Garrett Avery, AECOM's RBDM Project Manager, provided an overview of the Proposed Project's goals are threefold: (1) create the best possible project with the available funding; (2) meet the Proposed Project mandate by providing flood reduction and co-benefits, such as reducing sediment and improving water quality; and (3) protect life, public health, and property; and (6) incorporate the flood hazard risk reduction strategy with civic, cultural, and recreational values.

Mr. Avery continued that the Proposed Project's purpose and need is to reduce flood risk; to protect life, public health, and property; and to incorporate the flood hazard risk reduction strategy with civic, cultural, and recreational values. The project is needed to: (1) address systematic inland flooding and coastal flooding from storm surge flooding, Alternative 2 addresses frequent rainfall flooding, and Alternative 3 addresses both storm surge flooding and frequent rainfall flooding.

With this in mind, the Project Team came up with three alternatives. Alternative 1 addresses failing berms, low elevation, under-performing infrastructure, and inadequate drainage systems. However, HUD only awarded $150 million for the Phase 1 Pilot Area (i.e., the Project Area). As the meeting attendees that implementing all three concepts would have cost $850 million; using only available funding, and having a positive benefit-cost ratio (the project must have a benefit-cost ratio greater than 1 [i.e., more benefit than money spent]).

Mr. Avery explained that the Proposed Project challenges include filled historical wetlands, flood protection, and ecosystem restoration. The Proposed Project implementation date of September 2022. Mr. Avery stated that, as a design team, the most challenging aspects have been to create a project: with independent utility without relying on future projects; (2) to use available funds without relying on future funding; and (3) to meet the congressionally mandated flood hazard risk reduction strategy with civic, cultural, and recreational values.

Mr. Avery concluded that the past three years have been busy, and that 2018 will be very busy. August 2018, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be published and a public meeting on the DEIS will be held. The presentation on the project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will begin at 6:00 P.M. The Public Hearing will include opportunities to submit formal comments on the DEIS orally and in writing. Comments will be accepted on the DEIS until July 15, 2018.

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Mr. Avery continued that the goals of the Proposed Project are threefold: (1) create the best possible project with the available funding; (2) meet the Proposed Project mandate by providing future events; (3) enhance water quality and protect ecological resources; (4) protect life, public health, and property; and (5) incorporate the flood hazard risk reduction strategy with civic, infrastructure, residences, businesses, and ecological resources from flooding. The Proposed Project is needed to: (1) address systematic inland flooding and coastal flooding from storm surges; (2) increase community resiliency; (3) reduce flood insurance rates and claims from failing berms, low elevation, under-performing infrastructure, and inadequate drainage systems.

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Se invita a todos a participar Declaración Preliminar de Impacto Ambiental (DEIS)

Participa en la Consulta Pública convocada por el Departamento de Protección Ambiental de Nueva Jersey (NJDEP) sobre el Proyecto Rebuild by Design Meadowlands.

El Proyecto Rebuild by Design Meadowlands (RBDM) de Protección contra Inundaciones (proyecto propuesto) es una iniciativa integral de gestión del agua urbana, diseñada para reducir el riesgo de inundaciones por mareas ciclónicas costeras y/o de inundación sistémica tierra adentro por precipitaciones de alta intensidad en las municipalidades de Little Ferry, Moonachie, Carlstadt, y Teterboro, y en el distrito municipal de South Hackensack; sitios en el condado de Bergen, Nueva Jersey.

La presentación de la Declaración Preliminar de Impacto Ambiental (DEIS) se iniciará a las 6:00 p.m. Durante la Consulta Pública se brindará oportunidad de presentar observaciones formales sobre la DEIS, verbalmente y por escrito.

Cómo presentar observaciones:
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