

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **CITY OF PATERSON**

#### **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 under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action, Habitat for Humanity Scattered Site, contains activities that are located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain. The City will be conducting an evaluation into practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain, and the potential impacts on the floodplains 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 500-year floodplain approach. Data was not available for the preferred method, Climate-Informed Science Approach.

#### **Project Details**

Project Name: Habitat for Humanity Scattered Site

Project Summary: The proposed project includes the acquisition, rehabilitation, and disposition of four single-family units. All of the addresses are located within the 1st Ward of the City of Paterson. These units are part of Paterson Habitat for Humanity, Inc. Passaic County Habitat for Humanity's (PCHFH) strategic goal to increase homeownership in the city of Paterson. The units included in this application represent the continuation of work for which Habitat has been awarded multiple HOME grants over the years and applied for HOME grants in 2019 through 2024. There are already many Passaic County Habitat homeowner families living in the immediate vicinity of these properties as well as, easy access to downtown Paterson including public services and private businesses, restaurants, and bodegas. Only two locations include an FFRMS Floodplain.

Project Locations:

FFRMS Site 1: 85 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Paterson, NJ

FFRMS Site 2: 132 N 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Paterson, NJ

Floodplain Details: For the purpose of this review the entire lot for each location is considered a floodplain. This allows for a thorough review of the project.

FFRMS Site 1: 0.069 acres

FFRMS Site 2: 0.344 acres

Designation: Non-Critical

Grant Information: HOME – M-17-MC-34-0115

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.

**There is a 15-day comment period that will begin on Friday, July 25, 2025, and end on August 9, 2025. Written comments must be received by the City of Paterson at the following address.**

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

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

A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **10am to 3pm Monday-Friday at the address above state**. Comments may also be submitted via email at **[bmclennon@patersonnj.gov](mailto:bmclennon@patersonnj.gov)**.

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