

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

US Army Corps of Engineers New York District Jacob K. Javits Federal Building New York, N.Y. 10278-0090 ATTN: Regulatory Branch

In replying refer to:

Public Notice Number: NAN-2017-00296-WCA

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING

To Whom It May Concern:

The New York District, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is announcing a public hearing for the New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery project known as the "Coastal and Social Resiliency Initiatives for Tottenville Shoreline Staten Island, New York".

APPLICANT:

New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery

25 Beaver Street, 5th Floor New York, New York 10004

ACTIVITY:

Construct and install a system of off-shore engineered breakwaters; perform restoration activities by the placement of sand along the shoreline; construct and install a seasonal floating dock on the breakwater and boat

launch along the shoreline, and install an oyster nursey.

WATERWAY:

Raritan Bay

LOCATION:

Borough of Staten Island, Richmond County, New York

A description and plans of the applicant's activity are enclosed to assist in your review.

The New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery will hold a public hearing on the April 26, 2017 for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) regarding the "Coastal and Social Resiliency Initiatives for Tottenville Shoreline Staten Island, New York", which was prepared by the New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery. The New York District Corps of Engineers will participate in the **public hearing** to gather information on this proposal to assist in the review of the future permit application for the proposed activity.

The details of the hearing session is as follows:

DATE:

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

TIME:

7 pm to 9 pm Public School 6

LOCATION:

555 Page Avenue

Staten Island, New York 10307

The DEIS is available for review at the New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery website at: https://stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs

The United States Army Corps of Engineers neither favors nor opposes the proposed construction work. The purpose of this public notice is to announce that the Corps of Engineers will participate in the public hearing to receive and consider public comments on the material matters at issue with respect to activities regulated by the Corps. The Corps of Engineers will also consider information in

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the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by The New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

The proposed work is being coordinated with the following federal, state, and local agencies:

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service;

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;

U.S. Coast Guard;

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development;

Federal Emergency Management Agency;

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;

New York State Office of General Services;

New York State Department of State;

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation;

New York State Department of Parks and Recreation;

New York Department of Environmental Protection;

New York City Planning Commission/Planning Department;

New York City Public Design Commission;

New York Landmarks Preservation Commission;

New York City Department of Buildings; and

New York City Department of Transportation.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning this activity to any persons known by you to be interested and who did not receive a copy of this notice.

**NOTE:** The Corps of Engineers will issue an additional public notice upon receipt of a complete Department of the Army Permit Application. The future public notice will include a description of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulated activities regarding the proposed project.

If you have any questions concerning this application, you may contact this office at (917) 790-8417 and ask for Mr. Jim Cannon. Comments or questions may be FAXED to (212) 264-4260, ATTN: Mr. Cannon. For more information on the New York District Corps of Engineers programs, visit our website at http://www.nan.usace.army.mil

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Chief, Regulatory Branch

**Enclosures** 

## DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK

The applicant, the New York State Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, proposes to perform two projects as part of the Coastal and Social resiliency Initiatives for Tottenville Shoreline Staten Island, New York. The first project, known as the Rebuilding by Design (RBD) Living Breakwaters Project, would consist of the construction and installation of a system of off-shore engineered breakwaters designed to reduce wave energy at the shoreline, and prevent or reverse shoreline erosion while creating hard/structured marine habitat. As part of the proposed activities the applicant would construct and install an on-shore community Water Hub that would provide a place for access to the waterfront, orientation, education, information on shoreline resiliency, community gathering space and other programming; strategically place sand along the shoreline. Additional activities would include the construction and installation of a seasonal floating dock on the breakwater and a boat launch along the shoreline to be used for observations, monitoring, maintenance and stewardship, including specifically, for vessels operated by the Billion Oyster Project and any other anticipated project stewards.

The second project, the Tottenville Shoreline Protection Project, would consist of a system of shoreline protection measures to attenuate waves, limit erosion, and mitigate against coastal flooding. This would include construction of an earthen berm; a hybrid dune system; an ecorevetment; a raised edge; and a trail system adjacent to the shoreline. This portion of the proposed project would occur landward of the Spring High Water elevation.

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Proposed Breakwaters Project