

REBUILD BY DESIGN

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HUDSON RIVER HOBOKEN WEEHAWKEN JERSEY CITY

JANUARY 2017 PROJECT UPDATES

The project is currently preparing the Feasibility Report and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). These documents are a necessary part of the project and we are going to be sharing them with you in the next couple of months. The Feasibility Study seeks to answer the questions, **'Where and what can we build?'** and **'Will it be effective?'**, while the Environmental Impact Statement examines **'What will be affected?'** in the natural and built environments that make up the Study Area.

What's the Story?

The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development created the Rebuild By Design competition following Superstorm Sandy in 2012 to develop ideas on how to improve the physical, ecological, and economic resilience of coastal areas following times of flood. Hoboken, Weehawken, and Jersey City were selected through the competition based on damages suffered from Sandy and their long-term historical flooding problems.

The project is being led by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and includes the following integrated components:



The Preferred Alternative

On September 8th, 2016 NJDEP announced a recommendation for a Preferred Alternative and discussed the numerous reasons supporting that recommendation. For a full video of the meeting: <https://youtu.be/lyxtmGvNjjs> Please share with your neighbors and friends and let them know about the upcoming project activities.



List of Acronyms

NJDEP – New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
EIS – Environmental Impact Statement
TES – Technical Environmental Study

DEIS – Draft Environmental Impact Statement
FEIS – Final Environmental Impact Statement
ROD – Record of Decision

Feasibility Study

What is it? Why is it needed?

The purpose of the Feasibility Report is to investigate the constructability, viability, and potential flood risk reduction of the proposed project. The primary goal of the feasibility study is to develop and evaluate the effectiveness of the alternatives and how they meet the overall goals and objectives of the project. The Feasibility report is an important reference in the DEIS analysis and will be made available for review as part of the DEIS publication.

How can I participate?

You can review the Draft EIS and provide comments on it at the public hearing. Comments may also be submitted via email to the project website, or in writing to the NJDEP Bureau of Flood Resilience throughout the comment period.

Moving forward, please attend public meetings and community workshops at various stages throughout the design process, and stay up-to-date by talking to your Citizen Advisory Group community leaders.

For more information about the project and future dates, visit our website at:

<https://www.rbd-hudsonriver.nj.gov>

The DEIS will be available on the project website and at a local repository.

Environmental Review

Publication of DEIS

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be the next document available for public review and comment. The DEIS will include a description of the entire environmental review process and will present the findings of the existing conditions and data gathering studies, the results of the environmental impact and feasibility analyses and the extensive public participation efforts to date. The DEIS will recommend the selection of the Preferred Alternative.

Public Hearing on the DEIS

The Public Hearing on the DEIS provides opportunities for the public to obtain additional information on the DEIS and provide comments on the DEIS. The hearing is held during the comment period. It is not the end of the comment period. The end of the comment period will be clearly stated in the Notice of Availability and on all notifications sent by the project. The purpose of this comment period will be to solicit opinion and feedback on the DEIS.

Preparation of FEIS

After a 45-day public comment period has elapsed, substantive public comments will be addressed in a Final EIS (FEIS). The FEIS will be circulated in the same manner as the DEIS (including the publication of a Notice of Availability) and will have a comment period of 30 days.

Record of Decision

We will then issue a Record of Decision, which summarizes the results of the environmental review, outlines the Preferred Alternative, and recommends mitigation measures to address the project's environmental impacts.

Environmental Impact Statement

FEB 24

Notice of Availability (NOA) of DEIS Published

MAR 16*

Draft EIS Public Hearing

APR 10

Draft EIS Comment Period Closure

JUN

Preparation Final EIS

JUL

Record of Decision

45-day public comment period on DEIS

2017

**Notices identifying exact date, time, and location will be published at least 15 days in advance.*

Dates are subject to change please visit our website for most current information.