

National Endowment of the Humanities

Public Notice

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment and Floodplain Notice

for

CasaCuba: A Leading Center to Foster Global Understanding and Collaboration on Cuban and Cuban American Affairs

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Florida International University (FIU) has conditionally received a Challenge Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grant (CHA-264405) from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). FIU proposes to build CasaCuba, an approximately 57,876 gross-square-foot humanities center located at FIU's Modesto A. Maidique campus in Miami, FL. 11200 SW 8th Street Miami, FL, 33199. The proposed construction will take place on a +/-2.36-acre site, located to the west of SW 107th Avenue between SW 16th Street and SW 17th Street.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and NEH's implementing guidance, an EA is being prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed alternatives on the human and natural environments. This public notice invites public comments on the proposed project in accordance with NEPA and Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.

The approved building program, design guidelines and other information for this proposed project are available at <https://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/BT-925.htm>. Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Florida International University, Attn: Stuart Grant, Facilities Planning Coordinator, stuart.grant@fiu.edu.

The draft EA and floodplain notice are available online at <https://www.neh.gov/our-work/historic-preservation-environmental> for review between November 3 and December 4, 2020. Written comments regarding this environmental action should be submitted no later than 5 pm on December 4, 2020, to Ann Piesen, NEH Federal Preservation and Environmental Officer at apiesen@neh.gov.

If no substantive comments are received by this deadline, the draft EA and associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will become final and be published by NEH. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.