

**Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the  
Village of Patchogue Out-of-District Sewer Extension Project  
Patchogue, Suffolk County, New York**

**FEMA-4085-DR-NY**

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to provide federal funding to Suffolk County, as sub-grantee, for the Village of Patchogue Out-of-District Sewer Extension Project (proposed project). The proposed project would be funded through the Hazard Mitigation Program.

The proposed project is part of the Suffolk County Coastal Resiliency Initiative, which seeks to mitigate impacts on human life and property, surface waters, and coastal wetlands associated with on-site wastewater treatment and disposal systems failures caused by natural hazards. The proposed project includes the construction of upgrades to the existing sewer collection system and the extension of sanitary sewer service to approximately 648 parcels outside the existing boundary of the Patchogue Sewer District. The proposed project includes three main components: 1) *Collection System Extension*: 19,225 linear feet of 2 to 4-inch-diameter, high-density polyethylene (HDPE) piping would be installed for the low-pressure sewer extension within existing paved public rights of way; 2) *Individual Sewer Connections*: approximately 648 individual on-site low-pressure grinder pump stations and new home service laterals ranging in length from 25 feet to 100 feet, totaling approximately 38,500 linear feet of 1 to 2-inch-diameter, HDPE piping would be installed to connect the unsewered parcels to the system; and 3) *Pump Station Upgrades*: the existing pumps at the West Avenue Pump Station would be replaced with pumps of greater flow capacity to accommodate the increased sanitary flows, and an emergency generator would be replaced in-kind.

The primary purpose of the proposed project is to mitigate short-term and repetitive, adverse impacts on human life and property associated with OSWS failures caused by natural hazards. The secondary purpose is to mitigate long-term, adverse impacts associated with such failures on surface waters and coastal wetlands that reduce the ability of these waters and wetlands to provide natural protection against storm surge. The project is needed because OSWS in the project area are susceptible to both capacity and treatment or disposal failures during flood and heavy rain events. Many systems in the project area failed during Hurricane Sandy.

The project area is partially within a FEMA-designated flood zone, as shown on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 44 CFR Part 9, DHS-FEMA evaluated practicable alternatives, including a No Action alternative, the proposed alternative, and two alternatives that were dismissed (vacuum sewer extension and location outside the floodplain).

In accordance with NEPA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed project on the human environment. The Draft EA summarizes the project's purpose and need, project alternatives, the affected environment, and potential environmental consequences for considered alternatives. DHS-FEMA's requirement of addressing floodplain management in accordance with 44 CFR Part 9 is incorporated with the EA.

The Draft EA is available for public comment and can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>

The Draft EA can be viewed in hard copy at the following locations:

Patchogue Village Clerk  
14 Baker Street #6  
Patchogue, NY 11772

Patchogue-Medford Library  
54-60 E Main St  
Patchogue, NY 11772

Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
25 Beaver Street, 5th Floor  
New York, NY 10004

The comment period will end on 30 days from the date of this legal notice publication in Newsday, or distribution of print copies, whichever is later. Written comments on the EA can be mailed or emailed to the contact 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: FEMA SRO, Office of Environmental & Historic Preservation, Attention: Village of Patchogue Out-of-District Sewer Extension Project or via email at: [FEMA-4085-Comment@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-4085-Comment@fema.dhs.gov).