

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Notice of Availability of the Final Environment Assessment (EA) and
Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)
Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission Floodwall and On-Site Power System Construction

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to assist in the funding of Proposed Action Alternative involving the construction of a floodwall and on-site standby power system at 600 Wilson Ave. Newark New Jersey. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment. The EA was released for public comment on July 4, 2014. Public comments were received during the public comment period from the EPA, Ironbound Community Corporation, City of Newark, Sunoco Logistics and NY/NJ Baykeeper. Responses to the comments and questions were addressed by the Subgrantee and posted to Appendix G: Comments and Responses. It is found that the proposed action will have no significant impact (FONSI) on the human environment. As a result of this Finding of No Significant Impact, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared and the proposed project as described in the attached environmental assessment may proceed. This also provides public notice for work within the regulated floodplain, in accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 44 CFR part 9.12.

The reasons for the decision not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are as follows:

1. No significant adverse environmental impacts have been identified to existing land use, water resources (surface water, groundwater, waters of the United States, wetlands, and floodplains), air quality, noise, biological resources (vegetation, fish and wildlife, state and Federally listed threatened or endangered species and critical habitats), safety, hazardous materials and waste, cultural resources, or result in disproportionately high or adverse effects on minority or low-income populations, and;
2. The project is necessary to meet the needs of the citizens of the existing local community.

No further environmental review of this project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of FEMA funds.

Copies of the final EA and FONSI can be obtained by contacting:

The EA will be made available for review online at the FEMA library web site at: www.fema.gov/resource-document-library or FEMA4086COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov can be contacted to request an electronic copy. The web link to the FEMA library web site on which the EA has been posted will also be available on PVSC's website (www.nj.gov/pvsc/) and a hard copy of the EA will be available for review at PVSC's Administration Office, 600 Wilson Ave, Newark, New Jersey between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.