

PUBLIC NOTICE
U.S. Department of Homeland Security's
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment for
Flood Protection Project on Church Run
Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has received a funding request from the City of Titusville for a flood protection project on Church Run located in Crawford County, Pennsylvania. The City of Titusville, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection are providing matching funds. Federal financial assistance is authorized pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for disaster number FEMA-1485-DR. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of flood protection in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA (40CFR Parts 1500-1508), Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990 and the implementing regulations of FEMA (44CFR Parts 9 & 10). An initial notice of intent was published the Titusville Herald in July 2005.

The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences from flood protection alternatives; consistent with applicable environmental laws. Three alternatives were evaluated include (1) no action; (2) detention dam; (3) concrete U-channel with 100-year flood capacity. The preferred action alternative is a detention dam that generally follows the findings of a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection Flood Protection Study of Church Run that was completed in 1991. The preferred action is located in Oil Creek Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania. The site of the proposed detention dam is across Church Run just upstream of the City of Titusville boundary with Oil Creek Township.

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/ehp/docs.shtm> or viewed and copied at the Titusville Benson Memorial Library. The Library is located at 213 N Franklin Street in Titusville. The comment period will end 15 days from notice publication date which is March 24, 2006. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed or faxed to either the below contacts. 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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