

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

March 24, 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 actions under the Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM) Program, developed by the state to rehabilitate or reconstruct properties damaged 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 and Protection of Wetlands.

Project Description

Application ID number: RRE0003869R

The proposed project involves the subdivision of an existing residential parcel at 9 Marine Place, Highlands Borough, Monmouth County into two residential lots, and new construction of a single-family residential structure on one of the newly created lots. The existing structure of the applicant on the existing residential parcel was damaged during Superstorm Sandy.

The subject parcel is 0.186 acre in size and each of the proposed subdivided lots would be 0.93 acre in size. The applicant proposes to construct a new single-family residence on one of the newly created lots. The existing parcel (and the subdivided parcels) are located entirely within either the VE or AE Special Flood Hazard Area zone floodplain (i.e. the 100-year floodplain), as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Map Number 34025C0086G, effective January 31, 2014. The total floodplain impact of the proposed project would be 0.186 acre.

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 April 10, 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, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800.

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New Jersey Department of Community Affairs