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**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.

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