

# CDBG-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Community Meeting Summary October 19, 2023



East Orange Community Center - 6 p.m.  
12050 E Colonial Dr.  
Orlando, FL 32826

Persons in attendance:  
12

## Comments/Concerns/Clarifications

- **Areas impacted:** High Point Subdivision, Eastwood development/golf course, Dockside at Ventura, Alafaya Trail and adjacent areas, Econlockhatchee River basin.
- **Infrastructure:** Stormwater and waste management facilities/improvements are needed to meet the needs of new developments and to address aging facilities. The area needs more of water reclamation centers. The area is losing wetlands to overdevelopment along Colonial Drive/near Econlockhatchee River area.
- **Mitigation:** Eastwood development - high elevation of the golf course sends water runoff into surrounding neighborhoods; the golf course owner is not maintaining the pump system. What can be done to ensure private property owners and HOAs maintain stormwater management equipment? Poor maintenance/lack of maintenance impact neighboring properties and communities.
- **Funding eligibility:** Can HOAs access CDBG-DR funds? **Ans:** CDBG eligibility is based on an individual eligibility (ex. low-income homeowners, seniors, persons with disabilities, etc.) and/or an area eligibility (area contains  $\geq$  51% of low-income residents). Private HOAs may not qualify.
- **Post-disaster/Housing repairs:** Residents just above the HUD-published income limit who suffered catastrophic damage need funding for repairs/rehab. The County's Homeowner Rehab and SHIP Disaster Rehab programs are currently available and may be able to assist with repairs. The County also partners with nonprofits to offer minor rehab/roof repair programs for qualified homeowners.
- **Housing/New construction:** Some residents might need temporary housing while rebuilding/rehab is in progress. The County should invest in building affordable housing in more prosperous areas vs. low-income areas. Mixed-income housing model is needed. Need to revitalize existing structures and reclaim space/land in underdeveloped areas closer to the downtown core, area that already are close to jobs and transportation routes and have infrastructure capacity in place.

## Priorities Identified

### **HOUSING - 11**

New construction - 2  
Homeownership assistance - 2  
Rental assistance - 1  
Rehabilitation/Reconstruction - 2  
Property buyout - 4  
Other - 0

### **INFRASTRUCTURE - 15**

Public facilities - 1  
Drainage/Utilities - 7  
Water and wastewater facilities - 7  
Other - 0

### **ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION - 0**

Business retention program(s) - 0  
Loans and grants to businesses - 0

### **PUBLIC SERVICES - 1**

Legal assistance - 1  
Housing counseling - 0  
Mental/Health services - 0  
Housing stability services - 0  
Job training/Placement - 0  
Other - 0

