

**8-Step Decision-Making Process
for
Atlantic City Bulkheads
City of Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey**

May 2020

Introduction

On October 29, 2012, Superstorm Sandy made landfall over the New Jersey coast. The storm surge inundated and severely affected the State's shoreline from Cape May to Raritan Bay, along the Hudson River, and on the estuaries connecting to Raritan Bay and Newark Bay. Other overland flooding, wind damage and an ensuing snowstorm further damaged these communities as well as other communities throughout New Jersey.

This document summarizes the 8-step floodplain decision-making process completed for the Atlantic City (AC) Bulkheads project proposed by the City of Atlantic City. The proposed project involves the removal of nine (9) sections of wooden bulkhead and replacing it with modern corrugated reinforced steel bulkheads, or a similar design contingent on the engineering. The project will create one (1) new section of bulkhead along North Dover Road, approximately 90 feet in length. The project is designed to rehabilitate, repair, replace and build approximately 0.412 miles of new bulkhead along Atlantic City's Back Bay which connects Absecon Bay to Shelter Island Bay. This project area is made up of several noncontiguous spans of City owned bulkhead in the Lower Chelsea neighborhood. The current bulkheads are in poor condition, having sustained damage during the flooding of Superstorm Sandy. Most of the bulkheads are still standing, however the existing bulkheads no longer provide adequate protection from rising tides and flood water which has heavily impacted the land adjacent to the bulkheads, causing portions of the sidewalk to fail.

Funding would be provided under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program. The decision-making process follows the eight steps prescribed in 24 CFR 55.20.

Step 1 – Determine whether the proposed action is located in a 100-year floodplain.

The entire project, approximately 0.75 acres is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone A8, as shown on the FEMA FRIM number 3452780004D dated August 15, 1983.

Step 2 – Notify the public for early review of the proposal and involve the affected and interested public in the decision-making process.

A public notice of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' (NJDEA) intent to consider funding the proposed project in the 100-year floodplain was published in the *Press of Atlantic City* on June 8, 2020, and a Spanish translation of the notice was published in the *El Diario* on June 8, 2020. A copy of the public notice and proofs of publication are attached. As required by regulation, the notice also included the name, proposed location, description of the proposed project, and the NJDEA contact for information, as well as the location and hours. A copy of the notice was emailed on June 8, 2020 to agencies known to have an interest in floodplain activities.

No comments were received within the 15-day comment period required by 24 CFR 55.20(b) (see attached no comments received emails).

Step 3 – Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives.

Being on a barrier island, practically the entire City is in the 100-year floodplain and the proposed project could not meet its purpose and need without being located in the 100-year floodplain. The proposed project would address the need to address failing bulkheads in the City's Lower Chelsea neighborhood. There is not a practicable alternative to relocate the project outside of the 100-year floodplain other than the "no-build" alternative. The no-build alternative

would permit the bulkheads to continue to deteriorate and be exposed to impact from future flood events, possibly resulting in damage to property impacting public safety.

Step 4 – Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts associated with the occupancy or modification of the floodplain.

The proposed project would not increase floodplain occupancy because the proposed project area is already developed and within the 100-year floodplain. The project will not have any adverse impacts to flood level, flood risk, or the flow of floodwaters and comply with all federal, state, and local floodplain protection procedures.

Step 5 – Where practicable, design or modify the proposed action to minimize the potential adverse impacts to lives, property, and natural values within the floodplain, and to restore and preserve the values of the floodplain.

The proposed project is located in a tidal floodplain, which is heavily developed. The proposed project is not expected to add additional negative impacts to lives, property and natural values within the floodplain. The proposed project would address the need to restore failing bulkheads damaged by Superstorm Sandy and similar storm events.

Step 6 – Reevaluate the alternatives.

The analysis in Steps 4 and 5 provides no basis for modifying the preliminary conclusion reached in Step 3. Being on a barrier island, practically the entire City is in the 100-year floodplain and the proposed project could not meet its purpose and need without being located in the 100-year floodplain. Therefore, the 100-year floodplain cannot be avoided, and no practicable alternatives exist outside of the 100-year floodplain. In the absence of the proposed project, the nine sections of bulkhead would continue to deteriorate and be exposed to impacts from flood events. Proposed mitigation measures, identified in Step 5, are intended to avoid and/or minimize potential impacts to the floodplain.

Step 7 – Determination of no practicable alternative.

There is no practicable alternative to locating the proposed project in the floodplain. This is due to 1) the need to address inadequacies in bulkhead system located in the City's Lower Chelsea neighborhood of Atlantic City, and 2) the ability to mitigate and minimize impacts on floodplain values.

A final notice of the NJDCA's intent to fund the proposed project in the 100-year floodplain will be published in the *Press of Atlantic City* and the *El Diario* as part of a combined notice with the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds. The combined notice will provide a 15-day comment period. All comments received during the comment period will be responded to and taken into consideration prior to the implementation of the proposed project.

Step 8 – Implement the proposed action.

Step 8 is the implementation of the proposed project. NJDCA will ensure that the mitigating measures identified in the steps above are implemented.

AVISO ANTICIPADO DE ACTIVIDADES PROPUESTAS CON EL POTENCIAL DE IMPACTAR PLANICIES DE INUNDACIÓN CIUDAD DE ATLANTIC CITY CONDADO DE ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

FECHA: 8 de junio de 2020

Este Aviso está relacionado a la asistencia Federal proporcionada en respuesta al desastre declarado por el Presidente, Súper Tormenta Sandy. Esto da aviso que el Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de New Jersey (DCA, por sus siglas en inglés) ha determinado que la siguiente acción propuesta bajo el Programa de Resiliencia de Atlantic City, desarrollado por el estado para abordar las necesidades no satisfechas que quedan tras la Súper Tormenta Sandy y ayudar a mitigar las inundaciones repetitivas, se encuentra en la planicie de inundación correspondiente a 100 años. DCA identificará y evaluará las alternativas viables para ubicar la acción en la planicie de inundación y analizará los impactos potenciales sobre la planicie de inundación de la acción propuesta, como es requerido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988, de conformidad con las regulaciones del Departamento de Desarrollo Urbano y de la Vivienda de Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés) de acuerdo al título 24 del Código de las Regulaciones Federales, Parte 55.20 Sub-parte C, Procedimientos para Tomar Determinaciones en cuanto al Manejo de Planicies de Inundación y la Protección de Humedales.

El DCA como la Entidad Responsable designada por HUD, ha solicitado de la Ciudad de Atlantic City realice el nivel de revisión ambiental apropiado para evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales asociados con los proyectos de mitigación de inundaciones que se describen a continuación. Todos los proyectos están ubicados dentro de la planicie de inundación correspondiente a 100 años (es decir, una probabilidad de uno por ciento anual). Las acciones propuestas no contribuirían a ninguna pérdida medible con respecto a la capacidad de control de inundaciones; mejoraría la gestión de aguas de tormenta y reduciría las inundaciones durante fuertes lluvias y eventos de mareas altas.

Descripción del Proyecto

ID de la Aplicación: Mamparos South Blvd. AC

El proyecto propuesto está ubicado en South Blvd. desde North Raleigh Ave. hasta North Dover Ave. Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

El proyecto propuesto implica la eliminación de la berma y la construcción de aproximadamente 900 metros lineales de nuevo mamparo en una sección en la costa interna de Thorofare en South Blvd. en Chelsea Heights que actualmente no tiene mamparos en su lugar. Los nuevos mamparos serían instalados en una altura de al menos 8.5 pies NAVD88. El proyecto está ubicado en la Cuadra 356, Lotes 1-5 y Cuadra 357, Lotes 1-9. Esta área está sujeta a inundaciones regulares, las cuales causan una erosión significativa. Una vez completado, el mamparo de South Blvd. protegerá el área de inundaciones. Este proyecto será completado junto con la eliminación y reparación de la berma existente y medios mixtos combinados. Toda el área del proyecto, de aproximadamente 0.48 acres está situada dentro de la Zona V10 del Área Especial de Peligro de Inundación como se muestra en el Mapa de Índices de Seguro contra Inundaciones número 3452780004D de la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA, por sus siglas en inglés) fechada el 15 de agosto de 1983. La Ciudad de Atlantic City preparará una Evaluación Ambiental (EA, por sus siglas en inglés) para evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales asociados con el proyecto de Mamparos South Blvd. AC.

Descripción del Proyecto

ID de la Aplicación: Cuenca de Gardner AC

El proyecto propuesto está ubicado en: 800 North New Hampshire Ave. Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

La Marina de la Cuenca de Gardner será dragada a una profundidad propuesta de 6 pies por debajo del nivel medio de marea baja o mayor si es permitido. La pérdida de profundidad en la marina ocurrió como resultado de la deposición de sedimentos de la Súper Tormenta Sandy. El área de dragado incluye la marina, y el canal de acceso a Absecon Inlet, si es necesario. El material dragado será eliminado en una instalación/sitio a ser determinado. Una sección importante del mamparo propiedad de la Ciudad está colapsando en el agua, presentando riesgos ambientales y peatonales y contribuyendo a las inundaciones. El proyecto

incluirá la eliminación o reparación del mamparo/malecón de madera, y si es necesario, el reemplazo con mamparos modernos de acero corrugado reforzado y el dragado de materiales alrededor de las tuberías de salida. El sitio del proyecto está ubicado en la Cuadra Block 103, Lote 6. Toda la propiedad del proyecto, de aproximadamente 11.6 acres, está situado dentro de la Zona V10 del Área Especial de Peligro de Inundación, como se muestra en los números 3452780005D de FIRM de FEMA, fechado el 15 de agosto de 1983. La Ciudad de Atlantic City preparará la Exclusión Categórica Sujeta A (CEST, por sus siglas en inglés) para evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales asociados con el proyecto Cuenca de Gardner AC.

Descripción del Proyecto

ID de la Aplicación: Mamparos AC (Ciudad de Atlantic City en Mamparos de Lower Chelsea)

El proyecto propuesto está ubicado en: North Jackson Ave. a North Trenton Ave. Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

El propósito propuesto implica la eliminación de 9 secciones de mamparos de madera y reemplazarlos con mamparos modernos de acero corrugado reforzado, o un diseño similar en función de ingeniería. El proyecto creará 1 nueva sección de mamparo a lo largo de North Dover Rd., de aproximadamente 90 pies de largo. El proyecto está diseñado para rehabilitar, reparar, reemplazar, y construir aproximadamente 0.42 millas de nuevos mamparos a lo largo de Bay Bay de Atlantic City, que conecta a Absecon Bay a Shelter Island Bay. Esta área del proyecto está compuesta de varios tramos no continuos de mamparo propiedad de la Ciudad en el vecindario de Lower Chelsea. Los mamparos actuales están en malas condiciones, al haber sufrido daños durante la inundación de la Súper Tormenta Sandy. La mayor parte del mamparo sigue en pie; sin embargo, el mamparo existente ya no proporciona la protección adecuada contra el aumento de las mareas y las aguas de inundación, lo que ha impactado fuertemente la tierra adyacente al mamparo, causando que algunas partes de la acera fallen. Toda la propiedad del proyecto, aproximadamente 0.75 acres, está ubicado dentro de la Zona A8 del Área Especial Contra Inundaciones, como se muestra en los números 3452780004D de FIRM de FEMA con fecha el 15 de agosto de 1983.

La Ciudad de Atlantic City preparará una Evaluación Ambiental (EA, por sus siglas en inglés) para evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales asociados con el proyecto de Mamparos AC.

Descripción del Proyecto

ID de la Aplicación: Mamparo en Chelsea Ducktown AC

El proyecto propuesto está ubicado en: North Albany Bridge al Puente de la Autopista AC (Turnpike Ave) Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

El proyecto propuesto implica reemplazar el mamparo/malecón de madera propiedad de la Ciudad en Back Bay adyacente a Sunset Ave., entre la Autopista Atlantic City y Albany Ave. con mamparos modernos de acero corrugado reforzado de 8' o un diseño similar dependiente de la ingeniería. El proyecto para el reemplazo del mamparo se encuentra a lo largo de Back Bay en los vecindarios de Ducktown y Chelsea. El mamparo actual está en mal estado, abriendo sufrido daños sustanciales durante la inundación de la Súper Tormenta Sandy. La mayoría del mamparo sigue en pie; sin embargo, el mamparo existente ya no proporciona protección. Secciones de los mamparos están rotas o quebrados. El reemplazo de estos mamparos protegería las propiedades en las cercanías de Sunset Ave. de futuras inundaciones y tormentas, así como también rehabilitaría las áreas de tierra adyacentes que se están erosionando, que representan un peligro para el público. Toda la propiedad del proyecto, aproximadamente 2.96 acres, está ubicado dentro de la Zona A8 del Área Especial Contra Inundaciones, como se muestra en los números 3452780004D de FIRM de FEMA con fecha el 15 de agosto de 1983. La Ciudad de Atlantic City preparará una Evaluación Ambiental (EA, por sus siglas en inglés) para evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales asociados con el proyecto de Mamparo en Chelsea Ducktown AC.

Descripción del Proyecto

ID de la Aplicación: Intersecciones de AC

El proyecto propuesto está ubicado en: 28 Intersecciones Separadas Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

El proyecto propuesto incluye la inspección, actualización y reemplazo de señales de tráfico en 28 intersecciones separadas (aproximadamente 200 señales) en todo Atlantic City. El proyecto puede reemplazar los semáforos y postes, así como elevar las cajas de control. Toda la propiedad del proyecto está ubicada dentro de la Zona A8 del Área Especial Contra Inundaciones, como se muestra en los números 3452780004D de FIRM de FEMA y la zona V10 en 3452780005D fechado el 15 de agosto de 1983. La Ciudad de Atlantic City preparará la Exclusión Categórica Sujeta A (CEST, por sus siglas en inglés) para evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales asociados con el proyecto Intersecciones de AC.

Descripción del Proyecto

ID de la Aplicación: Válvulas de Retención SW AC

El proyecto propuesto está ubicado en: Vía Navegable Interna de Thorofare Absecon Bay y Shelter Island Bay Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

El proyecto de mejora propuesto incluye la inspección, diseño, y reemplazo de aproximadamente 100 válvulas de retención de aguas de tormenta ubicadas a lo largo de la vía navegable interna de Thorofare de Atlantic City. La vía navegable de Thorofare es un cuerpo de agua de marea que conecta a Absecon Bay y Shelter Island Bay. En años recientes, la Ciudad ha observado un incremento de inundaciones en áreas que utilizan estas válvulas en o cerca de sus puntos de descarga posiblemente debido al mal funcionamiento y/o válvulas de retención rotas. Todas las válvulas de retención propiedad de la Ciudad están ubicadas en propiedad pública. Toda la propiedad del proyecto está ubicada dentro de la Zona A8 del Área Especial Contra Inundaciones, como se muestra en los números 3452780004D de FIRM de FEMA y la zona V10 en 3452780005D fechado el 15 de agosto de 1983. La Ciudad de Atlantic City preparará la Exclusión Categórica Sujeta A (CEST, por sus siglas en inglés) para evaluar los posibles impactos ambientales asociados con el proyecto Válvulas de Retención SW AC.

Este aviso cumple con la Sección 2(a)(4) de EO 11988, la Sección 2(b) de EO 11990, y el Título 24 de CFR Parte 55.20. Hay tres propósitos principales para este aviso. Primero, las personas que pueden verse afectadas por las actividades en las planicies de inundación y aquellos que tienen un interés en la protección del medio ambiente natural se les debe de dar la oportunidad de expresar sus inquietudes y proporcionar información acerca de estas áreas. En segundo lugar, un programa adecuado de avisos públicos puede ser una herramienta educativa pública importante. Se alienta a las personas que comenten a ofrecer métodos alternativos para cumplir el mismo propósito del proyecto, y métodos para minimizar y mitigar los impactos. La difusión de información y el pedido de opiniones públicas acerca de las planicies de inundación y humedales pueden facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos Federales para reducir los riesgos e impactos asociados con la ocupación y modificación de estas áreas especiales. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de justicia, cuando el gobierno Federal determina que participará en acciones que tienen lugar en las planicies de inundación, debe informar a aquellos que puedan ponerse en riesgos mayores o continuos.

Los comentarios escritos deben ser recibidos por DCA en o antes del 24 de junio de 2020 o quince (15) días de la fecha desde la fecha real de publicación, la que sea posterior. DCA alienta la presentación electrónica de los comentarios en <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>. Alternativamente, los comentarios pueden ser enviados en papel a: Samuel Viavattine, Director de la División de Recuperación de Sandy, Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de New Jersey, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800.

Samuel Viavattine, Oficial Certificador

Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de Nueva Jersey

**EARLY NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WITH THE
POTENTIAL TO IMPACT FLOODPLAINS
CITY OF ATLANTIC CITY
ATLANTIC COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

DATE: June 8, 2020

This Notice is related to Federal assistance provided in response to the Presidentially-declared disaster, Superstorm Sandy. This is to give notice that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has determined that the following proposed action under the Atlantic City Resilience Program, developed by the state to address unmet needs remaining in the wake of Superstorm Sandy and help mitigate against repetitive flooding, is located in the 100-year floodplain. DCA will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and analyzing 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 DCA as the Responsible Entity designated by HUD, has requested that the City of Atlantic City conduct the appropriate environmental level of review to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the flood mitigation projects described below. All projects are located within the 100-year (i.e., one percent annual chance) floodplain. The proposed actions would not contribute to any measurable loss with regard to flood control capacity; it would improve stormwater management and reduce flooding during heavy rainfall and high tide events.

Project Description

Application ID: AC South Blvd. Bulkheads

The proposed project is located at South Blvd. from North Raleigh Ave. to North Dover Ave. Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

The proposed project involves the removal of the berm and construction of approximately 900 linear feet of new bulkhead in a section of the inner Thorofare waterfront on South Blvd. in Chelsea Heights that currently does not have bulkheads in its place. The new bulkheads would be installed at an elevation of at least 8.5 feet NAVD88. The project is located at Block 356, Lots 1-5 and Block 357, Lots 1-9. This area is subject to regular flooding, which causes significant erosion. Once complete, the South Blvd. bulkhead will protect the area from flooding events. This project will be completed in conjunction with the removal and remediation of the existing berm and contaminated mixed media. The entire project area, approximately 0.48 acres is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone V10 as shown on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map number 3452780004D dated August 15, 1983. The City of Atlantic City will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the AC South Blvd Bulkheads project.

Project Description

Application ID: AC Gardner's Basin

The proposed project is located at: 800 North New Hampshire Ave. Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

The Gardner's Basin Marina will be dredged to a proposed depth of 6 feet below mean low water or greater if permissible. Loss of depth at the marina occurred as a result of sediment deposition from Superstorm Sandy. The area of dredging includes the marina, and the access channel to the Absecon Inlet, if needed. Dredge material will be disposed of at a facility/site to be determined. A significant section of the City-owned bulkhead is collapsing into the water, presenting environmental and pedestrian risks and

contributing to flooding. The project will include the removal or repair of the wooden bulkhead/seawall and if needed, the replacement with modern corrugated reinforced steel bulkheads and the dredging of materials around the outflow pipes. The project is located at Block 103, Lot 6. The entire project property, approximately 11.6 acres, is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone V10 as shown on FEMA FIRM numbers 3452780005D dated August 15, 1983. The City of Atlantic City will be preparing Categorical Exclusion Subject To (CEST) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the AC Gardner's Basin project.

Project Description

Application ID: AC Bulkheads (City of Atlantic City Lower Chelsea Bulkhead)

The proposed project is located at: North Jackson Ave. to North Trenton Ave. Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

The proposed project involves the removal of 9 sections of wooden bulkhead and replacing it with modern corrugated reinforced steel bulkheads, or a similar design contingent on engineering. The project will create 1 new section of bulkhead along North Dover Rd., approximately 90 feet in length. The project is designed to rehabilitate, repair, replace, and build approximately 0.42 miles of new bulkheads along Atlantic City's Back Bay, which connects Absecon Bay to Shelter Island Bay. This project area is made up of several non-continuous spans of City-owned bulkhead in the Lower Chelsea neighborhood. The current bulkheads are in poor condition, having sustained damage during the flooding of Superstorm Sandy. Most of the bulkhead is still standing; however, the existing bulkhead no longer provides adequate protection from rising tides and flood waters which has heavily impacted the land adjacent to the bulkhead, causing portions of the sidewalk to fail. The entire project property, approximately 0.75 acres, is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone A8 as shown on FEMA FIRM numbers 3452780004D dated August 15, 1983.

The City of Atlantic City will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the AC Bulkheads project.

Project Description

Application ID: AC Chelsea Ducktown Bulkhead

The proposed project is located at: North Albany Bridge to AC Expressway Bridge (Turnpike Ave) Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

The proposed project involves replacing City-owned wooden bulkhead/seawall in the Back Bay adjacent to Sunset Ave., between the Atlantic City Expressway and Albany Ave. with modern corrugated reinforced 8' high steel bulkheads or a similar design contingent on engineering. The project for the replacement of bulkhead is located along the Back Bay in the Ducktown and Chelsea neighborhoods. The current bulkhead is in poor condition, having sustained damage during the flooding of Superstorm Sandy. Most of the bulkhead is still standing however, the existing bulkhead no longer provides protection from rising tides and flood waters. Sections of the bulkheads are broken through or breached. The replacement of these bulkheads would protect the properties in the vicinity of Sunset Ave. from future flooding and storm events, as well as rehabilitate the adjacent land areas that are eroding, which pose a danger to the public. The entire project property, approximately 2.96 acres, is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone A8 as shown on FEMA FIRM number 3452780004D dated August 15, 1983. The City of Atlantic City will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the AC Chelsea Ducktown Bulkhead project.

Project Description

Application ID: AC Intersections

The proposed project is located at: 28 Separate Intersections Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

The proposed project includes the inspection, upgrade and replacement of traffic signals at 28 separate intersections (approximately 200 signals) throughout Atlantic City. The project may replace the traffic light and pole, as well as elevating control boxes. The entire project property is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone A8 as shown on FEMA FIRM numbers 3452780004D and Zone V10 on 3452780005D dated August 15, 1983. The City of Atlantic City will be preparing Categorical Exclusion Subject To (CEST) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the AC Intersections project.

Project Description

Application ID: AC SW Check Valves

The proposed project is located at: Inner Thorofare Waterway Absecon Bay and Shelter Island Bay
Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

The proposed improvement project includes the inspection, design, and replacement of approximately 100 stormwater check valves located along the inner Thorofare waterway of Atlantic City. The Thorofare waterway is a tidal waterbody which connects Absecon Bay and Shelter Island Bay. In recent years, the City has observed an increase of flooding in areas that utilize these valves at or near their points of discharge possibly due to malfunctioning and/or broken check valves. All of the city-owned check valves are located on public property. The entire project property is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone A8 as shown on FEMA FIRM numbers 3452780004D and Zone V10 on 3452780005D dated August 15, 1983. The City of Atlantic City will be preparing Categorical Exclusion Subject To (CEST) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the AC SW Check Valves project.

This notice complies with Section 2(a)(4) of EO 11988, Section 2(b) of EO 11990, and 24 CFR Part 55.20. 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 DCA on or before June 24, 2020, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later. DCA encourages electronic submittal of comments at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: Samuel Viavattine, Director of Sandy Recovery Division, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800.

Samuel Viavattine, Certifying Official
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Amy Bennett

From: Burton, Judith <Judith.Burton@dca.nj.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Glenn Donohue; Amy Bennett
Cc: Jim Rutala
Subject: Fw: Atlantic City Resiliency Projects Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activities in 100-year Floodplain

FYI

From: Ryan, Lisa <Lisa.Ryan@dca.nj.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Burton, Judith <Judith.Burton@dca.nj.gov>; Pamidimukkala, Jyothi <Jyothi.Pamidimukkala@dca.nj.gov>; Heath, Amy <Amy.Heath@dca.nj.gov>
Cc: Diehl, Nancy <Nancy.Diehl@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: RE: Atlantic City Resiliency Projects Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activities in 100-year Floodplain

Hi Judy,

DCA Communications hasn't received any public comments for the Atlantic City Resiliency Projects. I checked with Sandy Constituent Services and they didn't receive any public comments either.

Lisa

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From: Burton, Judith <Judith.Burton@dca.nj.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Pamidimukkala, Jyothi <Jyothi.Pamidimukkala@dca.nj.gov>; Heath, Amy <Amy.Heath@dca.nj.gov>; Ryan, Lisa <Lisa.Ryan@dca.nj.gov>
Cc: Diehl, Nancy <Nancy.Diehl@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: Re: Atlantic City Resiliency Projects Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activities in 100-year Floodplain

Good Morning,

The comment period for the AC Resiliency Projects has been completed as of June 24th. Please let me know if any public comments have been review for this review.

Thanks,

Judy

From: Pamidimukkala, Jyothi <Jyothi.Pamidimukkala@dca.nj.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Burton, Judith <Judith.Burton@dca.nj.gov>; Heath, Amy <Amy.Heath@dca.nj.gov>; Ryan, Lisa <Lisa.Ryan@dca.nj.gov>
Cc: Diehl, Nancy <Nancy.Diehl@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: RE: Atlantic City Resiliency Projects Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activities in 100-year Floodplain

Hi Judy,

The following DCA web-page is updated with the requested updates..

<https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>

Please check and let me know if the page looks ok.

Thank you,

Jyothi

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Subject: Atlantic City Resiliency Projects Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activities in 100-year Floodplain

Good Morning,

Attached are the English and Spanish Early Public Notices for posting on the DCA website that I mentioned last week. The notices are being published in newspapers starting today June 8, 2020 and ending after 15 days on June 24, 2020.

The notices should be posted under

- Flood Hazard Risk Reduction Program
- Multiple locations (addresses in notices) -- if this is not acceptable I can list all the addresses.

Please let me know if there's additional need.

Thanks,

Judy