

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Order 11988 and 11990
Moodna Creek Streambank Reconstruction and Hardening
Cornwall, Orange County, New York

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 Orange County as subrecipient for the stabilization of a streambank along Moodna Creek in Cornwall, Orange County, New York through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The purpose of HMGP is for communities to develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), EO 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988 and EO 11990, and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

The project is to be located along Moodna Creek, between the Creek and County Route 32/Mill Street (41.433906, -74.052528). The proposed scope of work consists of the installation of a 400 linear foot soldier pile and lagging wall on the lower portion of the embankment, plantings and erosion control matting on the mid portion, and drainage features on the top. A cofferdam will be temporarily installed to assist with the installation of the lower portion. Currently, the erosion of the embankment has caused the collapse of a private drive and threatens the structural integrity of a private and public road, posing a threat to property and safety in the area.

This action would take place within the 100-year floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) no action or 2) the proposed alternative to stabilize the embankment. FEMA has determined that the stabilization of the embankment with the soldier pile and lagging wall, plantings and drainage improvements as described above will create the most suitable outcome. Potential floodplain and wetland impacts are anticipated to be temporary during construction and minimized through best management practices and conservation measures incorporated from resource agency recommendations and required regulatory permits.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain 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.