

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Orders 11988 & 11990
Proposed Reconstruction of Lake Lenape Dam
Hamilton Township, Atlantic County, New Jersey

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 Atlantic County (Subapplicant) for the proposed reconstruction of the Lake Lenape Dam. Funding will be provided through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program. The purpose of the PDM grant program is to implement sustainable, cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards while reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management), EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, and the implementing regulations for EO 11988 & 11990 in 44 CFR Part 9.

This project entails the replacement of the existing, deteriorated Lake Lenape Dam spillway and low-level outlet structures with a labyrinth weir spillway. A cofferdam will be used to facilitate spillway construction, and the new spillway will tie into existing embankment dams to the west and east. The project is intended to address the poor condition of the existing spillway and to mitigate upstream flooding conditions by bringing the spillway into compliance with current dam design standards.

The project area is located in the 100-year floodplain and mapped wetlands, which means that it has the potential to affect, and be affected by, the floodplain and wetlands. Alternatives considered include: 1) taking no action or 2) the proposed alternative, which is reconstruction of the dam at its current location. FEMA has determined that reconstruction at the current location is the most practicable alternative. This alternative meets the PDM grant program goals to protect property and human lives from future natural hazards. Potential impacts to water quality or aquatic habitat will be minimized through the application of best management practices and adherence to all applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and ordinances.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain and/or wetland impacts may be submitted in writing within 15 days of the date of this publication to: FEMA Region 2, Attn: Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, 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.