

**Final Notice and Public Explanation of Proposed Activities in a 100-Year Floodplain
County of Orange**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that Orange County has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential effect that its activities in the floodplain and wetlands will have on the human environment for the county's Community Development Block Grant Program that is funded through grants from HUD. The proposed activity is:

Activity	Project Size (acres in floodplain)	Project Location
CD 21-04 Prospect Road Drainage Improvements	<1 acre	Village of South Blooming Grove

The project involves redevelopment of 9,300 feet of existing stormwater swales along Prospect Road in the Village of South Blooming Grove, Orange County, NY. The existing swales are improperly sloped, and as such have collected silt deposits and do not function properly during storm events. The project involves reshaping and sloping swales so as to avoid further collection of stagnant water. A portion of the project is located in the floodway, but the project is not a critical action. No new construction of structures or buildings in the floodplain is expected; rather, the infrastructure to be installed will help better manage stormwater flow on the site.

Orange County has concluded that, because the activities to be undertaken include replacement of existing stormwater infrastructure in a site-specific location, there is no practical alternative to conducting these activities within the floodplain. Further, implementation of the project will reduce flooding impacts to homeowners in the area. Implementation of the projects will be designed so that no mitigation techniques are necessary to avoid adverse impacts on the floodplain or to restore and preserve the natural or beneficial values of the floodplain. The proposed activities will conform to applicable State or local floodplain protection procedures and the criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Orange County has determined that the proposed activities will have no significant impact on the environment because the proposed activities are limited to replacement of existing structures that will not impede the floodplain and will create better stormwater drainage in the project area. The County has prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents compliance with compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990. The ERR, which is available for public inspection and copying at the County Office of Community Development at the address below during normal business hours, documents the reasons why the projects must be located in a floodplain; a description of all significant facts considered in making the determination, including alternative sites and actions, and any mitigating techniques incorporated into the projects as proposed.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the county at the following address on or before July 1, 2021: County of Orange, Office of Community Development, 40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A, Goshen, NY 10924. Attention: Nicole Andersen, Community Development Director. Comments may also be submitted via email at commdev@orangecountygov.com

La información será proporcionada en español a petición.

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