

Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice of Availability of the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for New York City
Housing Authority Public Housing Resiliency
New York City, New York County, New York**

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 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), as sub-grantee, for the Public Housing Resiliency. The proposed project would be funded through the Public Assistance Program and Hazard Mitigation Program.

NYCHA proposed to mitigate utilities at developments and community centers against future flood and storm damage. Work proposed includes construction of new elevated boiler plant buildings to house boiler systems and associated fuel oil tanks at housing developments, equip residential buildings and community centers with new emergency power generators, and construction of new electrical annex structures and utility corridors.

Many project sites are within FEMA-designated flood zone, as shown on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 44 CFR Part 9, DHS-FEMA evaluated practicable alternatives, including a No Action alternative, the proposed alternatives, and two alternatives that were dismissed (Relocation of residents and the demolition and reconstruction of new buildings).

In accordance with NEPA, a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed project on the human environment. The PEA summarizes the project's purpose and need, project alternatives, the affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for considered alternatives. DHS-FEMA's requirement of addressing floodplain management in accordance with 44 CFR Part 9 is incorporated with the PEA.

The PEA is available for public comment and can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycha/about/recovery-resiliency.page>.

The PEA can be viewed in hard copy at the following location:

Lower East Side:
Hamilton Fish Park Library
415 East Houston Street
NY, NY 10002
212-673-2290

East Harlem:

NYPL Aguilar Library
174 E 110th Street
NY, NY 10029
212-534-2930

Red Hook:

Red Hook Library- Brooklyn Public Library
7 Wolcott Street
Brooklyn, NY 11231
718 935 0203

Coney Island:

Coney Island Library- Brooklyn Public Library
1901 Mermaid Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11224
718 265 3220

Rockaways:

Queens Library at Arverne
312 Beach 54th Street
Arverne, NY 11692
718 634 4784

Astoria:

Queens Library at Astoria
1401 Astoria Blvd
Queens, NY 11102

The comment period will end on 30 days from the date of this legal notice publication in the New York Post, or distribution of print copies, whichever is later. Written comments on the EA can be mailed or emailed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact will be signed. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents. Contact: FEMA SRO, Office of Environmental & Historic Preservation, Attention: NYCHA Public Housing Resiliency, 118-35 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, NY 11375 or via email at: FEMA-4085-Comment@fema.dhs.gov.