

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

February 13, 2015:

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 action under the Stronger New Jersey Business Loans (SBL) program is located in the 100-year floodplain and wetlands, and NJDEP will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the actions in the floodplain and wetlands, and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetlands from the proposed action, as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The SBL program provides loans to small businesses and non-profits that were impacted by Superstorm Sandy for rehabilitation and reconstruction projects to expand businesses within storm-impacted communities and contribute to economic revitalization throughout New Jersey.

Proposed action:

SBL39754 “Yank Marine Services”: The project will consist of removing an existing damaged stationary dock and replacing it with two new piers to accommodate a new boat lift. In addition, a new berthing pier will be constructed. An approximately 3,100 square foot tidal wetland mitigation area is proposed to be incorporated adjacent to the new piers. Work will be conducted in accordance with previously-approved U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and NJ Division of Land Use Regulation permits. The project is located along the Maurice River, at 487 Main Street in Dorchester, Maurice River Township, Cumberland County New Jersey. The property is approximately 5.81 acres, of which approximately 1.5 acres is located within the A (Base Flood Elevations determined) Flood Zone, as indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 20 of 35 no. 3401720020C, revised September 17, 1982.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities within the floodplains and wetlands 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 and wetlands 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 and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by NJDCA on or before February 27, 2015. NJDCA encourages electronic submittal of comments at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 by February 27, 2015. The Notice can be viewed at NJDCA during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Further information can be found on the DCA web site at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>.

Bob Martin, Commissioner, NJDEP