

**EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED
ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

January 6, 2017

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups & Individuals

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 Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Program, developed by the state to help assist homeowners repair damage caused by Superstorm Sandy, 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.

Project Description

Application ID number: "Carteret MH LMI"

The proposed project is located at:

LMI0001363: Former Address: 26 Dalbert Street E10; New Address: 26 Dalbert Street E3, Carteret, New Jersey 07008

LMI0001421: Former Address: 26 Dalbert Street B1; New Address: 26 Dalbert Street E7, Carteret, New Jersey 07008

LMI0001461: Former Address: 26 Dalbert Street H4; New Address: 26 Dalbert Street F5, Carteret, New Jersey 07008

The project will consist of replacing and relocating three mobile homes within an existing mobile home park located at the above addresses. The mobile homes were substantially damaged as a result of Superstorm Sandy. According to GIS mapping, the property (the entire mobile home community) is approximately 7.7 acres, of which 5.7 acres is located within the AE (Base Flood Elevations determined) 100-year flood zone, as indicated on preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) mapping. The property is also shown in the 100-year flood zone on FIRM Panel 76 of 286 no. 34023C0076F and Panel 57 of 286 no. 34023C0057F. The new mobile homes will be located within the portion of the property within the floodplain but will be elevated at least one foot above the Base Flood Elevation, and will be anchored to resist floatation in the event of a flood.

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 January 23, 2017, 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: Laura Shea, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800.

Commissioner Charles A. Richman
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs