

April 19, 2022 5:30pm Zoom meeting with Chief Bruce Evans of the UPRFPD

Chief Evans presentation of the BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) grant had very useful information for those Forest Lakes residents interested in mitigating their homes. It is a private property matching fund for infrastructure/dwellings.

Residents can get a 75%/25% cost share for improvements to windows, doors and decks. Possible roofs and siding in the future. That means the federal govt pays 75% of the cost and you pay 25%.

The timeline before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

1. A 3 page document needs to be filled out that the Upper Pine Fire Protection District will complete.
2. The State reviews
3. The federal FEMA review the grant then give the money to the State for disbursement.

What residents need to do?

1. Make sure you are on the list that the UPRFPD has compiled with FL residents interested in doing this. Contact Upper Pine directly at this point.
2. In an e-mail (e-mail address will be supplied at a later date) your address for home value evaluation.
3. Get estimates on the work you would like preformed. New deck with Trex (or similar), Duo or triple pane windows and sliding glass doors.

With that data the UPRFPD can add the information into a BCA calculator and submit it to FEMA. The more residents we have that are interested, the better chance we have to win the grant.

With this information we can possibly get bulk pricing on materials to save even more money.

Spread the word!!

That's pretty much what was discussed at the zoom meeting. The Forest Lakes website will have updates in the future!