

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC NOTICE
ELEVATION OF FLOOD-PRONE STRUCTURES
TOWN OF DEERPARK, ORANGE COUNTY, N.Y.
FEMA HMGP # 4020-0059**

Notification is hereby given to the public that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is reviewing a grant application for Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding from the Town of Deerpark, Orange County, New York.

The grant application seeks Federal funding for 75% of the cost of elevating one residential structure above the base flood elevation. The subject property is located within the base, or one percent chance floodplain (also known as the 100-year floodplain) of the Neversink River, and was substantially damaged by flood waters from Hurricane Irene and/or Tropical Storm Lee in August and September 2011.

Federal Executive Orders 11988, Floodplain Management, and 11990, Protection of Wetlands, require federal agencies to review proposed actions in floodplains and/or wetlands and explore practicable alternatives to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts.

A variety of alternatives were considered, including repairing/rebuilding to pre-flood condition, acquisition/demolition and acquisition/relocation. Rebuilding to pre-flood condition would not meet current code requirements for substantial improvements. Acquisition/demolition and acquisition/relocation would result in the loss of tax base and community character. Elevating the structure will reduce its vulnerability to future flood damages, lower flood insurance premiums, reduce repetitive flood claims, and bring the dwelling into compliance with NFIP requirements. FEMA has determined that structure elevation is the most practicable alternative for the property in question.

The public is invited to provide comments about this project. Written comments may be submitted by mail to FEMA Region II, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Leo O'Brien Federal Building, 11A Clinton Square, Room 742, Albany, New York 12206-5421 or by email to FEMA-R2-HMA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be submitted within 15 days of this notice.