



Division of Community Development
Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR)

**REBUILD FLORIDA
INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR PROGRAM (IRP)
APPLICATION**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Local Government Applicant Name:	Hernando County Board of County Commissioners
Official Project Title:	Coast Guard Auxiliary Building
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	MWKBKNTZ9SW7
Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN):	59-1155275

Application Preparer: (This is the city/town/county employee that FloridaCommerce will contact regarding any question within your submitted application.)

First and Last Name:	Casey Stepp
Title:	Grant Writer
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City:	Brooksville
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Zip:	34604
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Local project manager/lead contact: (This is the person who will lead the project locally.)

First and Last Name:	Velvet Burris
Title:	Housing Coordinator
Mailing street address:	621 West Jefferson Street
City:	Brooksville
State:	FL
Zip:	34601
Phone Number:	352-540-4339
Email Address:	vburris@co.hernando.fl.us

Location of Proposed Project

Street Address:	4340 Calienta Street
City:	Hernando Beach
State:	FL
Zip:	34607

Please select which qualifying county this project is located in:

HUD MIDs

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| ☐ Charlotte | ☒ Hernando | ☐ Polk |
| ☐ Citrus | ☐ Highlands | ☐ Seminole |
| ☐ Collier | ☐ Indian River | ☐ St. Lucie |
| ☐ Columbia | ☐ Lafayette | ☐ Sumter |
| ☐ DeSoto | ☐ Lake | ☐ Suwannee |
| ☐ Dixie | ☐ Leon | ☐ Taylor |
| ☐ Duval | ☐ Levy | |
| ☐ Hamilton | ☐ Madison | |

State MIDs

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ☐ Alachua | ☐ Gadsden | ☐ Liberty | ☐ Putnam |
| ☐ Baker | ☐ Gilchrist | ☐ Marion | ☐ St. Johns |
| ☐ Bradford | ☐ Glades | ☐ Martin | ☐ Union |
| ☐ Brevard | ☐ Gulf | ☐ Nassau | ☐ Wakulla |
| ☐ Clay | ☐ Hardee | ☐ Okeechobee | |
| ☐ Flagler | ☐ Hendry | ☐ Osceola | |
| ☐ Franklin | ☐ Jefferson | ☐ Palm Beach | |

Does the proposed project exist within a fiscally constrained county (per [S. 218.67\(1\) F.S.](#))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," please select which fiscally constrained county:

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| ☐ Baker (State) | ☐ Gulf (State) | ☐ Madison (HUD) |
| ☐ Bradford (State) | ☐ Hamilton (HUD) | ☐ Okeechobee (State) |
| ☐ Columbia (HUD) | ☐ Hardee (State) | ☐ Putnam (State) |
| ☐ DeSoto (HUD) | ☐ Hendry (State) | ☐ Suwannee (HUD) |
| ☐ Dixie (HUD) | ☐ Highlands (HUD) | ☐ Taylor (HUD) |
| ☐ Franklin (State) | ☐ Jefferson (State) | ☐ Union (State) |
| ☐ Gadsden (State) | ☐ Lafayette (HUD) | ☐ Wakulla (State) |
| ☐ Gilchrist (State) | ☐ Levy (HUD) | |
| ☐ Glades (State) | ☐ Liberty (State) | |

Please select the number of **FEMA IA Categories A-G (to include IA/PA)** Declarations your community received for storms occurring within the applicable 2023-2024 allocation period:

☐ One (1) ☐ Two (2) ☒ Three (3) ☐ Four (4) ☐ Five (5)

Please select the number of **FEMA PA** Declarations your community received for storms occurring within the applicable 2023-2024 allocation period:

☐ One (1) ☐ Two (2) ☐ Three (3) ☒ Four (4) ☐ Five (5)

Does the project applicant qualify as a Rural Development Initiative (REDI) Eligible County and/or Community (per [S. 288.0656\(6\)\(b\) F.S.](#))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," please select the applicable REDI designation(s):

- ☐ Northwest Rural Areas of Opportunity (NW RAO)
- ☐ South Central Rural Areas of Opportunity (SC RAO)
- ☐ North Central Rural Areas of Opportunity (NC RAO)
- ☐ Economically Distressed Rural Counties (EDRC)
- ☐ Designated Rural Communities Located in an Urban County (DRCLUC)

Does the project applicant qualify as an Area of State Critical Concern (ASCC) Eligible County and/or Community (per [S. 380.05 F.S.](#))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," please select the applicable ASCC designation(s):

- ☐ Big Cypress Area (Collier)
- ☐ Green Swamp Area (Polk and Lake)
- ☐ Apalachicola Bay Area (Franklin)
- ☐ Brevard Barrier Island Area (Brevard and Indian River)

FUNDING REQUEST

Type of Funding Sought:

- ☐ Infrastructure Activities (Storm Tie-Back)
- ☐ Mitigation Activities (No Storm Tie-Back)
- ☒ Infrastructure Activities with Mitigation Measures (Storm Tie-Back with Hardening and Resiliency)

If the Infrastructure funding sought incorporates mitigation measures, can the infrastructure project be completed without additional funding for the mitigation measures?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A

Total Infrastructure Funds Requested (Storm Tie-Back)	\$9,857,690
Total Mitigation Funds Requested (No Storm Tie-Back)	\$0
Other Funding/Local Leverage (Attributed to the project)	\$0
Total Project Budget (100% - Requested and Leverage)	\$9,857,690

If Other Funding has been secured, select the source of the leveraged funds (select all that apply).

- ☐ FEMA (non-HMGP) ☐ State Funds
- ☐ Local Match ☐ Private Funds

☐ Other: _____

[[Attach](#)] supporting documentation for source of leveraged funds.

Is the local government covered by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If you do not participate in the NFIP, will you participate in the program prior to the announcement of the Intent to Award?

☐ Yes ☐ No

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE

How was the LMI data obtained for this project?

☒ Census Block Data (*preferred*) ☐ Survey Data (*Responses and Worksheet MUST BE PROVIDED*)

Total service area population served:	8,700
Total LMI population served:	5,415
Total Low- Income citizens served:	3,015
Total Moderate- Income citizens served:	5,235
Total LMI percentage (%):	52%
Percentage of Total UGLG Population to be Served by this project:	4.6%

If your project LMI is below 51% Low-Moderate Income Data (LMID) for the Area of Benefit (*based on 2016-2020 ACS*), please select the applicable criteria to qualify your project under the “Urgent Need” National Objective and provide a written justification on how this project qualifies to participate in the IRP.

- ☐ The existing conditions must pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.
- ☐ The existing conditions are of recent origin or recently became urgent (generally, within the past 18 months).
- ☐ The grantee is unable to finance the activity on its own.
- ☒ Other sources of funding are *not* available.

1,500 words or less.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Please select which CDBG-DR eligible **Infrastructure** activity that best describes your proposed program or project:

- ☐ Restoration or improvements of Infrastructure damaged by a qualifying 2023 and/or 2024 storm (such as water and sewer facilities, streets, removal of debris, bridges, etc.).
- ☒ Demolition and rehabilitation of publicly- or privately-owned commercial or industrial buildings.
- ☐ Renourishment of protective coastal dunes systems and state beaches.
- ☒ Repairs to damaged buildings that are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of a community when repairs to these buildings constitute an urgent need (this may include police stations, fire stations, parks and recreational centers, community and senior centers, hospitals, clinics, schools and educational facilities and other public properties, including properties serving as emergency shelters).
- ☐ Repairs to water lines and systems, sewer lines and systems, drainage, and flood mitigation systems.
- ☐ Natural or green infrastructure.
- ☐ Communications infrastructure.
- ☐ Acquisition with or without relocation assistance.
- ☐ Other: _____

Please select which CDBG-DR eligible **Mitigation** activity that best describes your proposed program or project:

- ☐ Development of mitigation standards, regulations, policies, and programs.
- ☒ Adherence to FEMA code+, statewide building code, and floodplain management regulations.
- ☐ Dam safety programs, seawalls, and levee systems; enlarge a dam or levee beyond the original footprint of the structure that existed prior to the disaster event, after obtaining pre-approval from HUD

and any federal agencies that HUD determines are necessary based on their involvement or potential involvement with the levee or dam.

- ☐ Acquisition of flood prone and environmentally sensitive lands.
- ☒ Retrofitting/hardening/elevating structures and critical facilities.
- ☐ Relocation of structures, infrastructure, and facilities out of vulnerable areas; permanent relocation of public facilities located in high-risk areas, appropriate relocation assistance and rebuilding in low-risk areas within the neighborhood or areas of opportunity.
- ☐ Public awareness/education campaigns.
- ☐ Improvement of warning and evacuation systems.
- ☐ Other: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

If you are seeking funding only through an eligible **Infrastructure Activity (Storm Tie-Back)**, write an overview/summary of the infrastructure project being proposed.

Please include the following:

1. Project purposed.
2. How the work will be completed.
3. The team responsible for completing the work.
4. Method(s) used to determine funding requested.
5. Anticipated outcomes.
6. How the project will be maintained after it is completed.

***Please note if property acquisition is required and if the applicant possesses the necessary jurisdiction/site control to complete the project activities.**

N/A

If you are seeking funding only through an eligible **Mitigation Activity (No Storm Tie-Back)**, write an overview/summary of the mitigation project being proposed.

Please include the following:

1. Project purposed.
2. How the work will be completed.
3. The team responsible for completing the work.

4. Method(s) used to determine funding requested.
5. Anticipated outcomes.
6. How the project will be maintained after it is completed.

*Please note if property acquisition is required and if the applicant possesses the necessary jurisdiction/site control to complete the project activities.

N/A

If you are seeking funding only through an eligible **Infrastructure project with Mitigation Measures (Storm Tie-Back and Hardening and Resiliency)**, write an overview/summary of the mitigation project being proposed.

Please include the following:

1. Project purposed.
2. How the work will be completed.
3. The team responsible for completing the work.
4. Method(s) used to determine funding requested.
5. Anticipated outcomes.
6. How the project will be maintained after it is completed.

*Please note if property acquisition is required and if the applicant possesses the necessary jurisdiction/site control to complete the project activities.

The project is for the demolition of the existing flood prone Coast Guard Auxiliary Building and construction of a new facility to include approximately 30,000 sq ft of elevated building space, furnishing, retrofitting and permanent onsite generator. An elevator or ADA compliant ramp will be included to meet accessibility requirements. All necessary infrastructure will be added to the property as well as addressing the required drainage modification to allow for proper flow of stormwater on and through the site, parking, security, etc.

There are three basic methods of delivering the project: (1) Design/Bid/Build (DBB), (2) Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) and (3) Design/Build (DB). DBB is a hard bid method whereby the County hires a design team to design and prepare bid documents for contractors to bid. This approach is the lengthiest of the three methods and it is recommended that bidders be pre-qualified to provide bids. CMGC is a method by which the design team and contractor are selected and work together with the County to develop documents within the specified budget. This method requires the general contractor to bid the various elements of the project which keeps a competitive bidding process in play. They receive their negotiated fee for the project. This method also allows for a more expeditious timeline with the ability to provide bidding packages for early site work, superstructure,

finishes, final site, furnishings, and equipment. The final method, DB, is the hiring of one team that criteria package must be developed for the solicitation. The approach typically is led by a contractor whose main purpose is to bring a project within budget. The county will utilize the CMGC delivery method for the project. The project will be put out to bid and contracted services will be used to complete it. The Hernando County Facilities Department will be heavily involved in the planning and monitoring of the project in addition to the Procurement Division.

The outcome anticipated is a fully operational elevated structure to support the community with a particular emphasis on the use post-disaster as a recovery center serving the wider Hernando County area.

Upon completion, the site will be maintained by the Facilities department and staff like all other County owned properties.

includes the contractor and design team under one contract. Per Florida Revised Statutes, a design

DAMAGE SUMMARY

Write an overview/summary of infrastructure damaged by a qualifying 2023 and/or 2024 storm, specific to this project.

Tropical Storm Idalia during the 2023 Hurricane season, the Coast Guard Auxiliary Building sustained 16" to 18" of water, the restrooms black flowed causing raw sewage to enter the facility. All the building base boards, and carpet did become wet due to the water. The occupants of the building did not initially properly remediate the building and there is concern that long term the building will deteriorate causing exposure to mold and mildew. The moisture content of the drywall from finished floor up to 2 feet throughout the building varies but is very high in some cases four times as high as recommended. Also, the moisture content in the cabinetry, bath partitions and wood doors up to 2 feet is very high, in some cases four or five times as high as recommended as well. Nearly all the cabinetry is swelling and delaminating resulting in some now being nonoperational. While the floors have been sanitized with bleach, the building has a noticeable smell, likely due to the sewage mixed with salt water and further demonstrates the need to elevate the building.

UNMET NEED

Describe how the proposed activity will address an Unmet Need tied to the impact of damage from the disaster (Note: All CDBG-DR activities must clearly address an impact of the disaster).

Current Uses:

Training and Education Center

Community Building for Public Meetings

Community organization space to serve the community – the Coast Guard Auxiliary hosts educational classes in the building for the boating public, focusing on recreational boater education due to location in a waterways community.

Communications Infrastructure

Post Disaster Uses:

Family Resource Center
Emergency Response Staging
Crisis Clean Up Staging
Disaster Recovery Center

BUDGET, ACTIVITY WORK PLAN, DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS

Budget, AWP, and DOB Template

[[Attach - Fillable Form](#)] Budget, Activity Work Plan, and Duplication of Benefits Worksheet.

[[Attach](#)] Quotes/Estimates used to determine funding request.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

[[Attach](#)] Map clearly showing Project Location and/or Service Area.

[[Attach](#)] Most Recent Flood Plain Map.

PRE-EXISTING DESIGN(S)

Does the applicant possess a 100% architectural/engineering design(s) for this projects that are signed and stamped by a licensed architect/engineer?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," please [[Attach](#)].

PICTURES

Attach either up to ten (10) photos of the service area or any other relevant photos for the scoring team to review regarding the program or project.

Picture(s) [[Attach](#)]

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION/PUBLIC NOTICE

All applicants must conduct a public hearing or public comment period, notifying their citizens of their intent to seek CDBG-DR funding. In order to satisfy this requirement, please provide documentation for one of the two methods below.

FLORIDACOMMERCE

Division of Community Development Office of Long-Term Resiliency (OLTR)

Public Hearing

Date of Hearing Notice:	
Date of 1 st Public Hearing:	

Documentation of Public Hearing Notice [\[Upload\]](#)

Documentation of 1st Public Hearing

- ☐ Public Hearing Meeting Minutes [\[Upload\]](#)
- ☐ Public Hearing Certification [\[Upload\]](#)
- ☐ Citizen Participation Plan [\[Upload\]](#)
- ☐ Citizen Complaint Policy [\[Upload\]](#)
- ☐ Citizen Complaints from Public Hearing [\[Upload\]](#)

Public Comment Period

Date of Public Notice:	09/12/2025
Public Comment Start Date:	09/12/2025
Public Comment End Date:	09/23/2025

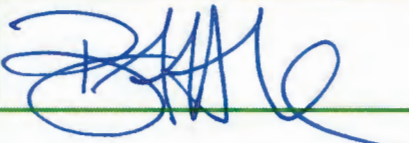
Documentation of Public Notice [\[Upload\]](#)

- ☒ Public Notice Certification [\[Upload\]](#)
- ☒ Citizen Participation Plan [\[Upload\]](#)
- ☒ Citizen Complaint Policy [\[Upload\]](#)
- ☒ Citizen Complaints from Public Comments [\[Upload\]](#)

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

As authorized Executive Officer, I certify that staff, contractors, vendors, and community partners of the CDBG-DR initiative:

- A. Will comply with all HUD and Florida requirements in the administration of the proposed CDBG-DR funded activities;
- B. Will work in a cooperative manner to execute the Subrecipient Agreement that provides the pathway for successful CDBG-DR program(s) and/or project(s) and;
- C. Certify that all information submitted in this Application is true and accurate.

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Office of Long-Term Resiliency
CDBG-DR/MIT
Application - Project Budget

Program:	2023 - 2024 Storms - Infrastructure Repair Program
Name of Applying Entity:	Hernando County Board of County Commissioners
Project Name:	Coast Guard Auxiliary Buildings

Activity and Descriptions	CDBG-DR/MIT Amount	Leverage Funds	Source*	Total Funds
1. Grant Administration	\$469,415			\$469,415
2. Engineering Services				
Design & Engineering	\$1,072,300			\$1,072,300
Investigations & Reports	\$15,000			\$15,000
Permits	\$6,500			\$6,500
3. Construction				
Asbestos	\$3,500			\$3,500
Survey & Testing	\$42,000			\$42,000
Site Demolition	\$27,500			\$27,500
General Construction	\$7,774,500			\$7,774,500
Equipment	\$12,000			\$12,000
Furnishing	\$35,000			\$35,000
Contingency	\$400,000			\$400,000
TOTALS:	\$9,857,715	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,857,715.00

*The amount(s) and source(s) of all Leverage Funds needed to complete this project must be provided on the accompanying DOB Form.

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Date Prepared:	9/17/2025



Office of Long-Term Resiliency
CDBG-DR/MIT
Application - Activity Work Plan

Program:	2023 - 2024 Storms - Infrastructure Repair Program
Name of Applying Entity:	Hernando County Board of County Commissioners
Project Name:	Coast Guard Auxiliary Building

Start Date (month/year)	End Date (month/year)	Description of Proposed Task to be Completed by the "End Date."	Estimated Funds to be Requested by the "End Date"	Estimate of Total Funds Reimbursed by the "End Date"
March 1, 2026	May 31, 2026	Board Approval & Bidding Process	\$0	\$0
June 1, 2026	July 31, 2026	Site Demolition	\$31,000	\$31,000
June 1, 2026	September 30, 2026	Environmental Exemption & Policy Reviere/Revisions	\$15,000	\$46,000
June 1, 2026	December 31, 2026	Grant Administration (Reports) & Engineering Design	\$1,072,300	\$1,118,300
August 1, 2026	October 31, 2026	Permitting & Regulatory Approvals	\$48,500	\$1,166,800
January 1, 2027	December 31, 2028	Grant Administration (Reports/Invoicing/Monitoring, DBA/Sec 3), CEI, & Construction (50%)	\$4,356,665	\$5,523,465
January 1, 2029	February 28, 2029	Grant Admin (Closeout), CEI & Construction (100%) and Retainage	\$4,334,250	\$9,857,715

"Estimated Funds to be Requested are the funds required to complete that individual task by the "End Date."

"Estimate of Total Funds Reimbursed" is a running total of all funds anticipated to be reimbursed by the "End Date."

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Coast Guard Auxiliary

Write a description for your map.

Legend

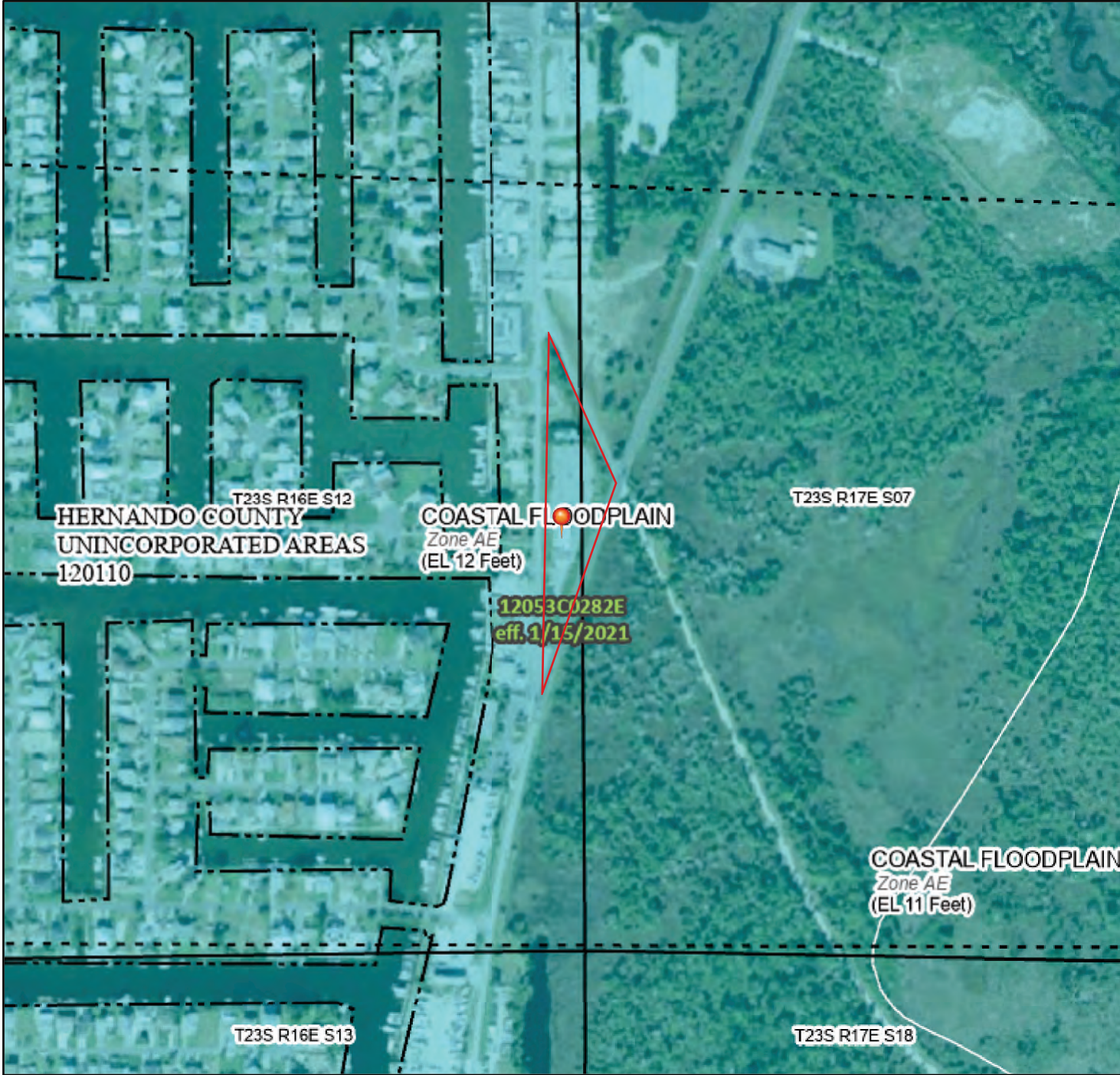
 U.S.C.G AUXILIARY



National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



82°39'17"W 28°30'N



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Basemap Imagery Source: USGS National Map 2023

Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
Zone A, V, A99

With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR

Regulatory Floodway

0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X

Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X

Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X

Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD

0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X

Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X

Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X

Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D

OTHER AREAS

Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X

Effective LOMRs

Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D

GENERAL STRUCTURES

Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer

Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES

Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation

Coastal Transect

Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)

Limit of Study

Jurisdiction Boundary

Coastal Transect Baseline

Profile Baseline

Hydrographic Feature

MAP PANELS

Digital Data Available

No Digital Data Available

Unmapped

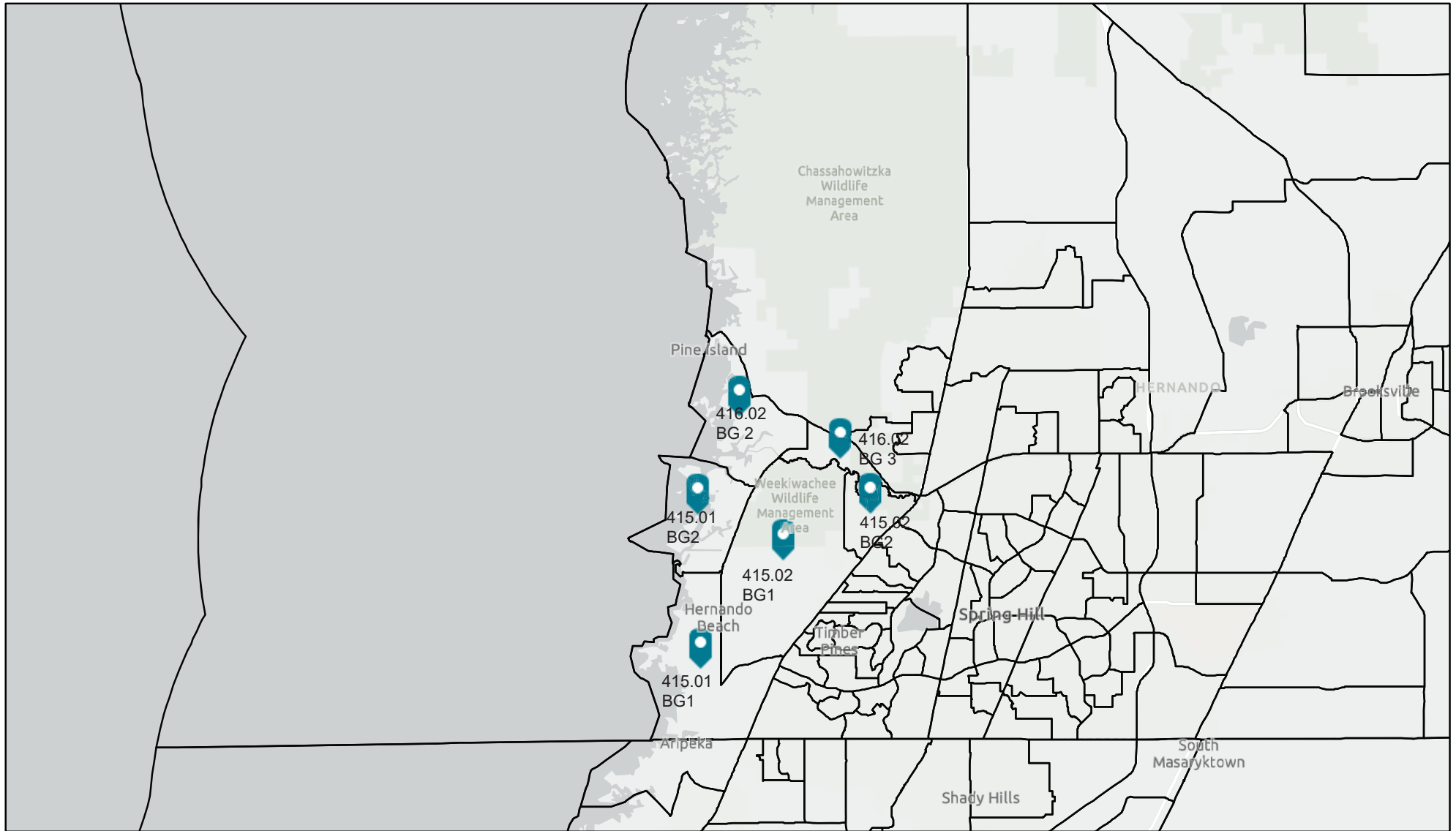
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ArcGIS Web Map



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 LMISD by Block Groups



1:230,313
0 1.75 3.5 7 mi
0 2.75 5.5 11 km

Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

Coastal Waterways Building

Census Tract	Block Group	LMI%	TOTAL LMI	Total Low	Total Moderate	total population of service area
415.01	1	52%	1110	645	890	1710
415.01	2	36.70%	845	155	530	1445
416.02	2	76.50%	715	670	700	915
416.02	3	75.4	610	265	505	670
415.02	2	40.40%	905	380	1525	2240
415.02	1	63.10%	1230	900	1085	1720
TOTALS			5415	3015	5235	8700



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NO TOWERS
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LOW MID HIGH

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