

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Scoping
North Shore Levee West Project, City of Hoquiam, Washington

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to fund the City of Hoquiam North Shore Levee West project (Project). Funding would be provided through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program, Fiscal Year 2020, as authorized by the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

FEMA intends to conduct an environmental planning and historic preservation review for the Project, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA); Executive Order (EO) 11988, Floodplain Management; EO 11990, Wetlands Protection; EO 12898, Environmental Justice; and EO 14008, Climate Change.

The purpose of the proposed Project is to reduce flood damage in West Hoquiam. The proposed Project would construct approximately 5.5 miles of earthen levees, concrete floodwalls, and raised roads around West Hoquiam, including the downtown business district, to reduce riverine and coastal flooding. The scope, design, and schedule of this project is separate from the proposed North Shore Levee Project on the east side of the Hoquiam River, in the cities of Hoquiam and Aberdeen.

FEMA is accepting comments about the proposed Project, alternative approaches to reducing flood-related risks and vulnerabilities, and environmental issues from the public; local, state and federal agencies; Tribes; and other interested parties. FEMA will use these comments to define the scope of the NEPA analysis and inform its decision-making. Please provide comments in writing and send to the FEMA contact listed below. Alternatively, please attend the public open house in person or visit the virtual meeting room to learn about the project and submit comments. Comments must be received by July 22, 2022, to be considered.

To learn more about the proposed Project, please see the following opportunities or contact the individuals listed below:

- An in-person public open house on June 22, 2022, from 4pm to 6pm at the Hoquiam City Hall, 609—8th Street, Hoquiam, WA 98550.
- A virtual meeting room accessible at <https://gather.cdmsmith.com/v/35ze40451An> until July 22, 2022.
- The proposed Project website at https://www.ezview.wa.gov/site/alias_1997/37704/events.aspx
- The City of Hoquiam or FEMA (contacts below).

Future opportunities to comment on the environmental review process are expected in fall 2022.

FEMA Responsible Official: Science Kilner Regional Environmental Officer FEMA Region 10 130 - 228th St SW Bothell, WA 98021-9796 fema-r10-ehp-comments@fema.dhs.gov	City Contact: Brian Shay City Administrator City of Hoquiam BSHay@cityofhoquiam.com 360-538-3983
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The meeting room is accessible to people with disabilities. If you need to request an accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART/captioning, etc.), please make your request by June 13, 2022. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fill. Send an e-mail to Brian Shay at **BSHay@cityofhoquiam.com** or call 360-538-3983