



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303**

**PRELIMINARY FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

To: All Interested Persons

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Parts 1500 – 1508) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) procedures for implementing NEPA (40 CFR Part 6), the EPA completed an independent environmental review of the proposed project as described below:

Project Name: Seminole County Government for Little Wekiva River Restoration Project

Name and Address of Applicant: Seminole County, 200 W County Home Road, Sanford, FL 32773

Project Location: Longwood, FL

EPA Community Grant Amount: \$688,000

**Background**

The Fiscal Year 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103) included Congressional funding for water infrastructure projects which are awarded through the EPA Community Grant Program. Seminole County was designated to receive appropriations funding support from the EPA for the Seminole County Government for Little Wekiva River Restoration Project (the Proposed Action). The Proposed Action is located in a portion of the Little Wekiva River adjacent to Delk Road in Longwood, Seminole County, Florida. The start and stop coordinate locations for the river segment are 28.713419, -81.398467 and 28.722337, -81.398592, respectively. The Proposed Action includes habitat restoration along a 3,500-foot-long section of the Little Wekiva River to address excessive sedimentation and proliferation of invasive vegetation. Project activities include removal of invasive, nuisance, and exotic vegetation within the river channel and adjacent areas through chemical methods, followed by mechanical removal; dredging and removal of accumulated sediments within the river channel and adjacent areas to restore the river's historic natural cross section and meanders; and replanting native vegetation within the river channel and adjacent areas to enhance biodiversity and stabilize the banks for sediment and erosion control.

## **Environmental Review**

The EPA completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project and, based on the environmental impacts described in the EA (Enclosure 1), determined that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated from the issuance of the grant and the Proposed Action does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, making the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) unnecessary. Therefore, the EPA is issuing this preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to document this determination.

This preliminary FONSI determination will be made available for a 30-day public comment period as required by 40 CFR Part 6.203. An electronic copy of the EA is available for download from the EPA's NEPA Compliance Database at <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-ii/public/action/nepa/search>.

Comments regarding this preliminary decision may be submitted for consideration to:

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After evaluating any comments received, the EPA will make a final decision. This preliminary decision and finding will then become final after the 30-day comment period expires if no new significant information is provided to alter this finding.

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Enclosure: Environmental Assessment of Seminole County Government for Little Wekiva River Restoration Project