

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

August 7, 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 Landlord Rental Repair Program (LRRP) and Community Revitalization Program (NCR) programs, 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.

LRRP: The Landlord Rental Repair Program (LRRP) is designed to restore small rental properties that were damaged by Superstorm Sandy and that are currently vacant.

SRP0037020 : The project consists of the rehabilitation of five of the units and the elevation of three of the units of a five-unit residential structure located at 840 Mantoloking Rd., Brick, Ocean County, NJ. The 0.376-acre property is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone "AE" and Zone X, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 192 of 660, Map Number 34029C0192G, effective March 28, 2014.

NCR: The Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program funds projects that contribute to economic revitalization. These projects are commercial or mixed use projects, typically development and public improvement or streetscape revitalization.

NCR39437: The purpose of this project is to install streetscape improvements along Route 166 in South Toms River in Ocean County, NJ from Admiral Avenue to Herflicker Boulevard. Improvements will include the installation of curbs, sidewalks, aprons, decorative lighting, and street trees in the right-of-way. The 2,450 LF streetscape site is partially within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zones "AE" Zone and "X" Zone floodplain, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panel 304 of 660, Map Number 34029C0304G, effective March 28, 2014.

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 NJDEP on or before August 23, 2014. Please specify which proposed project on which you are commenting. NJDEP encourages electronic submittal of comments at www.nj.gov/dep/special/hudnotices/comments.htm. In the alternative, comments may be submitted by August 23, 2014 on paper to: NJDEP, Mail Code 401-07D, P.O. Box 402,

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0402 during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Further information can be found on the Department's web site at www.nj.gov/dep/.

Bob Martin, Commissioner, NJDEP