

## Notice of Availability of Draft Report

Rockaway River and Den Brook,
Denville Township,
Morris County, New Jersey
Continuing Authorities Program Section 205
Flood Risk Management Study
Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and
Environmental Assessment

**ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (USACE) and the non-federal sponsor, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), along with the Township of Denville who is a stakeholder on the project, have prepared a draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment (IFR/EA) to evaluate the feasibility of federal participation in implementing solutions to problems and opportunities associated with riverine flooding from the Rockaway River and Den Brook within the Township of Denville. Township residents and businesses have suffered extensive losses and damage from multiple flooding events in recent decades, including Hurricane Irene in August 2011 and Tropical Storm Ida in September 2021.

**Purpose of Work:** The purpose of the feasibility study is to develop flood risk management solutions to riverine flooding problems from the Rockaway River and Den Brook in the Township of Denville.

**Proposed Action:** The Recommended Plan presented in this draft report proposes nonstructural flood risk management measures in three groups of structures (clusters) located in the Township of Denville with the highest flood risk in the study area: North, North Riverside, and Southwest Cluster (Figure 1). The Recommended Plan consists of nonstructural measures in a total of 38 residential and commercial structures that include elevation, wet floodproofing, and dry floodproofing. A total of 30 structures were identified for elevation and 8 for floodproofing. Participation in the nonstructural plan is voluntary. The number of structures in the Recommended Plan may change as USACE guidance for nonstructural flood risk management projects evolves. Therefore, the number of eligible structures and proposed measures may be revised as additional analysis is completed during the design and implementation phases of this project.

**Comments:** The draft IFR/EA will be made available to the public for a 30-day review and comment period beginning on September 26, 2023. Comments can be submitted via email to CENAB-DenvilleStudy@usace.army.mil or the mailing address U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, Planning Division, Subject: Denville Study, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 2145

New York, NY 10278-0090. Comments must be received on or before October 26, 2023, to be considered. The draft IFR/EA are available via the project website at: https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Projects-in-New-Jersey/Denville/

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at CENAB-DenvilleStudy@usace.army.mil.

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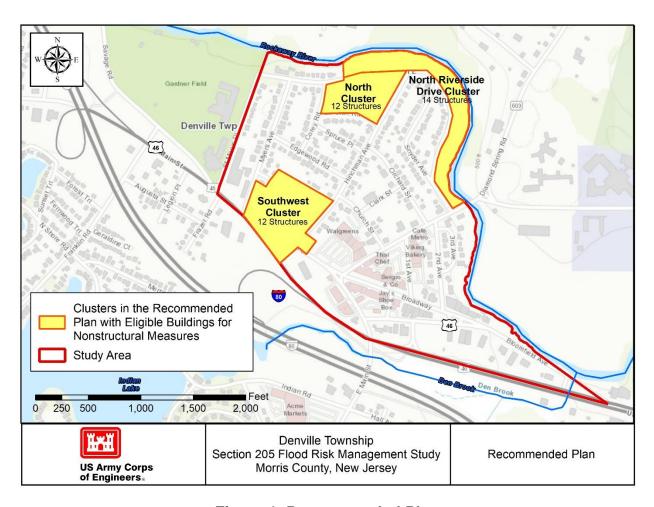


Figure 1. Recommended Plan