# **New Jersey Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Interim Report and Environmental Scoping Document**

## **Virtual Meeting** 14 March 2019 **US Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District**



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### New Jersey Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Interim Feasibility Study And Environmental Scoping Documents



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## Agenda

- Report Highlights
- Focused Array Overview
- Process Overview
- Questions & Answers
- Closing Comments



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#### New Jersey Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Study

#### Interim Report

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection announced the release of an Interim Report for the New Jersey Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Study, and a virtual meeting on March 14, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Interim Report presents a focused array of alternative plans that manage risk and reduce damages from coastal storms as well as the engineering, economic, social, and environmental analyses that have been conducted to develop the focused array of alternatives outlined in the report. The Army Corps and NJDEP invite the public to comment on the report by April 1, 2019. Comments can be submitted by email or in writing to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Planning Division, 100 Penn Square E. Philadelphia PA 19107.

- News Release (with webinar details)
- Executive Summary
- Main Report
- Appendix A Plan Formulation
- Appendix B Engineering
- Appendix C Economics
- Appendix D Nonstructural Analyses
- Appendix E Correspondence and Communication
- Appendix F Environmental and Cultural

#### **Public Meetings**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection hosted public meetings regarding the New Jersey Back Bays Flood Risk Management study on Sept. 12, 2018 in Ventnor City, N.J. and on Sept 13 in Toms River Township, N.J. Some of the measures that were discussed at the public meetings included structural solutions such as storm surge barriers, tide gates, levees, and floodwalls; non-structural solutions such as elevating homes; and nature-based features such as marsh restoration and the creation of living shorelines.

- Presentation for Public Meeting in Toms River, NJ (Sept. 13, 2018)
- Presentation for Public Meeting in Ventnor City, NJ (Sept. 12, 2018)
- New Jersey Back Bays Fact Card (Sept 2018)
- Public Comment Form (Sept 2018)
- Meeting Welcome Form (Sept 2018)

#### Contact

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#### Links

#### Study Area Map Public Mtg Presentation (Sept 13, 2018) Public Mtg Presentation (Sept 12, 2018) Public Comment Form (Sept. 2018) Meeting Welcome Form (Sept. 2018) Public Outreach Summary Study Fact Card Study Overview Factsheet

#### Study Documents

- Study Documents
- Presentations
- Sept 2018 Public Meeting Posters

## **Interim Report Outline**

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## Structural Measure – Floodwalls & Levees

### • Main Report (Ch 9.4, p. 130)









## Floodwall/Levee-Screening Results



## **Floodwall/Levee Typical Sections**





Floodwall – water construction



**Floodwall – land construction** 

## **Nonstructural Measures – Building Elevation**

## • Main Report (Ch 9.4, p. 137)

#### Primary Nonstructural measures

- Building elevation
- Acquisition and relocation later
- Recommended in combination with structural measures to formulate economically justified hybrid plans
- The process
  - Develop structure inventory
  - Identify Design Flood Elevation (DFE) = FEMA BFE + 3 feet
  - Approximately 30,000 structures in the 20-year floodplain
  - Additional floodplains beyond 5-, 10-, and 20year floodplains



Structure Inventory by Floodplain Extent Structures Within 20% ACE Flooplain Structures Within 10% ACE Flooplain Structures Within 5% ACE Flooplain Structures Outside 5% ACE Flooplain Region Boundry GIS User Community

### **Structural Measure - Storm Surge Barriers**

### • Main Report Ch 8, 9

Seabrook - New Orleans, LA



#### Example at Barnegat Inlet, NJ





Existing Conditions Barrier Alternative

## **Interim Report Engineering Highlights**

### Appendix B - Engineering



#### Relative sea level changes for the study area





BORING LOG

**Geotechnical boring log** 

**NWS stage floodplains** 

## **Natural and Nature Based Features (NNBF)**

### • Main Report Ch 9.2 and 10.2

- Primary NNBF measure under consideration is living shorelines. Current criteria for this measure include:
  - Unarmored shorelines adjacent to infrastructure
  - Complementary to structural measures such as floodwalls and levees
- NJBB study is also considering modifications that can be made to structural measures that can increase their habitat value:
  - Habitat benches to restore more natural slope along shorelines
  - Textured concrete to support colonization of algae and invertebrates



Conceptual diagram of habitat bench



**Textured concrete** 





Construction of living shoreline in Camp Pecometh, MD





# Alternative Screening, Evaluation, and Comparison using System of Accounts

Main Report Ch 9; Appendix A – Plan Formulation

National Economic Development Screening (NED)	ening Remaining alternatives are
were < 0, the alternative failed the NED criteria and was screened out. Alternatives were assessed for their impact on a range of different environmental categories on an ordinal scale from 0-6. Any score of 0 resulted in an alternative failing the EQ criteria. The EQ scores for each environmental category were averaged to create an EQ ranking.	and RED Evaluation ia to assess OSE included back from Public Meetings, I Vulnerability Risk and sure indices from the CS, and mapped tructure and evacuation s. evaluated as part of the focused array





### **Environmental Considerations of the Focused Array of Alternatives**

### Main Report Ch 6, 11; Appendix F

### STRUCTURAL MEASURES



## **Preliminary Impact Assessment Conceptual Model**



## **Interim Report Highlights**

### Appendix E - Correspondence and Communication



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Jersey Back Bays Flood Risk Management Planning Workshop

Coastal Risk Management Strategy Profile

CONTACT INFORMATION (Name, Affiliation, Email, Phone):

LOCATION (Describe the precise location of the problem; provide a map if possible):

PROBLEM (Define the problem and its general location)

•Discuss if any work has been done on analysis, repairs, advocacy for this problem:

Provide any specific elevation information of existing management measures:

Local flooding profile



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### **Coastal Lakes and Shark River Regions**



### Shark River Inlet

South Belmar

Spring Lake

Sea Girt

### Manasquan Inlet









# **North Region**











## Central Region



















## South Region







# **Feasibility Study Process**





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# **Questions & Answers**









Wildlife Management

> Long Beach Island



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US Army Corps of Engineers Philadelphia District The New Jersey Back Bays Coastal Storm Risk Management Virtual Meeting has concluded.

> Thank you for your interest!