

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment
Tompkinsville Esplanade and NYCDOT Dockbuilders Pier
Staten Island, Richmond 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 (NYS DHSES), as Recipient, and New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) under the New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget (NYCOMB), as Subrecipient, to rehabilitate portions of the waterfront and waterfront infrastructure within the Tompkinsville project area by repairing damage caused by Hurricane Sandy and to provide improved flood protection measures.

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 involves the rehabilitation, fortification, and overall improved protection of the waterfront by removing storm debris, damaged bulkheads, and derelict structures and constructing a new esplanade as well as a pier to serve the NYCDOT Dockbuilders operations. The 2,100 LF esplanade would extend along Bay Street Landing, Victory Peninsula, a segment of Murray Hulbert Avenue, and then through Miller's Launch and past the proposed location of the new NYCDOT Dockbuilders Pier to the continuation of Swan Street, where the esplanade's southern terminus would link with the northern-most extent of the New Stapleton Waterfront Redevelopment Project. A new pier is proposed to serve NYCDOT Dockbuilders operations and would provide key infrastructure for Dockbuilders to effectively conduct routine water dependent activities including maintenance and repair of NYCDOT's maritime assets, such as the St. George and Whitehall ferry terminals.

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 Stapleton Library, 1322 Canal Street, Staten Island, NY 10304. The EA is 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 *Staten Island Advance*. 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, RE: Tompkinsville Esplanade and Dockbuilders Pier Project, or via email at FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov.