

Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain
Old Field Creek Dredging
City of West Haven, CT

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To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals:

This is to give notice that the State of Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 (as amended by Executive Order 13690) and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) State of Connecticut Disaster Recovery Program activities under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to determine the potential effect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment.

Total project cost for the Old Field Creek Dredging is \$700,000. The project is subsidized with \$525,000, from the CDBG-DR Program funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and matched with \$175,000 from the City of West Haven.

The Old Field Creek Dredging Project will address flooding in and around Old Field Creek in the area between Beach Street, Blohm Street to Marshall Street, mainly residential areas, which are routinely flooded. Ineffective storm drainage from the creek contributes to flooding of the roadways in and around the residential properties in this area. The Old Field Creek dredging will greatly improve the water flow, whether it is the result of a storm surge from Long Island Sound or excessive rainfall.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal Government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the State of Connecticut Department of Housing (CT-DOH) on or before May 1, 2016. DOH encourages electronic submittal of comments to CTHousingPlans@ct.gov. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: Hermia Delaire, Program Manager, Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery, CT Department of Housing, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106. By May 1, 2016, where a full description of the project may also be reviewed during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Evonne M. Klein, Commissioner, DOH