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March 8, 2022

The Honorable Larry Harvey, Chairman
Putnam County Board of County Commissioners
2509 Crill Avenue
Palatka, FL 32177

SUBJECT: Environmental Review
Hurricane Matthew Infrastructure – St. Johns Avenue Drainage Improvements
Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR)
HUD/State Identification Number: B-16-DM-12-0001
DEO Agreement Number: HM007

Dear Chairman Harvey,

The initial environmental review conducted by Putnam County concluded a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) related to the St. Johns Avenue Drainage Improvements project. As required under 24 CFR 58.47, the responsible entity (the County) is to conduct a re-evaluation of the project's environmental standing when activities not covered in the initial review are added. At the conclusion of the re-evaluation, the County must determine whether the original FONSI determination remains valid. A previous re-evaluation of this project was reviewed and subsequently approved by DEO on September 8, 2021.

On February 22, 2022, DEO received the updated Environmental Review Record (ERR) from Putnam County related to the St. Johns Avenue Drainage project. The updated ERR evaluates the use of \$1,500,000 in additional CDBG-DR funds to extend the previously approved large trunk line at the center of St. Johns Avenue further east and extend the drainage conveyance improvements from the primary outfall to Skeet Club Road. DEO issued a request for additional information on March 2, 2022 and responsive documentation was received from Putnam County on March 7, 2022.

Based on the ERR received on February 22, 2022 and the additional documentation provided, the County completed the required re-evaluation process and concluded there were no changes to the original FONSI determination status. Therefore, the County may continue with the additional proposed activities under the Authority to Use Grant funds issued October 20, 2020.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Melissa Recks, Environmental Program Manager, at (850) 921-3267 or by email at Melissa.Recks@deo.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Butler', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Ryan Butler
Chief of Administration
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