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City of Indian Rocks Beach Invests in AquaFence Flood Protection for City Hall Complex

The City of Indian Rocks Beach is strengthening the resilience of its City Hall Complex through the implementation of the AquaFence Flood Protection Project.

The City received a State Legislature Grant to help fund the project, which will provide a reusable and rapidly deployable flood barrier system designed to protect the City Hall Complex from storm surge and flooding during severe weather events.

Protecting this critical facility will help reduce potential storm damage and allow City operations and essential services to resume more efficiently following a hurricane or other significant flooding event.

Funding for the AquaFence Flood Protection Project is a cooperative cost-sharing effort between the State of Florida and the City of Indian Rocks Beach:

- **State funding:** \$476,250
- **City funding:** \$378,750
- **Total estimated project cost:** \$855,000

The selected AquaFence system has been tested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and is compliant with Federal Emergency Management Agency standards. Unlike permanent flood barriers, the system can be deployed when severe weather threatens and removed and stored once the threat has passed.

The AquaFence represents another important step in the City's ongoing efforts to improve storm preparedness, protect public infrastructure and strengthen the community's ability to recover following a major weather event.

The City remains committed to pursuing responsible and innovative measures that strengthen local resilience while maximizing outside funding opportunities and reducing the financial impact on City taxpayers.

For additional information about the AquaFence Flood Protection Project and the City's hurricane preparedness initiatives, visit www.indian-rocks-beach.com or call City Hall at 727-595-2517.