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December, 7, 2023

***** UPDATED MEETING NOTICE ****

Additional In-Person Public Meeting to be held in North Plainfield, NJ. See Meeting #5 below for more information.

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) New York District (District), in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), is conducting a general reevaluation study to reevaluate the feasibility of implementing flood risk management measures within the Green Brook Upper Basin in the municipalities of Plainfield, North Plainfield, Watchung, Berkeley Heights, and Scotch Plains in Union and Somerset Counties, NJ.

The District and NJDEP will be conducting a Scoping Period from **4 December 2023 through 19 January 2024** pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations to solicit input on issues and impacts to be addressed in an Integrated General Reevaluation Report (GRR)/NEPA document that will be prepared.

As part of Scoping Period, the Corps and NJDEP will be holding a series of Scoping Meetings, listed below. The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for the public and agencies to learn more about the study and comment on the scope of the environmental analysis and impacts to be addressed in the Integrated GRR/NEPA document.

Note that any additional meetings will be announced separately and posted to the study webpage: www.nan.usace.army.mil/GRR. Additionally, we will also post any announcements regarding cancellations or postponements of any scheduled meetings by Noon (12:00pm) the day of the meeting on the study webpage.

MEETING #1 (In-person):

Date: Tuesday, December 5

Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm

Location: Scotch Plains Municipal Court

Address: 430 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

MEETING #2 (Virtual):

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Call-In Information: https://usace1.webex.com/meet/edward.wrocenski

(It is recommended to use the "call-me" audio option.)

Option to Call-in: 844-800-2712

Access Code: 2761 843 2024

MEETING #3 (Virtual):

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Call-In Information: https://usace1.webex.com/meet/edward.wrocenski

(It is recommended to use the "call-me" audio option.)

Option to Call-in: 844-800-2712

Access Code: 2761 843 2024

MEETING #4 (In-person)

Date: January, 2024; date to be announced

Time: 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Plainfield, NJ, venue to be announced

MEETING #5 (In-person)

Date: Tuesday January 9, 2024

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Location: North Plainfield/Vermeule Community Center Address: 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ 07063

Fact sheets on the proposed alternatives and a NEPA Scoping Document that outlines the Civil Works Planning Process, study history, alternatives to be evaluated and identification of key environmental resources are posted to the project webpage located at www.nan.usace.army.mil/GRR.

Questions regarding the Green Brook Upper Basin Study can be directed to Mr. Edward Wrocenski, Project Manager, edward.wrocenski@usace.army.mil, 917-790-8636.

Comments and/or suggestions concerning the scope of issues to be evaluated in the Integrated General Reevaluation Report/NEPA document can be sent to: greenbrookfrmproject@usace.army.mil.

Comments, concerns and information submitted to the Corps will be evaluated and considered during the development of the Integrated General Reevaluation Report/NEPA document. All written comments, including contact information, will be made a part of the administrative record, available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Administrative Record, or portions thereof, may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers' Internet website. Due to resource limitations, this office generally cannot acknowledge receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comments.