

**Appendix L**  
**FEMA's Public Notice**

Federal Emergency Management Agency

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of the Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Battery Park  
Trunk Sewer Replacement Project, the City of Richmond, Virginia  
FEMA-1661-DR-VA

Interested persons are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to assist in the funding of the City of Richmond's Battery Park Trunk Sewer Replacement Project located in the City of Richmond, Virginia. Federal financial assistance is authorized pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for disaster number FEMA-1661-DR-VA. From August 29 through September 7, 2006, Tropical Depression Ernesto caused severe, persistent flooding throughout Virginia, including sections of the City of Richmond. The city's Battery Park and several adjacent neighborhoods were flooded with as much as 30 feet of combined sewage when a sinkhole associated with Ernesto developed and crushed the Battery Park Trunk Sewer. The City has proposed a sewer replacement project to alleviate continued flooding of the park.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic 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 Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA and its associated Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region3.shtm> or viewed and copied at the following locations:

Norrell Annex  
201 West Graham Street  
Richmond, Virginia

North Side Public Library  
2901 North Avenue  
Richmond, Virginia

The comment period will end 15 days from the notice publication date which is March 26, 2007. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or electronic-mailed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA and associated FONSI will become final. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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