

**Early Notice and Public Review of Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain
East Shore Erosion Control Protection Project
City of New 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 East Shore Erosion Control Protection Project is \$1,900,000, and is subsidized with funds from the CDBG-DR Program funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The East Shore Erosion Control Protection Project will address flooding of residences along the shoreline on Townsend Avenue and the large low-lying residential area behind these homes. Specific focus will be on integrating and enhancing past protection measures along approximately 500 linear feet of shoreline between 100 Townsend Avenue and 60 Townsend Avenue. These residences are currently the most vulnerable with structural damage incurred from the most recent extreme storm events, namely Hurricane Irene (2011) and Superstorm Sandy (2012). The Project proposes to install a new seawall or equivalent flood protection measure, placed immediately behind the homes to protect against flood waters up to the 100-year flood elevation. The requested funds will be used to design and construct this flood protection structure.

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 15, 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 15, 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