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Philadelphia District

Public Notice

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In Reply Refer to:
Environmental Resources Branch

**CAPE MAY SEAWALL
COASTAL STORM RISK MANAGEMENT
CONTINUING AUTHORITIES PROGRAM SECTION 103
DRAFT FEASIBILITY REPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

Pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act, Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Philadelphia District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has completed a draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) to address the need for storm protection along a portion of the Cape May Seawall located in Cape May County, New Jersey. The draft EA titled: "Cape May Seawall, City of Cape May Cape May County, New Jersey Coastal Storm Risk Management Continuing Authorities Program Section 103" is available for public review and comment. The recommended plan detailed in the environmental assessment addresses the need for storm protection along a portion of the existing Cape May Seawall in the vicinity of Wilmington and Beach Avenues.

The USACE is proposing to place a concrete cap on top of the existing structure for a distance of approximately 530 feet. The cap will be constructed to an elevation of +17'NAVD88 for approximately 350 feet with 90-foot tapers on either end to transition to the surrounding elevations.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, a draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) has been developed for this project and is being circulated to the appropriate State and Federal agencies; local, State, and Federal officials; and private organizations.

Impacts to Water Quality have been evaluated in accordance with the Section 404(b)(1) guidelines of the Clean Water Act, and are not adverse. Due

to the fact that all work will take place approximately 145 feet above the MHW line, a Water Quality Certification from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will not be required.

In accordance with Section 307 (c) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, an activity affecting land or water uses in a State's coastal zone must comply with the State's Coastal Zone Management Program. A certification of compliance is being requested from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

It has been determined that the proposed work would not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). Since the proposed action will not take place in the water, no Federally managed species and their life stages will be affected by the project.

The City of Cape May is a National Historic Landmark (NHL), and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The USACE has determined that the proposed project will have no physical impact to any individually eligible or contributing historic property, and it will have a minimal visual impact. A finding of *No Adverse Effect* has been sent to the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office (NJSHPO), the Tribes, and other consulting parties. Coordination under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is ongoing.

All practicable means to avoid or minimize adverse environmental effects have been incorporated into the recommended plan.

The public and all agencies are invited to comment on this proposal. Copies of this EA and other related documents can be obtained by visiting:

<https://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Public-Notices-Reports/>

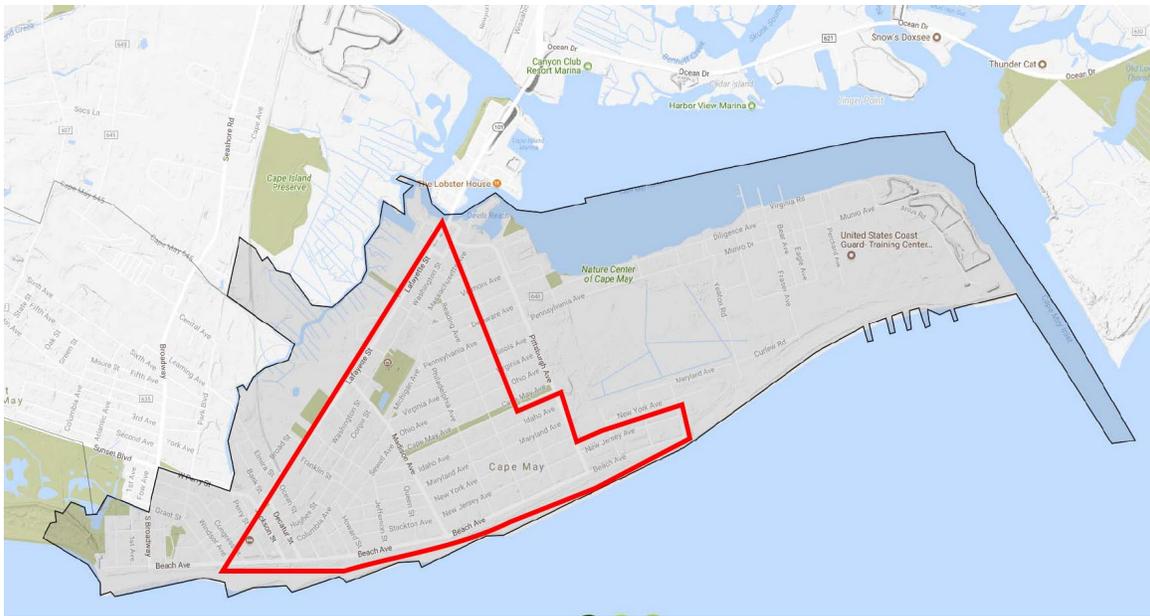
Any person may request, in writing, to the District Engineer, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this proposal. Requests for a public hearing shall state, in detail, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

All comments on the work described in this public notice should be directed to PDPA-NAP@usace.army.mil no later than 30 days from the date of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian Leary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

FOR Peter R. Blum
Chief, Planning Division
Philadelphia District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Project Area



Area of seawall to be capped.