

REBUILD BY DESIGN MEADOWLANDS



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KEY EVENTS IN AUGUST

Executive Steering Committee Meeting: August 8, 2016

CAG Meeting: August 11, 2016

Final Public Scoping Document available

Final Public Scoping Summary Report available

UPCOMING EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

CAG Meeting #4: September 20, 2016, Concept Component Development

CAG Meeting #5: October 24, 2016, Concept Development and Screening

Work on the following by the Project Team continues:

- **Concept Component Development**
- **Draft Concept Screening Criteria Matrix**
- **Data Collection**
- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Preparation**

Please visit www.rbd-meadowlands.nj.gov to obtain current project information and data, including confirmation of the above meeting dates.

REPORT FROM THE CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING #3

Active participation in the public scoping process by engaged citizens, local elected officials, and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) was highlighted again during the recent Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) Meeting #3 for the Rebuild By Design Meadowlands Flood Protection Project. This meeting was held at the Port Authority Building Conference Room at Teterboro Airport on August 11, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of the public scoping process to date and to review in a workshop format the Draft Concept Screening Criteria Matrix developed for the Proposed Project.



CAG Meeting #3

Participants were provided a meeting packet that included a PowerPoint presentation and the Draft Concept Screening Criteria Matrix for the Proposed Project. The NJDEP Project Team began the meeting with a presentation that included a project status update, a summary of the public scoping results, and an overview of the Draft Concept Screening Criteria Matrix. During the meeting, attendees were encouraged to ask questions and provide comments on the provided materials.

Public Scoping Results

The Public Scoping period for the Proposed Project occurred from June 20 to July 21, 2016. During this time, the Draft Public Scoping Document was available for public comment on www.rbd-meadowlands.nj.gov. The Draft Public Scoping Document outlines the Proposed Project actions, and provides a description of areas of potential impact to be analyzed in the EIS, as well as proposed methodologies to assess impacts.

During the Public Scoping period, comments were received from a diverse range of commenters, which included federal agencies, local organizations, private citizens, and universities. Public comments focused on the following sections of the Draft Public Scoping Document: Technical Resource Areas, Build Alternatives, the Proposed Action, Public Scoping/Outreach, Purpose and Need, and Cumulative Effects. A majority of the Technical Resource Area comments addressed biological resource concerns, including wetlands, special status species, and fish and wildlife habitats. Other comments addressed Water Resources, Water Quality, and Waters of the United States; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Flooding; Recreation; Cultural and Historic Resources; and Visual Quality/Aesthetics concerns.

