

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Order 11988
Proposed Building Elevation
Township of Cranford, Union County, New Jersey

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 the Township of Cranford, NJ as subgrantee for the proposed elevation of residential structures within the Township. The proposed project would be funded through the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program. The purpose of the FMA is to reduce or eliminate claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order (EO) 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), Federal Coastal Zone Management Act, and 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988-11990.

The proposed Cranford Township mitigation project would involve elevating six (6) flood-prone properties within Cranford Township. Of the six homes included in the project application, four are identified as FEMA Severe Repetitive Loss properties and the remaining two as FEMA Repetitive Loss properties.

These actions would take place within the 100-year floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) taking no action or; 2) the proposed alternative: elevating the structures. The project proposes to raise each structure two feet above the base flood elevation. FEMA has determined that proposed alternative is the most practicable alternative. FEMA has also determined that investment of funds to reduce flood risk is in the public interest. Potential impacts to water quality or aquatic habitat 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 John McKee, FEMA Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, Mitigation Division, 26 Federal Plaza, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10278-0002 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.