

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

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To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Charles Richman, Commissioner, has determined that the following proposed action under the Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Program is located in the 100-year floodplain, and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed activity consists of improvements to an existing storm water management system known as the Baltic Canal. Construction will include reconstruction of 50 Linear Feet of the existing canal and installation of storm water pumps. Additionally, two new generators will be installed to provide power to the pump system and an electrical control building will be constructed to contain all system controls. The proposed project is located at Atlantis Avenue and Beach Thorofare in Atlantic City, Atlantic County.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by New Jersey Department of Community Affairs at the following address on or before February 8, 2016, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later. DCA encourages electronic submittal of comments at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: Laura Shea, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800.

Commissioner Charles A. Richman
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs