

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment Report Regarding  
Two River Water Reclamation Authority, Pleasure Bay Interceptor and Main Pump Station Project  
Oceanport Borough and Monmouth Beach, Monmouth County, New Jersey  
FEMA-4488-DR-NJ

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 financial assistance to New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM), as Recipient, and Two River Water Reclamation Authority (TRWRA), as Subrecipient, for the installation of a new Pleasure Bay Interceptor (PBI) and construction of a new Main Pump Station (MPS) in Monmouth Beach, New Jersey. A national emergency and disaster declaration were issued on March 13 and March 25, 2020, respectively, as a result of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). The disaster declaration authorized funding which would be provided per FEMA 4488-DR-NJ under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), implemented under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207.

The proposed project consists of the replacement of the existing 48-inch PBI crossing beneath Pleasure Bay (Borough of Oceanport to Borough of Monmouth Beach) as internal corrosion and cracks have been discovered. A new, approximately 3,250-foot long, 54-inch PBI, will be installed at a depth of approximately 87-feet below grade, providing a stronger level of protection. In addition, the project includes the construction of a new MPA as the existing pump station is currently located within the AE flood zone and a residential neighborhood. The new MPS will be located within flood Zone X and will be constructed above elevation 12ft, which is more than three (3) feet above the current 500-year flood elevation. This new location provides protection from future flooding and repeated infrastructure failure.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human environment. DHS-FEMA's requirement of addressing floodplain management and wetlands protection in accordance with 44 CFR Part 9 is incorporated within the EA. The EA is available for public comment, and comments can be sent via email to [FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov). The EA will be available for download from the website <http://www.trwra.org> and can be viewed in hard copy at Monmouth Beach Library, 18 Willow Avenue, Monmouth Beach, NJ and at the Borough of Monmouth Beach Town Hall, 22 Beach Road, Monmouth Beach, NJ. The EA is also available on FEMA's website <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository>

The comment period will end 30 days after the date of this legal notice publication in the *Asbury Park Press* newspaper. Written comments on the EA can be mailed or e-mailed 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: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region II, Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, 26 Federal Plaza, Suite 1802, New York, NY 10278, or via email at [FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov).