

REBUILD BY DESIGN HUDSON RIVER

Hudson River Waterfront Communities

ENHANCING FLOOD RESILIENCE



FAQs

Project Overview

Q: What is RBDH?

A: Rebuild by Design Hudson River (RBDH) project is a collaborative initiative aimed at enhancing flood resilience in the Hudson River waterfront communities, specifically in Hoboken, parts of Jersey City, and parts of Weehawken. The project focuses on innovative strategies to protect these areas from future flooding while improving public spaces. The project is installing a Resist Structure, floodwall with flood gates and integrating a resiliency park, along with other urban amenities. Learn all about our project by visiting our website: <https://bit.ly/NJDEP-RBDH>

Q: How would this project improve my community?

A: This project aims to reduce flooding risks from storm surge, enhance public amenities, and improve green spaces. It will create a more resilient infrastructure while promoting community engagement and safety.

Q: Will the RBDH project reduce flooding?

A: Yes, the Project will minimize the impacts from surge flood events on the community including adverse impacts to public health and safety, as well as economic vitality, while providing benefits that will enhance the urban condition, recognizing the unique challenges that exist within a highly developed urban area.

Q: Will there be additional flooding in areas near the RBDH project that are not receiving the benefits of reduced flooding?

A: The height of the storm surge during these events is governed by the height of the entire Hudson River estuary. The volume of the surge waters we are keeping out of the protected area are negligible when compared to the rest of the Hudson River estuary. In other words, the water that is prevented from flooding the protected area will not be significant enough in volume to raise the base flood elevation during a surge event in areas that are not receiving any direct benefits. However, the RBDH project will protect critical infrastructure that the entire community will rely on in future surge events.

Q: What is the project doing at the Monarch site - 1501 Shipyard Lane?

A: The RBDH project has temporary access to the Monarch Site so the DEP's Contractor and field inspectors can use it as a storage area and laydown site so they are in close proximity to construction activities occurring in the North work zone.

Q: What is the project doing at 200 Harrison Street?

A: The RBDH project has temporary access to 200 Harrison so the DEP's Contractor and field inspectors can use it as a storage area and laydown site so they are in close proximity to construction activities occurring in the Southern work zone.

Q: Who is the contractor?

A: The contractor for the RBDH project is E.E. Cruz & Company. They have extensive experience in similar projects and are committed to minimizing disruption during construction.



Construction

Q: How long will construction take in my community?

A: The project is currently underway and is expected to run through the Summer of 2027.

Q: How long will you be working in Harborside Park?

A: Work in Harborside Park began in Spring 2024 and is expected to run through the Summer of 2027.

Q: What are the project's work hours?

A: Typical work hours will be from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours and weekend work may be necessary for specific tasks.

Q: Will there be overnight work?

A: Overnight work may occur occasionally, especially during critical phases. We will notify residents in advance of any such work.

Q: How loud is the construction?

A: Construction noise will vary depending on the activity but will generally be within acceptable levels. We aim to minimize noise where possible. We are monitoring noise levels to ensure they remain within safe limits.

Q: What is causing vibration?

A: Vibration may occur due to heavy equipment and construction activities. We are continuously monitoring vibration levels to ensure they remain within safe limits.

Q: Will vibration from construction equipment cause cracking in a property's foundation?

A: While some vibration is expected, it is typically within safe limits and unlikely to cause structural damage. There is continuous monitoring equipment in place to provide real time data.

Q: When will the road be paved?

A: Road paving will occur toward the end of each construction phase. We will provide specific dates as they approach.

Q: Will you be producing dust?

A: Some dust is inevitable during construction. Our Contractor has implemented dust control measures to minimize impact on the surrounding area.

Q: Will construction affect the ability to park in front of a property?

A: There may be temporary restrictions on parking in some areas during construction. We will provide advanced notice to affected residents.

Q: Will I have full access to my property during construction?

A: Access to your property will generally be maintained, but there may be temporary restrictions depending on construction activities. We will provide advanced notice to affected residents.

Q: Will streets be closed during construction?

A: Some streets may be temporarily closed or have reduced access during construction. The RBDH team will coordinate with all local traffic authorities, PD and OEM prior to any road closures. We will provide advanced public notice and alternative routes.

Q: Will I be informed of any new construction updates and disturbances?

A: Yes, we provide regular updates to the City of Hoboken. You can also sign up for RBDH weekly community construction advisories here: <https://bit.ly/RBDH-Weekly-Advisories>

Q: How long will it take to construct the whole project?

A: The project is happening now and through the Summer of 2027. This may vary based on unforeseen circumstances.

Q: Where can I get construction updates?

A: Through City of Hoboken construction updates. You can also sign up for RBDH weekly community construction advisories here: <https://bit.ly/RBDH-Weekly-Advisories>. For additional information or concerns, please contact our hotline and/or project email at **1-800-252-0219** or **rbdhinquiries@portal3.pbid.com**, and we will respond promptly.

Q: Who do I call if I need additional information or have questions/concerns during construction?

A: For additional information or concerns, please contact our hotline and/or project email at **1-800-252-0219** or **rbdhinquiries@portal3.pbid.com**, and we will respond promptly.



Traffic and Property

Q: How are you remediating traffic issues?

A: We are coordinating with local traffic management authorities to implement detours and minimize disruption. Updates will be provided as needed via signage and the Hoboken Nixle as needed.

Q: Will you be replacing sidewalk and/or driveway if damaged?

A: Yes, any sidewalks or driveways that are impacted during construction will be restored to their original condition.

Q: When will you re-seed, replace plants, trees and shrubs damaged and/or removed for construction?

A: We plan to re-seed and replace plants and shrubs as part of the final restoration process. However, in compliance with FEMA levee requirements no trees will be permitted within 15' of the levee system. Some small trees will be replanted in planters within this zone.

Q: Will there be any interruption to utility services?

A: Utility interruptions may be necessary at times to perform critical work. We will inform residents in advance of any planned interruptions.

Q: Will the garbage and recycling be picked up while you are under construction in front of a property?

A: Yes, garbage and recycling services will continue, although there may be temporary adjustments. We will communicate any changes in advance.

Q: How will this impact my property?

A: While there may be temporary construction disruptions, the long-term benefits include improved flood resilience and enhanced community amenities.

Q: What will be done to restore rights of way and my property after construction is finished?

A: After construction, we will restore rights of way and properties to their original state, ensuring any disruptions are addressed promptly.



Additional Concerns and Questions

Q: What if a big storm happens during construction and flooding occurs? What are your contingencies to ensure that construction debris and damage does not occur on a property?

A: In the event of a storm, we have plans in place to secure the site and minimize debris. Our team will be on standby to address any immediate concerns.

Q: What is the town or project doing to alleviate the public's concerns and inconveniences?

A: We are actively engaging with the community, providing regular updates, and implementing measures to minimize disruption throughout the project.

Q: Are there renderings on how this project will look like after completion?

A: Yes, renderings and design plans are available on our website (<https://bit.ly/NJDEP-RBDH>), and at the City of Hoboken's website (<https://bit.ly/HobokenNJ-RBDH>). We encourage residents to view these for a better understanding of the final outcome.



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