

**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 the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on behalf of the Responsible Entity, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), has determined that the following proposed action under the Stronger New Jersey Neighborhood and Community Revitalization (NCR) program is located in the 100-year floodplain. NJDEP will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain along with 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 NCR program funds projects that contribute to economic revitalization throughout New Jersey. These projects are commercial or mixed use projects, typically development and public improvement or streetscape revitalization.

NCR39567 Perth Amboy Beach Revitalization Project:

The 47.87 acre proposed action site is located at the City of Perth Amboy Beach, Perth Amboy City, Middlesex County, New Jersey and is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area, Zones "AE" and "VE" as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 69 of 286, Map Number 34023C0069F, effective July 6, 2010, and FEMA FIRM Panel 157 of 286, Map Number 34023C0157F, effective July 6, 2010. The proposed project will involve repairs and new improvements to a public facility with no change in land use. Repairs and improvements will include refurbishing the boat ramp and installing a new rack for kayaks and canoes near Second Street as well as a new installation of six volleyball courts and bleachers on the beach. A new public restroom will be constructed on the park area adjacent to the beach in addition to two seasonal open beach wash-down stations installed at the ramps. Other improvements include four drinking fountains and five new tennis courts to replace five of the existing courts. Improvements taking place at the northern portion of the proposed action site, Bayview Park, will include terracing the park to mitigate future erosion, installing ADA access ramps, and reconstructing a 6' wide and 6" thick sidewalk on Front Street. New curbs, striping, signage, and landscaping with drip irrigation will be installed. Damaged public lighting will also be replaced. A Tideflex valve will be installed on the pipes discharging into Staten Island South which will prevent water from entering during high tide or storm surges. The result of project activities will be a new and improved waterfront.

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 educational tool. 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. 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 NJDCA on or before March 12, 2015. 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. The full file may also be reviewed at NJDCA from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Further information can be found on the DCA website: [www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/](http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/).

Bob Martin, Commissioner, NJDEP