

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

September 24, 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, has determined that the following proposed action under the following programs: Landlord Rental Repair Program (LRRP) and Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, Elevation, Mitigation (RREM) Program, is located in the 100-year floodplain, and NJDEP 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.

LRRP & RREM Proposed Project:

SRP0043851 / RRE0013807-The 0.125 acre property site located at 20 Sampson Avenue, Seaside Heights Borough, Ocean County, New Jersey 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 includes reconstruction and elevation of a six-unit apartment complex under dual applications SRP0043851 and RRE0013807. Reconstruction activities will include the combination of two of the six-units into a larger owner occupied unit while the remaining four units will continue as rental units.

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 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs at the following address on or before October 9, 2014: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800, Attention: Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery. 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. Comments may also be submitted via email at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyassistance.html>.

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