

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED ACTIVITIES IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups & Individuals

This is to give notice that the State of Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) State of Connecticut Disaster Recovery Program activities under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383).to determine the potential effect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment.

This project is located at 323 Fairfield Beach Road and can be found between Long Island Sound and Fairfield Beach Road, specifically along the south side of Penfield Pavilion. This proposal will provide shoreline resiliency improvements at Penfield Beach. This project represents a sound means of retrofitting a vital section of shoreline infrastructure, namely, the timber bulkhead at Penfield Beach area, that will provide this section of Fairfield Beach Road Neighborhood with the coastal resiliency needed in order to mitigate the damaging effects of severe coastal storm events. The total floodplain area affected is anticipated to be approximately 0.07 Acre.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and wetlands 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 education 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 and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by DOH on or before June 26, 2015. DOH encourages electronic submittal of comments to CT.Housing.Plans@ct.gov. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: Hermia Delaire, Program Manager, Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program, Department of Housing, 505 Hudson Street, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106 by June 26, 2015, where a full description of the project may also be reviewed during the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Evonne M. Klein, Commissioner, DOH