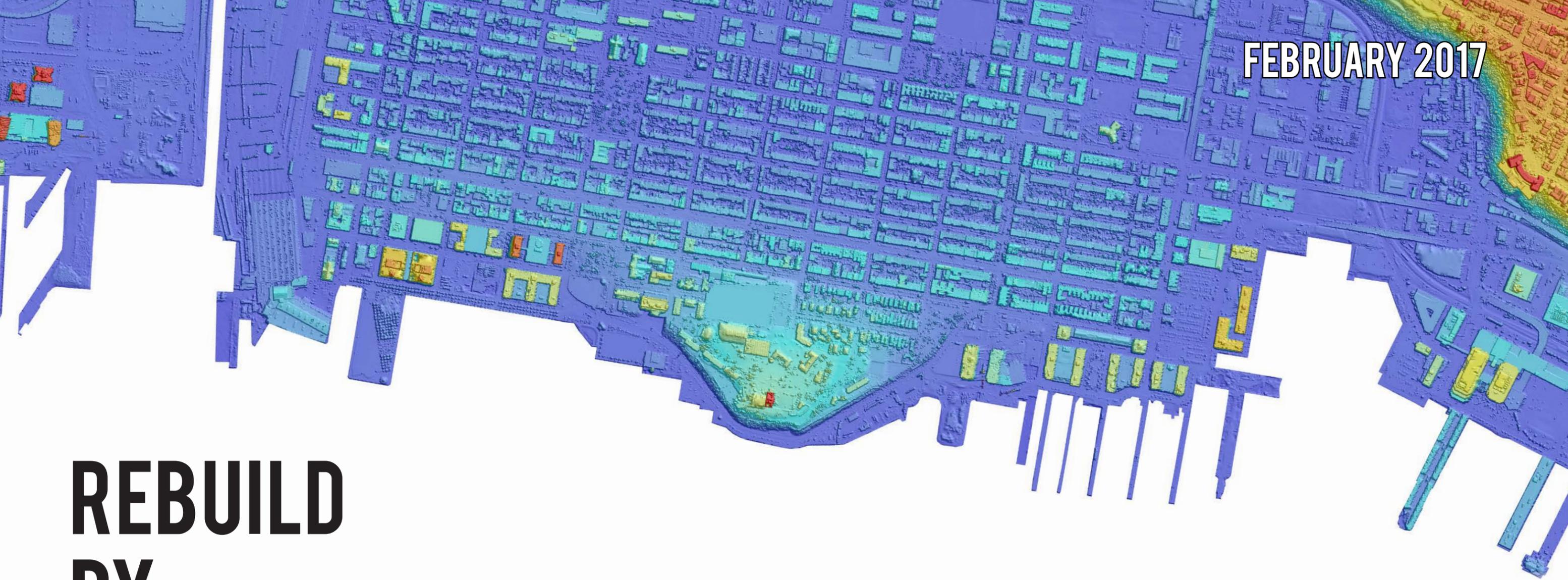


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Rebuild By Design Hudson River: Resist, Delay, Store, Discharge Project

Lead Agency: New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), on behalf of the responsible entity New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Cooperating Agencies: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and NJ TRANSIT

ABSTRACT:

The Proposed Project consists of a four-part comprehensive strategy for flood risk reduction, including (1) hard infrastructure and soft landscape for coastal defense (Resist); (2) policy recommendations, guidelines and urban infrastructure to slow storm water runoff (Delay); (3) green and/or grey infrastructure improvements to allow for greater storage of excess rainwater (Store); and (4) water pumps and alternative routes to support drainage (Discharge). The Proposed Project is located throughout the City of Hoboken and extending into Weehawken and Jersey City, New Jersey. This Draft EIS includes a detailed project description and evaluates environmental impacts, including indirect and cumulative environmental impacts, associated with three Build Alternatives (Alternatives 1, 2 and 3) as well as a No Action Alternative. Alternative 3 was selected as the Preferred Alternative to construct in consideration of environmental, technical and other factors. The Preferred Alternative consists of a Resist alignment that travels primarily within inland areas minimizing impacts to waterfront open spaces and provides enhancements to approximately 2.55 acres of open space or parks. The Delay, Store, Discharge features in the Preferred Alternative include three large stormwater detention facilities and approximately 61 small tanks (ROW sites) that will include new and/or improved stormwater management techniques.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds have been allocated to the Project. Per HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, CDBG-DR funding requires compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 USC 4321 et seq) as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). HUD has further outlined the project's environmental review requirements in a Federal Register notice published on October 16, 2014 (79 FR 62182). The NJDEP has prepared this Draft EIS in accordance with HUD's procedures for NEPA found at 24 CFR part 58.

Electronic copies of the DEIS are also available for public review on the following websites: www.rbd-hudsonriver.nj.gov and www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review.

A public hearing on this Draft EIS will be held on March 16, 2017 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Advance notice will be advertised stating the time and place of the hearing. Comments will be accepted through April 10, 2017 and can be submitted online at the email address or through regular mail at the below addresses.

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