



Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodplain – Schroon Lake, New York

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) intends to fund the following Proposed Action under the State Economic & Infrastructure Development Investment (SEID) Program. NBRC will prepare an 8-Step Decision-Making Process review in compliance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management) as amended by Executive Order 13690 (Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input), which established a more protective standard for evaluating flood risk to ensure projects funded by the Federal government are more resilient to the impacts of flooding.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to upgrade an antiquated wastewater system that is currently failing to meet current development needs, state and federal water quality, and treatment standards. This is aligned with the SEID Program's Basic Public Infrastructure project priority. The Proposed Action includes the improvement of the current failing wastewater conveyance system to local businesses and residences on Main Street in Schroon Lake, NY. This proposed action is located on Route 9 with coordinates: [43.835120, -73.762273](#). To complete the project, a temporary bypass pumping system would be installed to divert water around the section of Rogers Brook where the replacement would occur. Excavation would need to occur to find the existing pipe, and following the replacement, the trench would be backfilled. The replacement would be installed along the same route with minor deviations allowing for improved access and decreased in-stream channel impacts. The anticipated horizontal limits of disturbance are approximately 0.1 acres (about 6 feet wide by 300 feet long for the pipe replacement); the anticipated vertical limits of disturbance are up to 4 feet within areas of previous disturbance within the brook. Manholes associated with the 320 LF of the sewer main would also be rehabilitated.

For the Proposed Action, the federal flood risk management standard (FFRMS) floodplain was defined using the 0.2-percent-annual-chance Flood Approach (0.2 PFA). Using the (0.2 PFA), NBRC has determined that the proposed action will occur within the limits of the 0.2 PFA, also known as the 500-year flood plain, according to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the region. The current sewage infrastructure to be replaced is in the Rogers Brook channel; therefore, the entire project exists below the elevation of the FFRMS floodplain. Accordingly, NBRC has determined that the project's footprint exists in an FFRMS floodplain and warrants an analysis under the 8-Step Decision-Making Process.

This notice provides people who may be affected by the Proposed Action and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment with an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts.

Comments should be submitted by email to info@clarkgroupplc.com. NBRC is accepting comments on this notice from **MONTH DAY, 2023**, through the end of the day of **MONTH DAY, 2023**.

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