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

VILLAGE OF AMITYVILLE BULKHEAD RESTORATION PROJECT
TOWN OF BABYLON
SUFFOLK, NEW YORK
JULY 20, 2016

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 the Town of Babylon to fund the Village of Amityville Bulkhead Restoration 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 damaged public infrastructure. During Superstorm Sandy, the Village of Amityville was hit with an eight-foot storm surge, which overtopped existing bulkheads throughout the system, causing severe erosion of the shoreline. Homes, businesses, public facilities, and roads south of Montauk Highway (Merrick Road) experienced flooding, downed trees, and power and communications failures. This project would construct, rehabilitate and raise public bulkheads throughout the targeted community. The proposed construction of the necessary bulkhead improvements would serve to minimize damage and wave overtopping from future storms. The bulkheads are located on public property owned by the Village of Amityville, and no private land acquisition is anticipated for the project. The Proposed Activity entails construction of approximately 2,000 linear feet of public bulkhead in the severely damaged areas of the village. A total of twenty-two (22) bulkhead locations (individual project sites) have been identified for repair, replacement or new construction.

The Proposed Activity will result in temporary impacts to 0.872 acres of 100-Year Floodplain and 0.872 acres of National Wetland Inventory (NWI) and (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) mapped tidal wetlands and tidal wetland adjacent areas. The Proposed Activity will result in permanent impacts to 0.087 acres of 100-Year Floodplain and 0.087 acres of NWI and DEC-mapped tidal wetlands and tidal wetland adjacent areas. These impacts will consist of the repair and restoration of bulkhead locations to mitigate damage and wave overtopping from future storms. The project will also convert 0.091 acres of impervious surface to pervious open space at the Richmond Avenue location. Potential adverse impacts to the floodplain and wetlands will be weighed against the benefits of the Proposed Activity.

Floodplain maps based on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps and wetlands maps based on the
NWl and DEC 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 Thomas King, Assistant General Counsel and 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 518-473-0015. All comments received by August 5, 2016, will be considered.