



TOWN OF UNION, NEW YORK

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a 100-year Floodplain
Town of Union, New York
Barton Avenue Levee Modification/Extension
Johnson City, Broome County, NY
Sara Zubalsky-Peer, Planning Director**

TO: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals.

This is to give notice that the Town of Union under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action in Johnson City, Broome County, New York ("Proposed Action") is located in the 100-year floodplain. The Town of Union is conducting an environmental review of the Proposed Action as the recipient of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under 42 U.S.C. § 5304(g) and 79 Fed. Reg. 62,182 (Oct. 16, 2014). As required by Executive Orders 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, the Town of Union will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain, as well as the potential impacts on the floodplain. The Proposed Action is a federally funded undertaking involving federal, state, and local regulatory approvals and discretionary permits associated with modification and extension of an earthen levee in the vicinity of Barton Avenue in the Town of Union, NY.

The Proposed Action will modify and extend an existing earthen levee. A levee closure system consisting of three (3) tieback levees, a closure structure, and an interior storm water pump station was constructed in 1989 to provide flood protection for the Fairmont Park neighborhood. The area however remained in the FEMA 100-year flood zone due a gap in the system. The town recently addressed this gap through the construction of a floodwall closure across Watson Boulevard. The project was completed in 2017.

This proposed project will increase the level of protection offered by the existing levee component to modify and extend the existing levee to an elevation of 841 ft. to match the existing floodwall and road closure system. The project will also remove sections of an existing paved walkway/golf path, relocate and construct new sections of a paved walkway/golf path, and remove a section of an existing paved parking lot. The proposed project is within the vicinity of Barton Avenue and the Traditions at the Glen golf course located at 4301 and 4311 Watson Boulevard in the Town of Union, NY. The total disturbance of the project is expected to be

approximately 1.4 acres with a nearly 50% reduction of impervious surfaces. Construction will take place in a previously disturbed area.

There are three primary reasons for this notice. First, citizens 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 and wetlands 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.

COMMENTS:

Written comments are requested and will be accepted by the person noted below, on or before April 15, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via email to:

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A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, at the Town of Union office address listed above.