

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment  
Red Hook Coastal Resiliency  
Red Hook, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York  
FEMA-4085-DR-NY

Notification is hereby given to the public of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency's (DHS-FEMA) intent to provide Federal financial assistance to New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYSDHSES), as Recipient, and the New York City Office of Management and Budget, as Subrecipient, to address the tidal surges and flooding damages the Red Hook neighborhood experienced during Hurricane Sandy; and improve the resiliency of the neighborhood to withstand future flooding and coastal storms.

On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy caused significant damages to New York State. President Barack H. Obama declared Hurricane Sandy a major disaster on October 30, 2012 (FEMA 4085-DR-NY). This declaration made federal disaster assistance available to affected communities and eligible nonprofit organizations in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (Stafford Act; 42 U.S.C. 5172), as amended.

The proposed action will include the construction of an integrated flood protection system that provides a passive level of protection at an elevation of 8 feet with active protection through "deployables", such as flip-up gates and sliding gates, to an elevation of 10 feet. The project will include flood walls with heights up to four feet covered by raised and re-graded streets to fully integrate the flood protection system into the community. The proposed project would focus on two topographically low-lying areas that are most vulnerable to coastal storm surge and sea level rise on Atlantic Basin and along Beard Street. Additionally, the area of Todd Triangle would be re-designed and reconstructed to increase flood resiliency.

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 (contact information below). The EA can be viewed in hard copy at the Miccio Community Center, 110 W 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231 and Brooklyn Community Board 6 District Office, 250 Baltic Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The EA will also be available on FEMA's website: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository>, and NYC Dept. of Design and Construction Red Hook Coastal Resiliency Project website: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/rhcr/index.page>

The comment period will end 30 days after the date of this legal notice publication in amNY and Brooklyn Paper. Written comments on the EA can be mailed or e-mailed to the contact information 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 2, 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).