

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

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This is to give notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), as the responsible party under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, has determined that the following proposed action is located in the 100-year floodplain, and that DCA 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 project is being considered for funding under the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Relief (CDBG-DR) Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2; January 29, 2013).

The proposed project will involve the rehabilitation of six rental housing units damaged during Super Storm Sandy. The proposed project includes the rehabilitation of three, two-unit residential structures. The 0.09-acre property site is entirely within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone "AE" Zone floodplain, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 329 of 611, Map Number 34029C0329F, effective September 29, 2006. The proposed project is located at 65 Sampson Avenue, Seaside Heights, Ocean County, New Jersey.

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 DCA at the following address on or before April 19, 2014. All comments should be submitted to Stacy Bonaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyassistance.html>.

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