

Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Order 11988
Reconstruction of Sanitary Sewer Pump Station
Rochelle Park, Bergen 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 Township of Rochelle Park as subrecipient for the proposed construction of a new sanitary sewer pump station located at the Rochelle Park Department of Public Works facility in Bergen County, New Jersey through Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program funds. The purpose of the BRIC Grant Program is to support states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and its implementing regulations in 44 CFR Part 9 and the National Historic Preservation Act.

The project consists of constructing a new pump station approximately 150 feet east of the existing station located at 3 Lotz Lane in Rochelle Park, New Jersey. The existing station is in the floodway of the Saddle River and is therefore at risk of flooding during storm events. The new proposed pump station will be outside of the floodway and elevated to the base flood elevation (BFE), as indicated by best available flood map data, plus at least three (3) feet of freeboard as required for critical actions. The new pump station will also have greater capacity than the existing station. The scope of work consists of installing a back-up natural-gas powered emergency generator, new utility connections, two (2) full time pumps, a wet well, and a transformer. The existing pump station will be decommissioned and removed from the floodway, and the area will be backfilled and top-soiled and seeded.

This action would take place within the 100-year floodplain and the regulatory floodway. Alternatives considered include: 1) no action, 2) the proposed alternative, which is for reconstructing the facility outside the floodway, 3) reconstructing the facility adjacent to its current location, or 4) constructing a flood wall around the existing facility. FEMA has determined that reconstructing the facility outside the floodway is the only practicable alternative. Potential floodplain impacts are anticipated to be temporary 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, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY, 10278 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.