

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Orders 11988 & 11990
Winchester Avenue Resiliency Project
Longport, Atlantic County, New Jersey

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to provide federal funding to the Borough of Longport, New Jersey as subrecipient for the proposed replacement and upgrade of existing stormwater piping and pump station. Funding will be provided through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program. The purpose of the FMA Grant Program is to reduce or eliminate claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management), EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, and 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988-11990.

The proposed Scope of Work entails four components: 1. replacing and upgrading stormwater piping for most of Winchester Avenue from 31st Street to 34th Avenues. 2. Replacing and upgrading stormwater piping in 34th Avenue from Winchester to a new 31st Avenue Pumping Station. 3. Replacing the pumping equipment in the existing 34th Avenue Pump Station to accommodate the increased runoff. 4. Construction of a new pump station at 31st Avenue and the bay (coordinates: 39.319724, -74.524965).

The project site is located within the 100-year floodplain, which means that these improvements have the potential to be affected by the floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) taking no action and 2) the proposed alternative to upgrade existing bulkhead at its current location. FEMA has determined that the proposed alternative is the most practicable and that the investment of funds to reduce flood risk is in the public interest. Potential impacts to water quality or aquatic habitat are anticipated to be negligible during construction for this scope of work.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain impacts may be submitted in writing within 15 days of the date of this publication to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region II – Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, Mitigation Division, One World Trade Center, Suite 53, New York, NY 10007 or via email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. If substantive comments are received, FEMA will evaluate and address the comments as part of the environmental documentation for this project.