

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

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on behalf of the Responsible Entity, the Economic Development Authority (EDA), has determined that the following proposed activities under the Stronger New Jersey Neighborhood and Community Revitalization (NCR) Program and B-13-DS-34-0001 are located in the 100-year floodplain, and NJDEP will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the activities in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed activities, 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.

NCR Proposed Project:

NCR40029 – The proposed activities will include reconstruction and improvements to five different roads – Kero Road, Jomike Court, Barell Avenue, Eastern Way, and Starke Road – as well as associated drainage inlets within the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey. Additionally, storm water system improvements will be completed at 455 16th Street. Several of the locations will be constructed entirely within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), while other locations are partially within the SFHA. Starke Road and 455 16th Street are entirely within the SFHA Floodplain Zone “AE,” as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 254 of 332, Map Number 34003C0254G, effective September 30, 2005. Kero Road, Eastern Way, Barell Avenue, and Jomike Court are all partially within the SFHA Floodplain Zone “AE,” as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 258 of 332, Map Number 34003C0258G, effective September 30, 2005. The scope of the project will include the reconstruction of various outfalls, the installation of a backflow preventer/check valve, the purchase of equipment for ongoing maintenance, the purchase of Tiger Dams, and the repaving of roadway surfaces. All of the combined reconstruction activities will address the damage to the drainage system and roads caused by Superstorm Sandy and associated flooding events. These improvements do not involve any change in land use, will allow for the continued safe use of these roadways during future potential flooding events, and will effectively reduce damage from flooding to nearby public and private infrastructure by allowing for proper and timely storm water drainage.

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 activity 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 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs at the following address on or before February 21, 2015: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800, Attention: Stacy

Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>. Further information can be found on the DCA website: www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/. Comments may also be submitted via email at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyassistance.html>.

Commissioner Richard E. Constable, III
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

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