

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

November 10, 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 Economic Development Agency (NJEDA), has determined that the following proposed actions under the Neighborhood Community Revitalization Program (NCR) are located in the 100-year floodplain, and 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 actions, 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 the economic revitalization throughout New Jersey. These projects are commercial or mixed use projects, typically development and public improvement or streetscape revitalization.

Proposed NCR Project Number NCR39808: Replacement and enhancement of existing crossovers along a 10-block section between 10th Street South (at the south end) and Vernon Place (at the north end). Existing 3- to 4-foot wide timber crossovers, where present, will be removed and replaced with dense graded aggregate (DGA) paths 10 feet wide, flanked by post-and-rail fences that are intended to protect adjoining dune areas from foot traffic. Paths will include offsets to reduce their tendency to serve as channels for storm surges. Mobility mats will be purchased and installed seasonally from the ends of the paths toward the surf for rollout access for pedestrians, wheelchair users, strollers, and other light vehicles. Additionally, 340 linear feet of 24-inch perforated pipe will be installed in 4th Street South and inlets to improve local stormwater drainage. This project element will be located in 4th Street South approximately between West Brigantine Avenue and the street end of the 4th Street South crossover path. All project areas are located within the Flood Hazard Area Zone V10, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) number 345286 0002 D dated July 15, 1992.

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 November 25, 2014. Please identify which proposed action is being commented on in your comments. 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 St., PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 by November 25, 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 DCA web site at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>.

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