

## **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 Gloucester County under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed actions under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program M-20-DC-34-0215 and M-21-DP-34-0215 as well as the Community Project Funding Program B-24-CP-NJ-1462 with anticipated funding from Project Based Vouchers and Project Based VASH is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and Gloucester County will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to location the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed actions, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using the CISA approach.

**Gordon H. Mansfield Veterans & Senior Village at West Deptford:** Gloucester County proposes the use of \$150,000 in HOME funding, among other funding sources, for the construction of eighty-four (84) age restricted and Veteran dwelling units (66 one-bedroom units and 18 two-bedroom units) within a four (4) story, 84,720± square foot housing facility and related site improvements. Related site improvements for the proposed project include: 1) 121 parking spaces; 2) a four (4) foot wide walking trail; 3) a community greenhouse; 4) landscaping; 5) an outdoor seating area/gathering area; and 6) monument signage. The project and its related site improvements are proposed for development on 5.4 + acres of land located at 420 Grove Avenue, West Deptford Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey. The proposed project is located on Block 328, Lot 3.01 on the official Tax Map of West Deptford Township. The site is within the RiverCenter at West Deptford (RiverWinds) Redevelopment Area, which is owned by the Applicant and includes Block 328, Lot 3.12 which has been developed. Block 328, Lot 3.01 is currently vacant and underutilized.

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

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 Gloucester County at the following address on or before November 28, 2024: Office of Housing and Community Development, 1480 Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ 08080, and (856)-307-6664, Attention: Christina Velázquez, Director, Office of Housing and Community Development. A full description of the project may also be reviewed during regular business hours at the address stated above. Comments may also be submitted via email at [cvelazquez@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:cvelazquez@co.gloucester.nj.us)

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