

Rebuild by Design – Meadowlands Project Update

December 2015

In accordance with New Jersey's Action Plan Amendment 12 ([here](#)), NJDEP established an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) that includes the NJDEP Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner and Project Management Team along with the Mayors and other representatives from the municipalities of Moonachie, Little Ferry, South Hackensack, Teterboro and Carlstadt. The ESC also includes representatives from the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (formerly the NJ Meadowlands Commission) and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The ESC shares project updates and solicits input regarding the Rebuild by Design Meadowlands (RBDM) project.

In June 2015, the ESC formed an Outreach Subcommittee consisting of State and local officials tasked with developing a Citizen Outreach Plan (COP) and identifying citizens to serve on a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG). The COP will outline how the general public, municipal officials, community organizations and the academic community will engage and collaborate with the NJDEP in the RBDM planning, design and implementation processes. The CAG will consist of interested members of the public from the five (5) municipalities and will also include vulnerable and underserved populations, racial and ethnic minorities, persons with disabilities, and persons with limited English proficiency. Participants in the CAG will take part in meetings to help identify the unmet needs of the community. The ESC anticipates that the COP will be finalized in January 2015. Individuals from the five (5) municipalities that are interested in serving on the CAG are encouraged to immediately contact their Mayor's office or NJDEP's Office of Constituent Relations. The Office of Constituent Relations can be contacted via email at Kerry.Pflugh@dep.nj.gov or 609-633-7242.

On July 16, 2015, the State of New Jersey advertised a Request for Proposals seeking qualified contractors to engage in a competitive bid process for the Feasibility, Environmental Impact Statement, Design and Construction Administration Term Contract for the RBDM project. The contract was awarded on October 7, 2015, to AECOM and its team of sub-consultants. This team includes HDR, Inc., Dewberry Engineers, Matrix New World Engineering, HR&A Advisors, Robinson Aerial Surveys, Remora Consulting, Reichman Frankle, and Stevens Institute of Technology. On November 30, 2015, the State issued the first Work Order authorizing the AECOM Team to initiate work on components of the feasibility study and EIS/NEPA process. The State will issue subsequent Work Orders to carry the project through all phases of Feasibility, Environmental Impact Statement, Design and Construction Administration.

The State released a second RFP on October 22, 2015, seeking Construction Management Firms to assist NJDEP in managing the two RBD projects and other flood mitigation and environmental infrastructure projects within the State. Interested firms will submit bids by December 3, 2015. The State anticipates contract awards to be made on or after December 30, 2015. Contract awards will be made to multiple qualified firms resulting in a list of qualified CMFs. The State will release a mini-bid to the list of qualified CMFs seeking bids for the CMF

contract for the RBDM project. The State anticipates awarding the CMF contract in the first quarter of 2016.

The NJDEP, Office of Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Measures, RBDM webpage (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/floodhazard/rbd-meadowlands.htm>) has a link to a “listserv” that will email project updates as they become available. To receive email updates:

- exit this Project Update document
- click on the link for “Get email updates on Rebuild by Design - Meadowlands”
- a new screen will open where you may enter your email address
- click “OK”

Within several minutes you will receive an email confirmation stating that you are successfully signed up for RBDM project updates. To receive updates for both RBD projects you must sign up for each listserv.

For more information on the RBDM project visit:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/floodhazard/rbdmeadowlands.htm>.

For more information on HUD’s Rebuild by Design competition visit:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/sandyrebuilding/rebuildbydesign>