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Media Advisory/Photo and Video Opportunities ***Thursday, February 23***

DEP TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE FOR PUBLIC TO LEARN ABOUT FLOOD RESILIENCY PLANNING PROCESS FOR TWO RIVERS COMMUNITIES

TRENTON – On Thursday, February 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the lobby of the Two River Theater in Red Bank, the Department of Environmental Protection will host an event for the public to offer input about flooding concerns in the Two Rivers region and learn what steps are being taken to improve flooding resiliency in the area.

The open house will feature booths where the public can learn about flood resiliency efforts, sealevel rise, ecology basics and more.

The open house is part of the DEP's New Jersey Fostering Regional Adaptation through Municipal Economic Scenarios (NJ FRAMES) project, which aims to help officials in the region understand the impacts of flood resiliency decisions in the communities surrounding the Navesink and Shrewsbury rivers.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) a year ago awarded New Jersey a \$900,000 Regional Coastal Resilience Grant to help the 15 municipalities in northeastern Monmouth County develop a regional plan to address the potential impacts of storm surge and other coastal hazards.

The Two River Theater is at 21 Bridge Avenue in Red Bank.

Directions from Garden State Parkway:

- Take Exit 109 toward Red Bank/Lincroft
- Go three-tenths of a mile and turn left onto Route 520/Newman Springs Road
- Go three-tenths of a mile and turn left onto Half Mile Road
- Go six-tenths of a mile and turn right onto West Front Street
- Go 1.2 miles and and turn left onto Bridge Avenue. Destination is on the left.