

Affidavit of Mailing

STATE OF NEW YORK)

:SS.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

Nancy L. Green, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

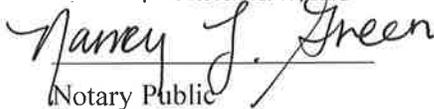
1. I am over the age of eighteen years.
2. On November 17, 2015, I mailed true and correct copies of the early notice and public Explanation of a proposed activity in a 500- and 100- year floodplain and wetland For Sunset Cove Park, Broad Channel, Queens, New York.
Dated November 19th, 2015, by placing the same in first class post-paid Envelopes addressed: SEE ATTACHED LIST.
3. On said day, I deposited said envelopes in a mailbox at 34 South Broadway, White Plains, New York 10601.


Nancy L. Green

Sworn to before me this

11 day of Nov., 2015

NANCY LORRAINE GREEN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01GR6314973
Qualified in Westchester County
Term Expires November 17, 2018


Notary Public



**EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF
A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 500- and 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN and WETLAND**

**Sunset Cove Restoration
Sunset Cove Park, Broad Channel, Queens, New York**

Thomas King, Assistant General Counsel and Certifying Officer
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NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) 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 under 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C - Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to determine the potential effects that its activity in the floodplain would have on the human environment.

Sunset Cove Park is a 12-acre parcel located on a former abandoned and derelict marina in Broad Channel, Queens, NY, the only populated community within the Jamaica Bay islands. The shoreline of the project area, and Big Egg Marsh to the southwest, are both part of the National Park Service (NPS) Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge and the Gateway National Recreation Area.

The overall project will include the restoration of up to five acres of salt marsh, enhancement of over seven acres of maritime scrubland and forest, rehabilitation of the existing hardened shoreline to incorporate oysters and shellfish, construction of berms in the upland perimeter, the creation of an oyster cove, and a viewing platform above the cove.

The CDBG-DR-funded component of the project—an oyster and shellfish habitat—will include the construction of the oyster cove with a deck area for viewing of the cove located in the northern portion of the site. The oyster cove area will be excavated below sub-tidal elevation and lined with geotextile fabric and rocks to create a tidal inlet which will provide wave attenuation and protect the planned habitat improvements, recreational improvements, and surrounding assets from wave impacts and erosion damage. Excavation and lining of the oyster cove will be accomplished by excavating the interior portion prior to excavating the shore portion. A turbidity curtain will be installed off shore to prevent any disturbance of the water, and the shoreline portion will then be excavated and lined to allow tidal inflow. The viewing deck will be located adjacent to the oyster cove to allow site visitors to view the cove area. Oyster cages will be suspended from the boardwalk into the cove. The deck will be constructed using helical, or "screw piles," which do not require excavation.

The proposed project will assist in the overall recovery of the Broad Channel community by providing an ecological and sustainable solution to reduce wave action from Jamaica Bay from surge impacts on residential and commercial assets, as well as the Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge Toll Plaza.

Funding for the project will be provided by the U.S. Department of Interior National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grants Program, and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, with support from the HUD Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program for storm recovery activities in New York State.

A floodplains map based on the FEMA Base Flood Elevation Maps and a wetlands map based on the National Wetland Inventory and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) data have been prepared for this project and are available for review at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains or wetlands 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, adequate public notice is an important public education tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains and wetlands facilitates and enhances 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 or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the proposed action or a request for further information to 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@nysher.org; or by telephone at (646) 417-4660, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All comments received by December 4, 2015 will be considered.

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November 19, 2015

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