

City of Sopchoppy

Notice of Intent to Submit a Grant Application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for a Hurricane Damage Mitigation Project that will include Flood and Drainage Improvements

The City of Sopchoppy plans to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for an infrastructure grant to be funded by the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation program (CDBG-MIT). The application will be submitted no later than September 14, 2020, which is the grant application deadline.

Grant funds will be used to install large diameter concrete stormwater drainage pipes in place of open ditches along selected City streets to prevent flooding from future hurricanes and storm events. The project site is a residential area located in the southwest quarter of the City of Sopchoppy.

The project will include replacing approximately 2,700 linear feet (LF) of ditch with concrete drainage pipes. The pipe will be installed in the following locations:

1. Approximately 700 LF of pipe will be installed along Gulf Street between Blossom Avenue and Municipal Avenue.
2. Approximately 2,000 LF of pipe will be installed along Municipal Avenue between Gulf Street and Rose Street.

In addition to controlling flooding, the piping will help to prevent the loss of pavement along the street edges due to erosion. Also, the piping will help to convey stormwater runoff away from the City's downtown area and thus prevent flooding.

The project cost (and the amount of funds that will be applied for) is \$2,505,946.

Additional information about the project, including requests for copies of the draft application may be obtained from Ashley Schilling, City Clerk at (850) 962-4611. Ms. Schilling may also be contacted by email at ashley.schilling@sopchoppy.org, or by postal service at P.O. Box 1219, Sopchoppy, Florida 32358.

Please submit any comments or questions that you may have about the project by September 8, 2020.

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