

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC NOTICE
LONG BEACH ROAD RECONSTRUCTION
TOWN OF SMITHTOWN
FEMA-HMGP-4348-0049**

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 Town of Smithtown, NY, Suffolk County, as sub-recipient for the proposed reconstruction of Long Beach Road in Smithtown, NY. The proposed project would be funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order (EO) 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988-11990.

The sub-recipient seeks Federal funding for the reconstruction and elevation of Long Beach Road. The section of road that is proposed for rehabilitation parallels Stony Brook Harbor and is subject to frequent flooding during high tides and storm events. During times of flooding, the roadway can be impassable to the residents of approximately 250 homes that depend on the road as the only means of ingress and egress. Emergency vehicles are impeded from responding to this community during flooding events, posing a significant safety risk. In addition to residential homes in this area, there are three municipal recreation facilities, one municipal marina, one municipal mooring facility, one private recreation facility, and one private marina.

In order to reduce the frequency and extent of flooding on Long Beach Road, the Town proposes to elevate a section of approximately 1,600 linear feet of the roadway to an extent that will eliminate flooding directly attributed to tidal action (no meteorological influences). Raising the elevation of this section of the road will significantly reduce the frequency that the road becomes impassible to vehicular traffic.

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. FEMA has determined that the proposed alternative is the most practicable alternative. FEMA has also determined that investment of funds to reduce flood risk is in the public interest.

The public is invited to provide comments about these projects. 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 12207 or by email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be submitted within 15 days of this notice.