

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Orders 11988 & 11990
East Beach Bluff Stabilization
Port Jefferson Village, Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to provide federal funding to the Village of Port Jefferson as subrecipient for Phase 2 of the East Beach Bluff Stabilization project in the Town of Brookhaven, New York through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program. The purpose of the PDM Grant Program is to support states, local communities, tribes, and territories in planning and implementing sustainable cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Orders (EOs) 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Wetlands Protection), their implementing regulations in 44 CFR Part 9, the Coastal Zone Management Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

The East Beach Bluff Stabilization Project consists of two phases to address ongoing erosion at East Beach bluff, which threatens the stability of adjacent Village-owned facilities. Phase 1 at the bluff toe is nearly complete. The FEMA-funded Phase 2 portion consists of the installation of steel sheeting at the crest of the bluff with a structural tie back system to offset the heavy weight of the embankment. Construction of steel sheeting will require the removal of the adjacent pergola, gazebo, and intersecting tennis courts, and the installation of new plantings, seeding, and landscaping in the immediate area.

Portions of the project take place within the 100-year floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) a significantly higher wall at the toe of the bluff only, 2) no action, or 3) the proposed alternative, which is stabilization activities at both the toe and crest of the bluff to provide comprehensive stabilization. FEMA has determined that the proposed alternative is the most economically feasible, socially acceptable, and best serves the safety and interests of its local community. Potential impacts to the floodplain, water quality, or aquatic habitat are anticipated to be temporary during construction and minimized through best management practices and conservation measures incorporated from resource agency recommendations and required regulatory permits.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain impacts may be submitted in writing within 15 days of the date of this publication to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region 2 – Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, Mitigation Division, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY, 10278 or via email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. If substantive comments are received, FEMA will evaluate and address the comments as part of the environmental documentation for this project.