

**FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF  
A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN  
PECONIC CROSSING PROJECT, TOWN OF RIVERHEAD,  
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 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.

Pursuant to the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program and Federal Register Notices 78 Fed. Reg. 14329, 78 Fed. Reg. 69104, and 79 Fed. Reg. 62194 (Notices), published March 5, 2013, November 18, 2013, and October 16, 2014, respectively, the State of New York has been allocated approximately \$4.4 billion of CDBG-DR funds for storm recovery activities, including but not limited to the acquisition, demolition, reconstruction, improvement, financing and use of existing properties in storm-impacted communities and counties. A portion of this funding will be used for the redevelopment of a commercial site located at 11 West Main Street, Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York. The proposed action is to remove the two existing commercial structures in the 100-year floodplain on the northern side of the Peconic River and replace them with a new residential building in the 100-year floodplain.

The 0.51-acre site is currently completely developed with two commercial buildings that are connected and are currently occupied by the 10,000 square foot, Long Island Science Center. The remainder of the property consists of asphalt paved parking area. The site is 100 percent impermeable. There is a bulkhead at the southern edge of the site between the parking area and a boardwalk along the Peconic River to the south.

Approximately 0.3 acres of the Project parcel are within Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) Zone AE (areas of 100-year flood where base flood elevation have been determined), as indicated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Community Panel Number 36103C0466H, dated September 25, 2009.

Peconic Crossing, LLC is proposing redevelopment of a 0.51-acre property on the north side of the Peconic River, including approximately 0.3-acres that are in the 100-year floodplain. Project activities within the 100-year floodplain include demolition of the existing structures and asphalt pavement, soil removal and replacement, and construction of a new four-story wood frame structure built over a single-story masonry parking structure. Project construction would disturb the entire 0.51-acre site. The site would remain almost entirely impermeable after Project completion. Where stormwater is not able to be directed to landscaped filter strips, it will be directed to leaching galleys/chambers beneath the parking areas using a system of catch basins and piping.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, citizens 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.

### **FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN**

GOSR has reevaluated the alternatives to project activities in the floodplain and has determined that there is no practicable alternative. A copy of the 8-step floodplain analysis summary documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988 can be viewed online at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the project or a request for further information to:

Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
NYS Homes & Community Renewal  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207; e-mail [NYSCDBG\\_DR\\_ER@nyshcr.org](mailto:NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org)  
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Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via email at [nyscdbg\\_dr\\_er@nyshcr.org](mailto:nyscdbg_dr_er@nyshcr.org). A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Mondays through Fridays, at the GOSR office address listed above. All comments received by Monday April 25, 2016 will be considered.

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**April 18, 2016**