

**DOCUMENTATION
FOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 11988 – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT**

**NCR 38952
City of Asbury Park
Boardwalk/Ocean Ave
Asbury Park, NJ 07712**

Proposed projects located within the 100-year floodplain (A or V zones) are subject to Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) which prescribe measures for protecting this resource. HUD has developed an 8-step decision making process for such projects to ensure compliance with this Executive Order, detailed in §55.2(b). This 8-Step Decision-Making Process Document details this process for a proposed action under the Neighborhood Enhancement Program.

The Stronger NJ Neighborhood and Community Revitalization (NCR) Program supports the long-term recovery of small businesses and communities by funding projects that contribute to the economic revitalization throughout New Jersey, but focusing on the nine most impacted counties. NCR supports projects that retain or hire new employees, contribute to the State's economy, serve Low or Moderate Income (LMI) areas, create or maintain LMI jobs, remove slum or blight, or address an urgent need related to Superstorm Sandy. These projects are commercial or mixed use projects, typically development and public improvement or streetscape revitalization.

Step 1: Determine whether the action is located in a 100-year floodplain (or a 500-year floodplain for critical actions) or wetland.

The proposed project NCR38952 is part of an overall plan by the City to enhance Asbury Park's waterfront by replacing the "cobra head" highway-styled light fixtures with new energy efficient LED lights along the entire length of the boardwalk, parallel to Ocean Avenue from Asbury Avenue to Deal Lake Drive. The City seeks to install fixtures that can better illuminate the boardwalk and provide greater public safety. The entire 41.5 acre project area is within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone "V" coastal floodplain, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate maps (FIRMs) Panel 334 of 457, Map Number 34025C0334F, issued September 25, 2009.

FEMA, in order to promote stronger, safer rebuilding, published Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) maps for the State of New Jersey that advise a significant expansion of New Jersey's 100-year floodplain. Data suggests that more than 33,000 residential structures that were not within the floodplain under FEMA's effective Base Flood Elevation maps are now within the floodplain under the newly released ABFEs. FEMA had been in the process of remapping the floodplain along New Jersey's coastline for two years when Sandy hit. The ABFEs were recognized as the best available flood mapping data because FEMA's current, formally adopted maps are outdated and do not accurately reflect flood risk. FEMA released a Preliminary FIRM for Monmouth County in February 2014 to replace the Preliminary Work Map that was an interim product developed following Superstorm Sandy. The Preliminary FIRM also shows the property as located within the Special Flood Hazard/Coastal Flood Area Zone "V" floodplain.

There are no wetlands on or in the vicinity of the project site mapped on the Fish and Wildlife Service - National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) and wetlands were not observed during the site inspection.

This analysis will consider both impacts to the floodway and concerns for loss of life and property.

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

An Early Public Notice was published in an English-language newspaper (Asbury Park Press) on April 11, 2014 and a Spanish-language newspaper (Reporte Hispano) on April 10, 2014 that both serve the project area. The notice listed information about the project, described the project activities, listed the number of floodplain acres involved, and provided contact information to submit comments in response to the notice. Copies of the notices published and affidavits of publication are included after this analysis.

The required 15 days were allowed for public comment and expired on May 24, 2014. Comments were accepted electronically at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/> or by written correspondence to the NJDCA. Individual and agency comments received from the early notice concerning the proposed action, and NJDEP responses, are summarized below:

Carlo Popolizio, Biologist, USFWS New Jersey Field Office

- A. We don't see in this notice your determination - as the non-federal entity designated by HUD to conduct Endangered Species Act consultation with the USFWS, we need your determinations on these projects and all other projects:
- **No Effect:** your determination does not require our concurrence.
 - **Not Likely to Adversely Affect:** your determination requires our concurrence.
 - **May Affect:** your determination may require formal consultation with us, unless specific conditions are included to keep consultation at the informal level.

You need to send the latter two determinations to my attention as individual, separate projects with all information included.

DEP response: The required consultation with the USFWS occurs during the development of the environmental review record and impacts to federally listed plant and animal species is factored into the floodplain analysis.

Samuel Reynolds, Chief-Application Section II, USACE Philadelphia District:

- B. Based upon a review of the project information provided in the early notice, it is noted that some of the projects involve work that would be regulated by the Corps. While most of these would likely be authorized by an applicable nationwide permit (such as Nationwide Permit #3 for maintenance), I wanted to see if you can provide any information on whether the applicant will be required to get a permit or permit verification letter from the Corps. In addition, are the applicant's required to get a letter or permit from the State. If you think it would be beneficial to discuss just let me know.

DEP Response: Our process for completing these reviews requires consultation with the Department's Land Use Program to determine if permits are required and confirmation of the types of permits. It also

requires our consultants to contact the ACOE to determine the need for a permit. This is to accomplish two things, first to ensure that the required permits are a condition of the approval; and second to ensure that any T&E species or other requirements are conditioned within the Department issued permits. This is detailed in our guidance document to all of our consultants. Please see the wetlands excerpt below. Please let me know if you would like to further discuss and if you had any other comments concerning these notices.

Wetland Protection

Applicable Activities: Acquisition of undeveloped land, change of land use, construction, expansion of building footprint.

Threshold Question: Is the project located within a wetland, wetland transition or buffer area (150 feet of a wetland), tidal or non-tidal waterway, or at or below mhw? Is there a potential for impact to these areas?

Guidance: HUD policy is to avoid direct or indirect support of new construction in wetlands wherever there is a practicable alternative. Impacts to wetlands from new construction require the 8-step decision making process to be completed. Projects may be approved if there is no practicable alternative outside the wetland area. Use NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool, Wetlands and the Mean High Water Buffer Zone (150 ft.) layers at <http://bit.ly/1dREWkD> and conduct a site inspection. If the project will impact, or has the potential to impact wetlands, transition/buffer areas, or areas below mhw, consult with DLUR for a JD. A

Water Quality Certificate may be needed.

If wetlands within 1000' of mhw will be impacted, the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACOE) must also be consulted. Wetlands within 1,000 feet of mhw are regulated by both NJDEP and the USACOE.

Work proposed at or below the high water line, e.g. along beaches, dunes areas/bulkheads, etc. (which may be above mhw line) or in areas that may not have regulated vegetated wetlands present may also be regulated by the USACOE.

Provide a pdf map of the wetlands layer from the NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool. See end note for file naming convention Reference the map in the Compliance Documentation section of the CEST or EA. Provide a pdf of any DLUR - JD document.

Consultation Contact:

Ryan Anderson, NJDEP DLUR, 609-292-1230, Ryan.Anderson@dep.state.nj.us USACOE NY District-Eastern Section (Passaic, Essex, Union, Middlesex, and Monmouth): Steve Ryba, 917-790-8512, Stephan.A.Ryba@usace.army.mil USACOE NY District (Hudson and Bergen): Jim Cannon, James.H.Cannon@usace.army.mil, 917-790-8412

Step 3: Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives.

The Stronger NJ Neighborhood and Community Revitalization (NCR) Program supports the long-term recovery of small businesses and communities by funding projects that contribute to the economic revitalization throughout New Jersey, but focusing on the nine most impacted counties. NCR supports projects that retain or hire new employees, contribute to the State's economy, serve Low or Moderate Income (LMI) areas, create or maintain LMI jobs, remove slum or blight, or address an urgent need related to Superstorm Sandy. These projects are commercial or mixed use projects, typically development and public improvement or streetscape revitalization.

DCA has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. One alternative is to relocate the project outside of the 100-year floodplain. However, because the project concerns the boardwalk, it is functionally dependent on being located in close proximity to the water. One hundred percent of the waterfront area in

Asbury Park is located within the 100-year floodplain, so relocating this project to another area, outside of the floodplain, is infeasible.

A No Action alternative was considered and rejected because the No Action alternative would not address the economic revitalization needs of Asbury Park post-Sandy. Under this alternative, the applicant would not be provided financial assistance to replace boardwalk light fixtures. In addition, the newly installed lighting will include announcement functionality and storm-proof, which would improve safety conditions on the boardwalk during a storm and/or flooding event. No other practicable alternatives were identified.

Step 4: Identify Potential Direct and Indirect Impacts of Associated with Floodplain Development.

The potential direct and indirect impacts of the “No Action” alternative were evaluated. The No-Action alternative does not address the State’s support of long-term recovery of small businesses and communities contributing to economic revitalization and increased security. The project would result in no net-change in impervious area, residential density, or floodplain development. In addition, the new light fixtures will improve community security. The new light fixtures will have the necessary wiring storm-proofed so as to allow the lighting and announcements to remain operational for emergency egress and first-responders both during, and after, a hurricane-type event.

Asbury Park is a participating community member of the National Flood Insurance Program and structures located in the flood zone must comply with the local flood ordinance.

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.

Based on the scope of the project, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts to flood levels, flood risk, or the flow of flood waters on the project site or surrounding areas. Additionally, not replacing the current light fixtures will not further the State’s goals of improved community security and surveillance capabilities and limit overall improvement(s) to the boardwalk. As proposed, replacement of the lighting fixtures will not adversely impact the floodway and or increase the risk of loss of life or property.

Asbury Park is a participating community member of the National Flood Insurance Program and structures located in the flood zone must comply with the local flood ordinance. Additionally, in accordance with the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a), flood insurance must be maintained on insurable structures on the proposed project site for the life of the project.

Step 6: Reevaluate the Proposed Action.

No practicable alternatives were identified. The alternative to relocate the project outside of the 100-year floodplain is infeasible because the project concerns the boardwalk, which is functionally dependent on being located in close proximity to the water and the entire waterfront area in Asbury Park is located within the 100-year floodplain. The No-Action alternative does not address the State’s goal to help the

economic recovery effort from Superstorm Sandy and would not allow for the proposed enhancements to the waterfront's economic recovery, including appearance, security, and surveillance. Therefore, the No-Action alternative has been rejected. The project, as proposed, would minimize potential hazards to human safety, health, and welfare.

Step 7: Issue Findings and a Public Explanation

It is our determination that there is no practicable alternative for locating the proposed project in the 100-year floodplain. This is due to the fact that the proposed project concerns a boardwalk which is functionally dependent on being located in close proximity to the water, would minimize potential flood-related hazards, and support the State's goal of economically revitalizing communities affected by Superstorm Sandy.

A Final Public Notice will be published in accordance with 24 CFR 55 in English- and Spanish-language newspapers that cover the proposed project area. The final notice will detail the reasons why the project must be located in the floodplain, a list of alternatives considered, and measures taken to minimize adverse impacts and preserve floodplain values. Any comments received during the 7-day comment period will be responded to and taken into consideration.

Step 8: Implement the Proposed Action

Step eight is implementation of the proposed action. EDA will ensure that all mitigation measures prescribed in the steps above will be adhered to.

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April 11, 2014:

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups & Individuals

This is to give notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) on behalf of the Responsible Entity, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, has determined that the following proposed actions under the following programs: Small Business Loan (SBL) and Neighborhood Community Revitalization Program (NCR) are located in the 100-year floodplain, and NJDEP will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the actions in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed actions, 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.

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Proposed SBL Projects:

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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.

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Bob Martin, Commissioner, NJDEP

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Kathleen A. Gibson

Notary Public State of New Jersey

My Commission Expires Dec. 18, 2014

A.D. 2014

Kathleen A. Gibson

Notary Public of New Jersey

Debbie Davis
Sworn and subscribed before me, this
11 day of April, 2014

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Bob Martin, Commissioner, NJDEP
(86.40) 058348

Aviso Previo y Revisión Pública de Propuesta de Actividad en Planicie Aluvial de 100 Años

10 de abril de 2014

A todas las agencias, grupos e individuos interesados:

Este es un aviso de que el Departamento de Protección Ambiental de Nueva Jersey (NJDEP), a nombre de la Entidad Responsable, el Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de Nueva Jersey, ha determinado que las propuestas de acción bajo los siguientes programas: Programa de Reparación de Vivienda Arrendada por el Propietario (LRRP), Programa para Mejoras de Vecindarios (NEP), Préstamo para la Pequeña Empresa (SBL) y el Programa de Revitalización Comunitaria de Vecindarios (NCR), se encuentran dentro de una planicie aluvial de 100 años, y que NJDEP estará identificando y evaluando alternativas prácticas a las acciones programadas en la planicie aluvial y al impacto potencial en la planicie aluvial de las acciones propuestas, como lo requiere la Orden Ejecutiva 11988, de acuerdo con los reglamentos de HUD 24 CFR 55,20 Subparte C, Procedimientos para Tomar Determinaciones sobre la Administración de Planicies Aluviales y la Protección de Humedales.

Proyectos Propuestos de LRRP:

SRP0044264 – El sitio de la propiedad de 0.18 acres está totalmente dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación, Zona de Planicie Aluvial “AE”, como se muestra en el Mapa de Tasas de Seguro contra Inundaciones (FIRM) de la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA), Panel 329 de 611, Mapa Número 34029C0329F, efectivo a partir del 29 de septiembre de 2006. La rehabilitación de 3 unidades de una estructura residencial de 5 unidades situada en 51/55 Sampson Ave., Seaside Heights, condado de Ocean. La propiedad de 0,18 acres está ubicada dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación AE, como se muestra en el Mapa de Tasas de Seguro contra Inundaciones (FIRM) Panel 329 de 611 de la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA), mapa número 34029C0329F, efectivo a partir del 29 de septiembre de 2006.

SRP004400 – La rehabilitación y la elevación de una estructura residencial existente de 5 unidades ubicada en 1924 Bay Boulevard, Toms River, en el condado de Ocean. El sitio de propiedad 0,22 acres está totalmente dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, planicie aluvial, como se muestra en el Panel 329 de 611 FIRM de FEMA mapa número 34029C0329F, efectivo a partir del 29 de septiembre de 2006.

SRP0038251 – El sitio de la propiedad de 0,09 acres está totalmente dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, zona de inundaciones, como se muestra en el Panel 5 de 5 FIRM de FEMA, mapa número 3452780005D, efectivo a partir del 15 de agosto de 1983.

La reconstrucción y elevación de una estructura residencial de 12 unidades ubicada en 307 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, condado de Atlantic. La propiedad 0,09 acres se encuentra dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, como se muestra en el Panel 5 de 5 FIRM de FEMA, mapa número 3452780005D, efectivo a partir del 15 de agosto de 1983.

NEP: Los fondos NEP para la rehabilitación de viviendas abandonadas, embargadas y desocupadas, las estructuras o nueva construcción de lotes para remediar la escasez de vivienda asequible causada por la tormenta.

Proyectos NEP Propuestos:

NEP0232 (a): El sitio de la propiedad 0,09 acres está totalmente dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, zona de inundaciones, como se muestra en el mapa FIRM de FEMA Número 3453290001C, efectivo a partir del 16 de febrero de 1996. La construcción de una nueva estructura residencial unifamiliar situada en 455 West Spicer, Wildwood, condado de Cape May. La propiedad de 0,09 acres está ubicada dentro de la Zona Especial de Área de Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, como se muestra en el mapa FIRM de FEMA número 3453290001C, efectivo a partir del 16 de febrero de 1996.

NEP0232 (b) – El sitio de la propiedad de 0,16 acres está totalmente dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, zona de planicie aluvial, como se muestra en el mapa FIRM de FEMA número 3453290001C, efectivo a partir del 16 de febrero de 1996. La construcción de una nueva estructura residencial de 3 pisos y dos unidades ubicadas en 442-444 West Garfield Avenue, Wildwood, condado Cape May. La propiedad 0,16 acres se encuentra dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, como se muestra en el mapa FIRM de FEMA número 3453290001C, efectivo a partir del 16 de febrero de 1996.

NEP0155 (c) – El sitio de la propiedad de 0,06 acres está totalmente dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, planicie aluvial, como se muestra en el Panel 157 de 200 del mapa FIRM de FEMA número 34013C0157F, efectivo a partir del 4 de junio de 2007. La rehabilitación de una estructura residencial de 2 unidades ubicada en 69 Merchant Street, Newark, condado de Essex. La propiedad de 0,06 acres se encuentra dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, como se muestra en el Panel 157 de 200 del mapa FIRM de FEMA número 34013C0157F, efectivo a partir del 4 de junio de 2007.

SBL: El programa SBL ofrece préstamos para las pequeñas empresas y organizaciones sin ánimo de lucro que se vieron afectados por la Supertormenta Sandy para proyectos de rehabilitación y reconstrucción para expandir los negocios dentro de las comunidades afectadas por la tormenta.

Propuestas de Proyectos SBL:

SBL 38636: La demolición y reconstrucción del restaurante McLoone Rum Runner situado en 816 Ocean Avenue, en el buró municipal de Sea Bright, condado de Monmouth. La parcela de 0,84 acres se encuentra dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE”, planicie aluvial de 100 años, como se muestra en el Panel 201 de 457, mapa FIRM de FEMA número 34025C0201G, actualizado el 31 de enero de 2014.

SBL38840: La reparación de un puerto deportivo a su estado previo a la tormenta, sustituyendo pilotes, rampas y un muro de contención. El puerto deportivo se encuentra en 226 Q Ave, West Wildwood, condado de Cape May, N.J. La propiedad 0,3673 acres está ubicada dentro De la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación “AE10”, como se muestra en el Mapa Preliminar de Trabajo de FEMA.

SBL38781: Nino's Restaurant. El sitio de la propiedad de 0,13 acres está totalmente dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación "AE", planicie aluvial, como se muestra en el mapa FIRM de FEMA número 3453080001E, efectivo a partir del 20 de julio de 1998. El proyecto consiste en la reconstrucción de una estructura comercial situada en 201 West Walnut Avenue, North Wildwood, condado de Cape May.

NCR: Los fondos del Programa de Revitalización Comunitaria y de Vecindarios para proyectos que contribuyan a la revitalización económica en Nueva Jersey. Estos proyectos son proyectos de uso comercial o mixto, por lo general de desarrollo y mejoras públicas o de revitalización al paisaje urbano.

Propuestas de Proyectos de NCR:

NCR38952: Mejorar el paseo marítimo de Asbury Park, condado de Monmouth, de Asbury Avenue a Deal Lake Drive por sustitución de la iluminación antigua con nuevas luces LED de energía eficiente. El área del proyecto 41,5 acres está ubicada dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación "VE" como se muestra en el mapa FIRM de FEMA número 34025C0351F, con fecha de 25 de septiembre de 2009.

NCR38958: La reconstrucción de aceras y pasos de peatones con adoquines decorativos y la instalación de nuevo alumbrado, bolardos, bancas, bastidores para bicicleta, y jardinería a lo largo de dos secciones de Landis Avenue, de 39th a 40th Street y de 41st a 43rd Street dentro de la ciudad de Sea Isle, condado Cape May. El proyecto de 0,16 millas está totalmente dentro de la Zona Especial de Área en Riesgo de Inundación "AE" como se muestra en el mapa FIRM de FEMA número 3453180001C, efectivo a partir del 6 de enero de 1983.

Estos son los tres propósitos principales de este aviso. Primero, que las personas que pudieran verse afectadas por actividades en planicies aluviales y aquellos que tengan un interés en la protección del entorno natural tengan una oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y proporcionar información sobre estas áreas. Segundo, un programa adecuado de avisos públicos puede ser una herramienta importante para la educación del público. Se alienta a quienes tienen comentarios a ofrecer métodos alternativos para cumplir el propósito del proyecto y métodos para minimizar y mitigar el impacto. La difusión de información sobre planicies aluviales puede facilitar y fortalecer los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos asociados con la modificación y ocupación de estas áreas especiales. Tercero, por cuestiones de equidad, cuando el gobierno federal decide participar en acciones que se llevan a cabo en planicies aluviales, debe informar a quienes pueden quedar expuestos a un riesgo mayor o continuo.

Los comentarios por escrito deben ser recibidos por NJDEP en o antes del 26 de abril de 2014. Especifique por favor sobre cuál acción propuesta usted está comentando. NJDEP alienta la presentación electrónica de comentarios en www.nj.gov/dep/special/hudnotices/comments.htm. Alternativamente, los comentarios podrán ser presentadas en papel a: NJDEP a más tardar el 26 de abril de 2014 a: Código de Correo 401-07D, P.O. Box 402, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0402 entre las 9:00 AM y las 5:00 PM. Usted puede encontrar más información en el sitio web del Departamento en www.nj.gov/dep/.

Bob Martin, Comisionado, NJDEP

April 12, 2014

This letter is our sworn affidavit that advertisement:

Flood plain Early Notice

was published in Spanish in the April 10th edition of Reporte Hispano, New Jersey's only Hispanic newspaper with statewide coverage.

Sincerely,



Cara Marcano
Reporte Hispano

609 933 1400