

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has reviewed the City of Sanibel's 2431 Library Way Group Site (DR-4673-FL). 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 Individuals and Households Program (IHP).

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published October 6, 2022, for Hurricane Ian. 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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP)
- Applicant:** FEMA
- Project Title:** City of Sanibel, 2431 Library Way Group Site
- Location of Proposed Work:** 2431 Library Way, Sanibel, FL GPS Coordinates: 26.437911, -82.07851 (Center point of approximately 0.78 Acres)
- Floodplain:** Project is located in the AE Zone, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), with a Base Flood Elevation (BFE) of 8 feet per FEMA FIRM Panel #12071C0530G, dated 11/17/2022.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** During the month of September 2022, Hurricane Ian impacted the southwest region of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane displacing thousands of families. FEMA, in response to the emergency, has been searching for viable sites to house displaced families. The proposed action is to provide site improvements for a group site to make it suitable for Transportable Temporary Housing Unit (TTHU) placement to house families under the Individuals and Households Program. Approximately 6 Travel Trailers are estimated for this group site. FEMA will provide individual pad site, water, sewer, and electrical connections, complying with national and local codes and FEMA requirements.
- Project Alternatives:** The "no action" alternative is not practicable due to the need to house displaced survivors. Housing solutions outside of the floodplain were considered. As a rule, FEMA will not house survivors more than 50 miles from their damaged dwelling and prefers to locate individuals within 35 miles. FEMA first explored housing solutions in permanent structures through the Direct Lease and Multi-Lease and Repair programs. Once these resources were exhausted, FEMA placed TTHUs on private or pre-existing commercial properties outside of the SFHA. The Direct Housing Unit has exhausted all other alternatives for housing applicants, including the direct lease and multi-lease and repair programs, as well as placement of TTHUs on private and pre-existing commercial sites. Therefore, FEMA will install the proposed group site.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA Individuals and Households Program (IHP). Interested persons may submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, **3005 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341** or by emailing [FEMA-DR4673FL-EHP-publiccomments@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-DR4673FL-EHP-publiccomments@fema.dhs.gov). Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line, "City of Sanibel, 2431 Library Way Group Site, Lee County" at the above address within 3 days of the date of this notice.