

# **FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Utilities Board of the City of Daphne has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Program funding through Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) as a sub-recipient.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990, FEMA is required to consider alternatives, and to provide a public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority and low-income populations. This notice may also fulfill requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

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.

**Sub-Applicant:** The Utilities Board of the City of Daphne (900 Daphne Ave, Daphne, Alabama 36526)

**Project Title:** Sewer System Infrastructure and Facilities; Site 08; PA-04-AL-4563-PW-00398 PN162029

## **Location of Proposed Work:**

Facility	Address	Latitude	Longitude	Date of Construction
Site 08		30.635119	-87.881122	1970

## **Special Flood Hazard Area Zone:**

This project is for the removal of debris, realignment of pipelines, and removal and replacement of restraint harnesses and rip rap at Site 08 for The Utilities Board of the City of Daphne, sewer facilities. The project is located within an AE Floodway. Confirmation of location in an AE Floodway was determined by the **Baldwin** County Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel Number 01003C0519M, dated 04/19/2019. The completed work conforms to all applicable State of Alabama and local floodplain regulations. There is a potential for the facility to be impacted by future flooding events due to its location within the AE Floodway. The proposed work take place in designated wetlands, per the United States Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory.

## **Proposed Work and Purpose:**

The Utilities Board of the City of Daphne restored the sewer pipelines at Site 08 using best management practices; removed 30 CY of trees and brush debris, realigned sewer pipes, removed and replaced restraint harnesses and 25 tons of rip rap. The purpose of this action was to restore the structure to pre-

disaster condition and help increase the long-term beneficial values of the sewer system infrastructure & pipelines.

**Project Alternatives:**

**Alternative #1 (No Action):** The 'no action' alternative would have ultimately resulted in a negative impact on the Utilities Board of the City of Daphne's sewer system infrastructure & pipelines. If tree and vegetative debris was not removed, the sewer pipes were not realigned, and the restraint harnesses and riprap were not removed and replaced, then it would have shortened the beneficial value of the sewer system infrastructure. The sewer system would not be able to function at full and most efficient capacity thereby increasing the chances of an obstruction and potentially endangering the environment. If these repairs were not made, then adverse economic, health, and environmental impacts may have occurred.

**Alternative #2 (Complete Replacement):**

The replacement alternative would require full replacement of all facilities with new and improved structures. This alternative is more costly and economically infeasible relative to the proposed repairs. Due to the time and cost of replacement, this alternative is not cost-effective.

**Comment Period:**

Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Utilities Board of the City of Daphne. The Utilities Board of the City of Daphne will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed.

Alternatively, comments may be emailed to: [FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov). Please send comments with the subject line DR-4563-AL-00398 11988 COMMENT.

All comments are due by no later than 15 days of the posted date of this notice.

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**End of Notice**