

**EARLY NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY
IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND**

GREENPORT MICROGRID

**Fire Station at 311 Third Street, Waste Water Treatment Plant at 1885 Moore's Lane and
Village of Greenport (poles), Suffolk County, New York**

May 30, 2019

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), an office of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), has received an application from Village of Greenport to fund the Greenport Microgrid Project (hereinafter, the "Proposed Activity") and is conducting an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD) regulations (24 CFR Part 55). There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, to provide the public an opportunity to express their concerns and share information about the Proposed Activity. Second, adequate public notice is an important public education tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains and wetlands facilitates and enhances governmental efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Funding for the Proposed Activity will be provided by the HUD Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program for storm recovery activities in New York State.

The Proposed Activity is needed to address weaknesses in the Greenport Municipal Utility's ability to maintain a functional grid during a disaster event. The village receives service via a single distribution circuit from PSEG-LI. This configuration makes the village highly vulnerable to disruptions from the main grid during storm and non-storm events. Greenport has experienced widespread and extended power outages as a result of extreme weather events. Power supply to Greenport from the main grid was disrupted following Hurricane Irene. And although the village did not lose power from the main grid during Superstorm Sandy, there were significant distribution outages throughout the village.

The Proposed Activity entails the construction of an electrical microgrid including solar and battery storage, grid hardening and controller and switch upgrades. Electric poles will be replaced in-kind throughout the Village of Greenport. Associated wires, controllers and switches will be upgraded. A solar panel field will be located at the Greenport Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) and solar panels will be placed on the roof of the Greenport Fire Station.

The Proposed Activity will result in temporary impacts to an estimated 0.5 acres of 100-Year Floodplain and estimated 0.87-acre of National Wetland Inventory-mapped wetlands. The Proposed Activity will result in permanent impacts to 0 acres of 100-Year Floodplain and 0.87-acres of NWI and/or DEC-mapped wetlands. These impacts will consist of the removal of poles from locations within the floodplain and the replacement in-kind of new poles and associated wires, switches and controllers. The solar panel field at the WWTP will be located in an estimate 0.87-acre USFWS wetland. Helical piles/earth screws will be installed to support the solar panels at the WWTP. The diameters typically range from 2.75 inches to 4.50 inches. The Helical Pile is a tubular shaft pile that is installed into the ground, and once the correct depth and installation torque is achieved, the solar panel frame or racking can be installed with no concrete footers. The solar panel field will be approximately 0.5 acres in size.

Floodplain maps based on the FEMA Base Flood Elevation Maps and wetlands maps based on the National Wetland Inventory and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation data have been prepared and are available for review with additional information at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Proposed Activity or request further information by contacting Lori A. Shirley, Certifying Officer, Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1224, Albany, NY 12260; email: NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org. Standard office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. For more information call 518-474-0755. All comments received by June 17, 2019 will be considered.



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