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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (District) announces the availability of the *Draft Environmental Assessment for the Jefferson Avenue Bridge Removal, Green Brook Flood Damage Reduction Project, Green Brook Township, NJ* (DEA).

The District is proposing to remove the Jefferson Avenue Bridge located in Green Brook Township, the Borough of Middlesex, and the City of Plainfield in Somerset, Middlesex and Union Counties, NJ. The bridge removal is being completed as part of the Green Brook Flood Damage Reduction Project. Included with the bridge removal, will be the construction of a 15 foot emergency access lane within an existing right of way from the Green Brook Middle School to Maxal Street. This emergency access lane will only be used in the event that access to the main entrance of the school on Jefferson Avenue is impeded.

This DEA is being prepared as an update to the *Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the Proposed Plan for the Green Brook Flood Control in the Green Brook Sub-Basin, Somerset, Middlesex and Union Counties, New Jersey*, filed in May 1997, and to incorporate the emergency access lane into the assessment in order to evaluate the significance of potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and to determine if the proposed action warrants the preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The DEA will be posted on the Reports page of the Green Brook Flood Damage Reduction Project section of the New York District's website: <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/GreenBrook>

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Comments received **by 18 April 2015** regarding the DEA will assist in the agency's evaluation of the project impacts and will be reflected in the project record.