

## Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that **the City of Paterson** has determined that the following proposed action under the **Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)** and **Grant Number M-17-MC-34-0208** contains activities that are located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. **The City of Paterson will** be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the **floodplain**, and the potential impacts on the **floodplain** from the proposed action. This evaluation is required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 0.2 PFA Approach. The Climate-Informed Science Approach (CISA) was not available for this site.

### Project Details:

Project Name: **Passaic County Habitat for Humanity New Construction**

Project Location: **159-163 North Main Street, Paterson, NJ**

Project Description: **The proposed project includes new construction of affordable housing units. The City of Paterson needs affordable housing, particularly for lower income households.**

FFRMS Details: **The entirety of the site is located within an FFRMS floodplain. The lot is approximately 0.2 acres.**

Designation: **Non-Critical**

Estimated FFRMS Flood Elevation in 2070: **48.7 feet**

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. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplains, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplains. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comments can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts 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.

Written comments must be received by **the City of Paterson** at the following address **125 Ellison Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Paterson, New Jersey 07505**, or via email at **[bmclennon@patersonnj.gov](mailto:bmclennon@patersonnj.gov)**. **The 15-day written comment period will begin on May 29, 2025 ending on June 13, 2025.** A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **10am to 4pm Monday-Friday at the address shown above.**

**The City of Paterson  
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Attention: Barbara Blake-McLennon, Director of Community Development  
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**Date: May 28, 2025**