

**EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED  
ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN  
ATLANTIC COUNTY**

June 26, 2014

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups & Individuals

This is to give notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on behalf of the Responsible Entity, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA), has determined that the following proposed actions under the Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program (NCR) that provides funds for projects that contribute to economic revitalization throughout New Jersey, are located in the 100-year floodplain. NJDEP will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the actions 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.

Proposed action:

NCR39448 - The proposed project runs from Douglas Avenue to Essex Avenue (north side); from Essex Avenue to Exeter Avenue (north side); from Benson Avenue to Decatur Avenue (north side); and from Adams Avenue to Jefferson Avenue (north side) in the City of Margate in Atlantic County. The proposed project includes replacing the sidewalk and driveways with decorative brick pavers and installing street lighting, landscaping, and street furniture. Streetlights, each consisting of a single lamp and hanging floral baskets, will provide lighting for pedestrians. Street trees with tree grates will be installed along the curb line. The base of the sidewalk pavers will be concrete to prevent heaving due to extreme weather conditions. Handicapped ramps at the corners of Ventnor Avenue will be checked for ADA compliance and will be replaced if needed. The project is located entirely within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zones "AE (EL 9)", "AE (EL 10)", and "AE (EL 11)" Zone floodplains, as shown on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 453 of 457 Map Number 34001C0453F and Panel 434 of 457 Map Number 34001C0434F, both revised May 30, 2014.

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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public education tool. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 NJDCA on or before July 12, 2014. NJDCA encourages electronic submittal of comments at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 by July 12, 2014. The Notice can be viewed at NJDCA during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Further information can be found on the Department's web site at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>.

Bob Martin, Commissioner, NJDEP