

**Notice of Availability
Draft Environmental Assessment
for the Presque Isle State Park Road Realignment and Dune Construction Project
Erie County, Pennsylvania**

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed road realignment and dune construction project at Presque Isle State Park, Erie County, Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance with a road realignment and dune construction project in Presque Isle State Park (the Park), in Erie County, Pennsylvania. The project is a congressionally directed Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) project assigned application number LPDM-PJ-03-PA-2008-001. PDM is a pre-disaster grant program authorized by Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq., as amended by Section 102 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. Funding for the program is provided through the National Pre-Disaster Mitigation Fund to assist States and local governments (including Indian Tribal governments) in implementing cost-effective hazard mitigation activities that complement comprehensive mitigation programs aimed at reducing injuries, loss of life, and damage and destruction of property.

FEMA proposes to assist the DCNR in the realignment of two separate sections of Old Lake Road in Presque Isle State Park. One section would be approximately 2,100 feet long. The other section would be approximately 900 feet long. Both sections would be 12 feet wide with an 8-foot wide bituminous bicycle lane. Each road would have aggregate shoulder varying in width between 5 to 10 feet. Construction of new road alignments would require the removal of a narrow strip of vegetation. The old section of roadway would be left in place and the barrier beach dune constructed over top of it.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990 and associated environmental statutes, a draft EA was written to evaluate the actions potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The draft EA considers alternatives, the existing environment, the consequences of the action and ways to reduce any adverse impacts.

This notice also serves as an invitation for the public comment on the proposed action and its potential impacts. The draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from the FEMA website <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region3.shtm>. This document is also available for review at the Presque Isle State Park Tom Ridge Center located at the entrance of the park at 301 Peninsula Drive (Route 832), Suite 1 in Erie, Pennsylvania 16505-2042. The Tom Ridge Center is open from 10 am to 6 pm daily. In addition, the draft EA available for review on the Presque Isle State Park website <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/presqueisle.aspx>.

The comment period will end 21 days from the initial notice publication date of August 20, 2010. Written comments on the draft EA can be mailed, E-mailed, or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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