

City of Paterson
**Final Notice and Public Explanation 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 under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order(s) 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The proposed activity is eligible for funding using CPF grant funds.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the 500-year floodplain approach. Data was not available for the preferred method, Climate-Informed Science Approach.

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: 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

The City has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating this project in a floodplain. This is due to:

- 1) the static nature of floodplains
- 2) the static nature of affordable vacant lots
- 3) the need for affordable units in the area

This project will comply with all local, state, and federal floodplain procedures.

Floodplains provide a wide range of benefits to the ecosystem and community that include: Flood storage and erosion control; water quality maintenance – reducing sediment loads, filtering nutrients and impurities, and moderating water temperature; biological productivity and habitat for a variety of fish and wildlife; as well as recreational opportunities and open space. Potential impacts to these benefits were weighed and analyzed throughout the 8-Step Decision Making Process and these impacts will either be negligible or more than adequately mitigated against, and in some instances the mitigation measures will improve the capacity of the floodplain over its pre-impact state.

The proposed project is not expected to have any impact on the floodplain. It is suitable for carrying out the mission of the United States Department of Urban Development (HUD) by providing necessary affordable housing to the community. Therefore, the proposed projects will not result in a negative impact to the interests of the surrounding population, the value of the watershed, or the ecological benefits of the floodplain.

The recommendation to proceed with the proposed activities was made based on the fact that no appropriate alternatives were identified, no public comments regarding the floodplain were received, and the proposed actions are to be conducted in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal guidelines. In addition, the proposed activities ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, the preservation of the natural and beneficial functions and values attributable to on-site floodplain.

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 **floodplain**, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about **floodplains**, 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.

There is a 7-day comment period that will begin on June 14, 2025, and end on June 21, 2025. Written comments must be received by the City of Paterson at the following address on or before June 21, 2025.

**The City of Paterson
Dept. of Community Development
125 Ellison Street, 2nd Fl.
Paterson, NJ 07505**

Attention: Barbara Blake-McLennon, Director of Community Development,
Email: bmclennon@patersonnj.gov,
Telephone: 973-321-1212.

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **10am to 4pm Monday-Friday at the address above state**. Comments may also be submitted via email at **bmclennon@patersonnj.gov**.

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