

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) on behalf of the Responsible Entity, the Economic Development Authority (EDA), has determined that the following proposed action under the Neighborhood and Community Revitalization (NCR) Program and B-13-DS-34-0001 is located in the 100-year floodplain, and NJDEP will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and 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.

NCR Proposed Project:

NCR39505 – The 14.9 acre property site located at Lakeview Field (bordered by Lakeview Drive, Indian Lake Drive, Backiel Street, and Bergen Turnpike) in Little Ferry Borough, Bergen County, New Jersey is partially located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone “AE” floodplain as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 256 of 332, Map Number 34003C0256G, effective September 30, 2005. The proposed project will involve the reconstruction and improvement of a public facility, Lakeview Field, which will include improvements to the existing lighting, fencing, turf, and dugouts throughout the five fields.

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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts 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 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs at the following address on or before December 18, 2014: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800, Attention: Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>. Further information can be found on the DCA website: www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/. Comments may also be submitted via email at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyassistance.html>.

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New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

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