Public Notice

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Denville, Morris County, NJ: Flood Risk Management Study

All Interested Parties: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), is conducting a study to document the feasibility of implementing a flood risk management project in the Township of Denville, New Jersey (NJ). Denville is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Newark, NJ (Enclosure). Authority for this study is provided by Section 205 of the Continuing Authorities Program, under which USACE can partner with a non-federal sponsor to plan, design, and construct small flood control projects. USACE is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) for this study in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. USACE New York District is managing the study. USACE Baltimore District is preparing the EA. The draft EA will be integrated into the project feasibility report, and is expected to be publicly released in June 2020.

The study is focused on the central part of Denville, which is subject to flooding from the Rockaway River and Den Brook. Township residents and businesses have suffered extensive losses and damage from multiple flooding events in recent decades. Hurricane Irene caused severe damage in 2011. The USACE/NJDEP study will consider both structural and non-structural measures. Structural measures under preliminary consideration include improving interior drainage, constructing floodwalls (including floodgates along roadways), and raising road elevations. Non-structural measures under preliminary consideration include flood-proofing or elevating houses.

Study efforts are being coordinated with other federal and state agencies, local governments and the public. USACE and NJDEP are seeking input on flooding and other concerns, which may be of value to development of the study, as well as area-specific considerations important in assessing associated impacts to the environment.

For federal and state agencies receiving a copy of this notice, we request that you provide information concerning interests within your organization's area of responsibility or expertise within 30 days of the date of this notice to the address below. A timely review of the enclosed information and a written response will be greatly appreciated and will assist us with proper scoping of this study.

Information about the study is available at the website https://www.nan.usace.army.mil. If you have any questions regarding this study, please contact Christopher Spaur by email at christopher.c.spaur@usace.army.mil, telephone at 410-962-6134, or mail at USACE, Planning Division, 2 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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