

## FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received the subgrant application for Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens to repair pathway damage sustained during Hurricane Irma debris removal activities (DR-4337-FL PW 03495). Pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR Part 9.12, final notice is hereby given of FEMA's intent to provide funding for this project under the Public Assistance (PA) Program.

An initial disaster-wide Public Notice was published on October 6, 2017 for Hurricane Irma. Comments and other information received were fully evaluated by FEMA along with evaluation of social, economic, environmental, and safety considerations. This notice serves as a project-specific final notice for FEMA's funding action located within the floodplain. FEMA has determined that the only practicable alternative is to repair the pathway at its original location within the floodplain due to the need for the facility to service the Botanical Garden.

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. This action complies with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

- Responsible Entity:** FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Applicant:** Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
- Project Title(s):** PA-04-FL-4337-PW-04395; PN 42358 – Fairfield Tropical Botanic Damage to Garden Path
- Location of Proposed Work:** 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gardens, FL 33156 (25.67865, -80.27366).
- Floodplain:** Project is located in an AE Zone per Miami-Dade County FIRM Panel #12086C0467L, dated 09/11/2009.
- Proposed Work and Purpose:** The applicant proposes to repair or replace 2.1 miles of asphalt pathways back to pre-disaster design, function and capacity within the existing footprint.
- Project Alternatives:** The alternative that has been considered is the no action alternative. This alternative is not feasible since the purpose of the facility is to allow safe, barrier free access to the Botanical Garden. With the no action alternative, pedestrian safety and access would be impaired. Alternate locations were not considered as the pathway is for an existing facility.
- Comments:** This will serve as the final public notice regarding the above-described action funded by the FEMA PA program. Interested persons submit comments, questions, or request a map of this specific project by writing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 4, 3003 Chamblee-Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, calling 770-220-5432, or by emailing FEMA-R4EHP@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be sent in writing with the subject line FL-4337-PW-04395, Miami-Dade County at the above address within 15 days of the date of this notice.