

PUBLIC NOTICE

To the Residents of Charlotte County, Florida and Interested Citizens:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the replacement of Charlotte County's Fire Station #7.

Charlotte County Fire Station #7 was located at 3624 Ash Street, Punta Gorda, FL. The 44 feet by 66 feet building was destroyed by Hurricane Charley on August 13, 2004. Charlotte County is proposing to rebuild Fire Station #7 at a new location at the intersection of Mooney Ave. and Golf Course Blvd. at the Charlotte County Airport, Punta Gorda, Florida. The proposed new building will be larger in size, measuring 80 feet by 80 feet for a total of 6400 square feet.

The EA is currently in draft form and is available for your review. The Draft EA addresses a number of topics including the feasible alternatives under consideration and environmental impacts of the Proposed Action and alternatives. The Draft EA indicates that there are no significant adverse impacts from the Proposed Action. The public is being invited to comment on the project. If no substantive comments are received following agency and public review, the Draft EA will be considered the Final EA and no additional information will be incorporated.

It is important that we receive your input on the Draft EA to assure that we have addressed the specific issues and concerns that the residents of Charlotte County and the State of Florida believe are important. An information repository has been set up at the following location for you to review the Draft EA:

Punta Gorda Library
424 West Henry Street
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

In addition <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm> is the internet location where the document may be viewed online.

You can provide us with comments on the EA by mailing, faxing, calling or emailing your comments to the following address:

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Florida Long Term Recovery Office
36 Skyline Drive
Lake Mary, Florida 32746
Attention: Mr. Richard Myers, Environmental
Liaison Officer
PHONE: 309-230-2398
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Andrew Baker, Facilities Director –
941-743-1392
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We will need to receive your comments by Wednesday, January 3, 2007. We look forward to your input.