

**FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION
OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE
100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND
PASSAIC COUNTY, NJ**

To all interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:

In accordance with the provisions of the U.S. Water Resources Council's Floodplain Management Guidelines for implementing Executive Order 11988, Passaic County announces its findings and intent to proceed with the following projects:

Public Infrastructure Improvements – Community Streets, Sidewalks (multi-year, 2019-2023, non-site specific).

Funds will be used to make improvements to existing streets, sidewalks and curbs. Street improvements will be limited to existing rights-of-way. All improvements will take place on existing infrastructure without expansion of services or facilities. Sidewalk improvements will include replacement of existing material with identical or as similar material as possible. Sidewalk improvements may include ADA curb cuts to allow for handicapped accessibility. 2019 projects include:

CD 19-01 Borough of Bloomingdale – ADA Ramp Installation and Sidewalk - Union Avenue

CDBG funds will be used for the installation of ADA ramps, the replacement of sidewalks, curbing and driveway aprons along Union Avenue from Oak Street to Paterson Hamburg Turnpike.

CD 19-04 Township of Little Falls – Street Improvements – Micklejohn Avenue

CDBG funds will be used for street improvements along Micklejohn Avenue from Main Street to Woodcliff Avenue including: Installation of ADA compliant ramps; Belgium block curbing, reset driveway curbing, reset pavers for driveways or walkways, concrete walk restoration, milling and paving, install traffic markings and crosswalks, reset 2 existing manholes..

Public Infrastructure Improvements to Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer and Storm Water Lines (multi-year, 2019-2023).

Improvement will be made to existing water and sewer infrastructure as needed to improve health and safety. Work may include water/sewer mains, laterals, manholes, street restoration and related site work. All improvements will take place on existing infrastructure without expansion of capacity by more than 20%. 2019 projects include:

CD 19-06 Borough of Totowa: Sanitary Sewer Lining Project - Boyle Avenue between Totowa Road and Franklin Place

CDBG funds will be used for the installation of cured-in-place pipe liner and sealing of manholes, along the length of the sanitary sewer line to be rehabilitated along Boyle Avenue between Totowa Road and Franklin Place. Work includes sealing of sanitary sewer lateral connections at the main, and rehab of sanitary manholes within the project limits. 70+ year old clay pipes, brick manholes are currently in place

The above-referenced action was advertised on October 10, 2019 and comments were requested from the public because the proposed activities may be located in areas predicted to be inundated by a flood having a one percent probability of recurring each year (this is the 100-year base flood). Because the projects are local in nature, publication of this notice in a newspaper of local circulation has been deemed appropriate.

Upon publication and circulation of this Notice of Finding and Public Explanation, comments will be received by Ms. Deborah Hoffman, Director of Economic Development, Passaic County, 930 Riverview Drive, Suite 250, Totowa, NJ 07512 for a period of 15 days. Comments must be received on or by November 8, 2019.

Our evaluation has resulted in the determination that there is no practical alternative to the preceding proposed projects. Implementation of the projects has been designed so that no mitigation techniques are necessary to avoid adverse impacts on the flood plain, or risk to life and property.

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, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance 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.

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