

PUBLIC NOTICE

Federal Emergency Management Agency
Draft Environmental Assessment

Prattsville Temporary Housing Site, Town of Prattsville, Greene County, N.Y.
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FEMA's implementing regulations. The Draft EA has been prepared for a proposed temporary housing site for residents displaced by flooding in Greene County.

Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act authorizes FEMA to provide emergency and temporary housing for eligible disaster victims whose homes are uninhabitable or destroyed as a result of a declared disaster event (FEMA-4020-DR-NY). From August 26-September 5, 2011, heavy rainfall from Hurricane Irene caused flooding in 31 counties throughout New York. Major rivers and their tributaries overflowed their banks inundating communities in several watersheds.

Direct housing assistance includes the provision of a manufactured housing unit on an available private, commercial park or community site location. Most of this demand will be met by placing a mobile home on an applicant's private site if the site is located outside a floodplain, or providing a mobile home on an available pad leased in a commercial park. However, once these options are exhausted, FEMA estimates many applicants will still require housing, resulting in the need to develop a temporary (up to 18 months) community housing site.

The Draft EA evaluates project alternatives and compliance with applicable environmental laws and Executive Orders #11990 (Protection of Wetlands), #11988 (Floodplain Management), and #12898 (Environmental Justice).

The proposed temporary community housing site is approximately 2.85 acres that is part of a larger 9.20 acre parcel, which encompasses an existing mobile home park, known as Moore's Mobile Home Park. The project is located east of NYS Route 23, and off Pine Street, in the Town of Prattsville, Greene County, New York.

Due to the emergency nature of this action, the public comment period will be brief, from December 6, 2011 to December 10, 2011. The Draft EA is available for public review at the Prattsville Town Hall which is currently located within temporary trailers at NYS Route 23, Prattsville, N.Y. An electronic copy of the EA will be available for download from the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region2.shtm>.

The public is invited to submit comments by mail to Ms. Megan Jadrosich, Regional Environmental Officer, FEMA Region II, Mitigation Division, RM1337F, 26 Federal Plaza, NY, NY10278 or via email to Megan.Jadrosich@dhs.gov. If substantive comments are received FEMA will evaluate and address as part of the Final Environmental Assessment documentation. The federal government will post the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to the FEMA website.