

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Orders 11988 & 11990 Proposed
Building Elevation
Pequannock, Morris County, NJ

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to provide federal funding to the Township of Pequannock, as subrecipient for the proposed elevation of residential structures through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant Program. The purpose of the FMA Grant Program is to reduce or eliminate claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order (EO) 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, and 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988-11990.

The proposed mitigation project would involve the elevation of sixteen (16) single-family residential structures in low-lying areas that are susceptible to repetitive flooding. All properties will be elevated three feet above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) or one foot above the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Design Flood level, in accordance with the Township's flood ordinance.

This action would take place within the 100-year floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) taking no action 2) the proposed alternative, elevating the structures; or, 3) acquisition and demolition. FEMA has determined that elevating the structures is the most practicable alternative to ensure the home and its occupants are out of harm's way. FEMA has also determined that investment of funds to reduce flood risk is in the public interest. Potential impacts to water quality or aquatic habitat are anticipated to be temporary during construction, and minimized through best management practices and conservation measures incorporated from resource agency recommendations and required regulatory permits.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain impacts may be submitted in writing within 15 days of the date of this publication to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region II – Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, Mitigation Division, One World Trade Center, Suite 53, New York, NY 10007 or via email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. If substantive comments are received, FEMA will evaluate and address the comments as part of the environmental documentation for this project.