

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

**BARNES AVENUE SANITARY SEWAGE FLOW DIVERSION PROJECT
VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD, NY**

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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 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.

Sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) have occurred periodically at Barnes Avenue and Third Avenue in Baldwin, in the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County. Sanitary sewer overflow is a condition in which untreated wastewater is discharged into the environment and is typically caused by either a surcharge of sewage flow or infiltration of large volumes of stormwater into the sanitary sewer system. Though SSOs have occurred periodically in the area of Barnes Avenue for more than a decade, Superstorm Sandy exacerbated the existing vulnerabilities in the wastewater collection and treatment system. The flow diversion project proposed herein addresses the vulnerabilities and capacity limitation in the sewer system by diverting wastewater generated upstream to a portion of the sewer system with adequate capacity for conveyance and treatment.

The project proposes construction of a new flow diversion pump station adjacent to the existing Weekes Park Pumping Station, renovation of the Newmans Court Pumping Station, and installation of new force main piping under Front Street/Route 102, Ingraham Boulevard, Jerusalem Avenue, Meadowbrook State Parkway, and South Franklin Street to convey the redirected wastewater flow. Under the proposed configuration, up to 5.85 million gallons per day of wastewater flow would be redirected upstream of Baldwin and, subsequently, Bay Park Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), to Cedar Creek WWTP.

Funding for the project will be provided by the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Storm Mitigation Loan Program (SMLP) 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, has been prepared for this project and is available for review at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>

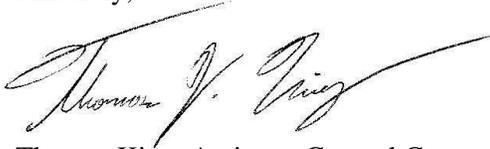
There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should

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 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, 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 12231; email: NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org. All comments received by **April 7, 2015** will be considered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas J. King". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Thomas King, Assistant General Counsel and Certifying Officer

March 23, 2015