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Environmental Resources Branch

Chelsea Heights, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Continuing Authority Program (CAP) Section 205 Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the City of Atlantic City are conducting a feasibility level investigation for flood risk management problems within the Chelsea Heights section of Atlantic City. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, this notice serves as the initiation of the scoping process as outlined in 33 CFR Part 230.12 for any potential project or action proposed in this study.

The Chelsea Heights flood risk management study area is located in Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey (Figure 1). The study area is located on the southwest side of the city between the New Jersey Intracoastal Waterway (NJIWW) and a back bay channel known as Beach Thorofare (Figure 2). The study area encompasses the entire Chelsea Heights neighborhood that lies between (clockwise) North Albany Avenue, South Boulevard, North Raleigh Avenue, and West End Avenue. The area is approximately 0.2 square miles in size and is primarily composed of low lying residential city streets. The area has historically experienced flooding problems which are increasing in frequency, duration, and intensity and are caused by the combined effects of tidal events and heavy precipitation during hurricanes and major nor'easters.

In 2015, a Federal Interest Determination (FID) was completed under Public Law (PL) 113-2, the "Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013", that concluded that a project in Chelsea Heights was in the Federal interest, and recommended that a Feasibility Study be conducted under the authority provided by Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 (Public Law 80-858), as amended. Under this authority, the USACE is authorized to plan, design, and construct small flood control projects. This feasibility study will identify problems and needs within the Chelsea Heights area, and will evaluate (in addition to "No Action") a number of potential non-structural and structural solutions for the flooding problems experienced in this neighborhood.

This notice initiates scoping procedures in accordance with 33 CFR Part 230.12. Scoping is an early and open process for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. Participation of the general public and other interested parties and stakeholders in identifying significant issues and alternatives is being solicited by means

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The public is invited to participate in the project scoping by providing written comments, questions, and concerns to this office within 90 days from the date of this notice. Additionally, a public workshop meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2016 between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM at the Chelsea Heights School located at 4101 Filbert Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ 08401.

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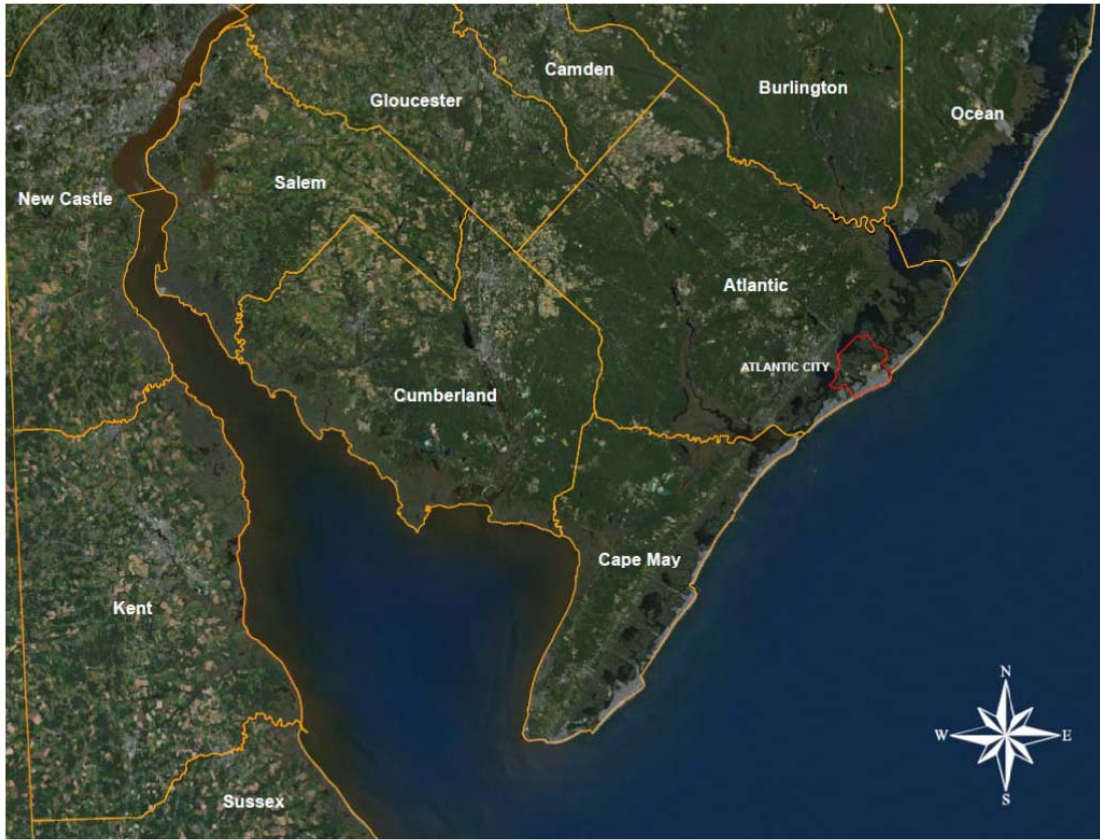


Figure 1: Location of Atlantic City within New Jersey.



Figure 2: Location of the Chelsea Heights Study Area within Atlantic City.