

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment Report Regarding Neversink Ballfields and Town Park Improved Project, Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, NY
FEMA-4020-DR-NY

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 financial assistance to New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES), as Grantee, and the Town of Neversink, New York, as Subgrantee, for an improved project for the reconstruction of the Neversink Ballfields and Town Park at a new location in the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York. The new Baseball fields and Park would replace the function of the facility located on Sundown Road, Town of Neversink, which sustained flood damage during Hurricane Irene. The storm incident period of August 26, 2011 to September 5, 2011 was declared a major disaster by President Obama on August 31, 2011 (FEMA-4020-DR-NY) and subsequently amended. Federal public assistance was made available to affected communities and non-profit organizations in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (Stafford Act), 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq., as amended. FEMA public assistance would provide funding for the proposed action, which would fully restore all services disrupted by flood damage to the original facility.

The proposed project involves construction of a new Town park and ballfields on property purchased by the Town of Neversink for this purpose at 7752 NYS Route 42 and an adjacent parcel (no street address is assigned). Currently, both parcels are vacant, although 7752 NYS Route 42 had recently contained a single family residence that the Subgrantee demolished in preparation for this action. The other parcel had been used as a hayfield. The new facility would include associated site improvements, such as an access road (driveway), parking areas, infrastructure upgrades, and stormwater management systems. The new facility would be located outside the 100-year floodplain.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human environment. DHS-FEMA's requirement of addressing floodplain management and wetlands protection in accordance with 44 CFR Part 9 is incorporated with the EA. The EA is available for public comment and comments can be sent via email to FEMA4020-4031Comment@fema.dhs.gov. The EA will also be available for download from the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/resource-document-library>. The EA can be viewed in hard copy at the following location: Town of Neversink Town Hall at 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

The comment period will end 30 days from the date of this legal notice publication in the *Tri-Valley Townsman* newspaper. Written comments on the EA can be mailed or e-mailed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact will be signed. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents. Contact DHS-FEMA Region II, Office of Environmental Planning & Historic Preservation, Leo O'Brien Building 11A Clinton Avenue, Suite 742, Albany New York 12207 or via email at FEMA4020-4031COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov.