - a. *Land Development*:
 - i. Provide documentation that shows the project is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Zoning laws.
 - ii. Provide documentation that indicates how the city will address hazards and nuisances such as traffic control (rerouting, street closures, etc.)
 - b. *Public Safety- Police, Fire and Emergency Medical*:
 - i. Explain how the city will coordinate with Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services during construction so as not to impede emergency vehicle traffic.

3. Refer to the *Alternatives* section:
 - a. All projects can potentially have alternatives. The project can be reduced, expanded, changed, upgraded, or relocated.
 - i. Submit at least two alternatives with an analysis of the feasibility or practicability of each alternative.
4. Refer to the *Agencies Consulted* Section:
 - a. Consultation did not occur with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) even though the project will expand the distribution system and upgrade the drinking water treatment system, both of which are regulated by the FDEP Division of Water Resource Management.
 - i. Explain why there was no initial consultation with the FDEP Division of Water Resource Management.
 - ii. Explain if and when permits for the addition to the distribution system and upgrades to the drinking water treatment system will be obtained from FDEP.
 - iii. Submit any communication with FDEP concerning the expansion and upgrades proposed for the distribution system and treatment plants respectively.
5. Refer to the *Contamination and Toxic Substances Worksheet*:
 - a. The review included a Contamination Locator Map (CLM) from the FDEP Map Direct website for facilities within a 3000-foot radius of the project. The documentation included for three of the four contaminated sites does not show compliance of the sites nor that the sites will have no impact on the project
 - i. Provide documentation or correspondence with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) that indicates the following sites are in compliance, the sites are closed, or that the sites will not impact the project:.
 - FMR Highlands Dry Cleaners – Fac. ID# 9500483
 - Scott Properties – Fac. ID# 8841091
 - South Avon PC # 122 – Fac. ID# 8519693
6. Refer to the *Farmland Protection Worksheet*:
 - a. Submit a Soil Survey from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) [Websoil Survey](#) website indicating farmland classifications for each of the project sites.

The following conditions apply to this project and will be included in the Authorization to Use Grant Funds (AUGF).

1. All permits obtained for this project will be submitted to DEO's Environmental Section for approval prior to any construction activities.

2. Engineer drawings, plans and specs will be submitted to DEO's Environmental Section for approval prior to any construction activities.
3. If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of the discovery. The applicant shall contact the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850)-245-6333. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately, and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, *Florida Statutes*.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Henry Hernandez at (850) 921-3252 (Enrique.Hernandez@DEO.MyFlorida.com) or Geoff Amison, Environmental Program Manager, at (850) 717-8422 (James.Amison@DEO.MyFlorida.com).