

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Order 11988
Proposed Bulkhead Improvements
Borough of Atlantic Highlands, Monmouth 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 Atlantic Highlands as subrecipient for a proposed bulkhead improvement project in Monmouth County through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The purpose of HMGP is for communities to develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

The proposed scope of work consists of bulkhead improvements to mitigate damage to the municipal harbor located at 2 Simon Lake Dr, Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey (40.417608, -74.035590 to 40.416050, -74.031940). Improvements include the installation of a 1'-2' concrete wall on top of the existing bulkhead along the entire length to help provide extra protection from flooding and storms. Additionally, a new protective coating to the steel bulkhead in conjunction with the concrete cap will be applied to the waterward side to increase water resistance.

This action would take place within the 100-year floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) no action, 2) relocation of the bulkhead outside of the floodplain or, 3) the proposed alternative, which is the bulkhead improvements. FEMA has determined that the proposed project is the most practicable alternative to ensure that damages to the harbor and the nearby community are reduced in the event of storms and flooding. FEMA has also determined that the investment of funds to improve the bulkhead is in the public interest. 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: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region 2 – 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.