

Draft Integrated Feasibility Report/Environmental Assessment Notice of Availability

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, announces the availability of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report/Environmental Assessment for the Rahway River Coastal Storm Risk Management Study and the opening of the 30-day public comment period on the report. The public comment period concludes on **June 30, 2017**.

The Rahway River Basin Coastal Storm Risk Management Study was authorized by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 as Public Law 113-2 (Act). The focus of this coastal storm risk management study is tidally affected area within the Rahway River Basin.

This Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment has been prepared to document the formulation and evaluation of plans to address coastal storm risk management in the Rahway River Basin and the significance of potential environmental impacts of the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) recommended in the report.

The TSP consists of Alternative 4a, 10% annual chance exceedance (ACE) Nonstructural Plan and Levee. The Nonstructural Plan will consist of treatment designed to the future conditions 1% ACE (100-yr) water surface elevation (WSE) plus one foot to account for water surface perturbations for approximately 136 structures (125 residential and 11 non-residential). The Levee is 3,360 ft. long with a 12 ft. top width and one vertical to three horizontal (1:3) side slope. The Levee is located next to the right bank of the Rahway River, approximately 1.2 miles downstream of the confluence with the South Branch. The upstream end is located by Ardmore Ave., continuing downstream to Dorothy St. The TSP provides coastal storm risk management to the Cities of Rahway and Linden, the Borough of Carteret, and the Township of Woodbridge.

The report and associated documents are available on New York District's web site at:

www.nan.usace.army.mil/RahwayRiverTidal

Written comments on the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment should be submitted to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District
Planning Division-Environmental Analysis Branch (Attn: Ms. Kimberly Rightler)
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Public Comments can also be submitted by email to RahwayRiverTidal@usace.army.mil

General questions regarding the Rahway River Basin Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study can be directed to Ms. Rifat Salim, Project Manager, Rifat.Salim@usace.army.mil, 917-790-8215.

Comments submitted by **June 29, 2017** regarding the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Assessment will assist in the agency's evaluation of the project changes and will be reflected in the project record.

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.