

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Orders 11988 & 11990
Cottage Street Park Flood Mitigation Project
Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide federal funding to the City of Bayonne as Subrecipient for financial assistance to upgrade an existing sewer main and associated retention basin. Funds are being requested through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. The purpose of the BRIC grant program is to proactively invest in hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks that communities face from disasters and natural hazards. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management), EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EOs 11988 and 11990.

The project is located in the area of Cottage Street, East 5th Street, and Ingham Avenue (40.652364, -74.124228 to 40.646686, -74.120417) in Bayonne, Hudson County, New Jersey. The proposed scope of work consists of installing 330 linear feet of new 36-inch diameter relief sewer main parallel to the existing 30-inch diameter main and constructing a new approximately 5,300 square foot underground retention basin under Cottage Street Park. The basin will provide an additional 8,000 cubic feet of flood storage for the project area. The proposed sewer main and retention basin will be constructed to NFIP standards in 44 CFR Part 60 and the American Society of Civil Engineers Flood Resistant Design & Construction standards (ASCE 24-14) or the latest edition.

This action would take place within the 100-year floodplain per the current Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (PFIRM), which means that the action has the potential to affect, or be affected by, the floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) taking no action, or 2) upgrading the existing drainage system with larger capacity storm sewers and an underground storage basin to alleviate flooding during severe weather events. FEMA has determined that upgrading is the most practicable alternative to ensure that these critical components are protected. FEMA has also determined that 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 and minimized through best management practices and conservation measures incorporated from resource agency recommendations and required regulatory permits.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain impacts may be submitted in writing within 15 days of the date of this publication to: FEMA Region 2, Attn: Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, 285 Fulton Street, 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.