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Supplemental Environmental Assessment
For the
Fire Island to Montauk Point (FIMP), NY CSRM
Nonstructural Pilot Project
Suffolk County, New York

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (Corps) has conducted an environmental analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The final Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) dated **DATE OF SEA**, for the Fire Island to Montauk Point, NY Nonstructural Pilot Project addresses nonstructural opportunities and feasibility in the Towns of Babylon and Brookhaven, New York. This SEA supplements the previously completed Final GRR/EIS dated February 2020.

The Final SEA, incorporated herein by reference, evaluated various alternatives that would manage coastal storm damages in the study area. The recommended plan is the National Economic Development (NED) Plan and includes:

- Elevation of up to 70 structures within the pilot areas of Mastic Beach and Frederick Shores to three and a half feet above the base flood elevation.

In addition to a “no action” plan, one alternative was evaluated. The alternative included the proposed action.

For all alternatives, the potential effects were evaluated, as appropriate. A summary assessment of the potential effects of the recommended plan are listed in Table 1:

Table 1: Summary of Potential Effects of the Recommended Plan

	Less than significant effects	Less than significant effects as a result of mitigation*	Resource unaffected by action
Air quality	☒	☐	☐
Aquatic resources/wetlands	☐	☐	☒
Fish and wildlife habitat	☒	☐	☐
Threatened/Endangered species/critical habitat	☒	☐	☐
Cultural Resources/Historic properties	☐	☒	☐
Hazardous, toxic & radioactive waste	☐	☐	☒
Land use	☐	☐	☒
Vegetation	☒	☐	☐
Noise levels	☒	☐	☐
Socio-economics	☐	☐	☒
Soils	☒	☐	☐
Transportation	☒	☐	☐
Visual Resources	☒	☐	☐

	Less than significant effects	Less than significant effects as a result of mitigation*	Resource unaffected by action
Recreation	☒	☐	☐
Water quality	☐	☐	☒

All practicable and appropriate means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects were analyzed and incorporated into the recommended plan. Best management practices (BMPs) as detailed in the SEA will be implemented, if appropriate, to minimize impacts. BMPs to prevent erosion and sedimentation, like silt fences or catch basin filters, will be implemented as needed. Tree and shrub removal will be avoided from April 1 – September 30 to minimize potential impacts to migratory birds and pupping bats. Construction will be scheduled outside of the summer occupancy season for bats if it is determined bats are present in structures.

No compensatory mitigation is required as part of the recommended plan.

Public review of the draft IFR/EA and FONSI was completed on **DATE DRAFT EA AND FONSI REVIEW PERIOD ENDED**. All comments submitted during the public review period were responded to in the Final IFR/EA and FONSI. A 30-day state and agency review of the Final IFR/EA was completed on **DATE SAR PERIOD ENDED**. **PICK OPTION BASED ON RESULTS OF STATE AND AGENCY REVIEW**.

Pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the recommended plan may affect but is not likely to adversely affect the following federally listed species or their designated critical habitat: Northern Long-Eared Bat, Tricolored Bat, and Red Knot. The recommended plan would have no effect on the following federally listed species or their designated critical habitat: Piping Plover, Roseate Tern, Monarch Butterfly, or Sandplain Gerardia. Coordination with the USFWS is ongoing.

Pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers determined that the recommended plan could adversely affect two historic properties that have been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Adverse effects will be mitigated through implementation of a treatment plan in accordance with the 2020 Programmatic Agreement for the Fire Island to Montauk Point Coastal Storm Risk Management Project. Coordination with the NYSHPO is ongoing.

Coordination with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to determine jurisdiction pursuant to section 401 of the Clean Water Act, is ongoing.

A recertified determination of consistency with the New York State Coastal Zone Management program pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 was obtained from the New York State Department of State. All conditions of the consistency determination shall be implemented in order to minimize adverse impacts to the coastal zone.

All applicable environmental laws have been considered and coordination with appropriate agencies and officials has been completed.

Technical, environmental, and economic criteria used in the formulation of alternative plans were those specified in the Water Resources Council's 1983 Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies. All applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and local government plans were considered in evaluation of alternatives. Based on this report, the reviews by other Federal, State and local agencies, Tribes, input of the public, and the review by my staff, it is my determination that the recommended plan would not cause significant adverse effects on the quality of the human environment; therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Date

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District Commander