

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Port Jervis, the Responsible Entity under 24 CFR Part 58, has determined that the following proposed action under Port Jervis Water Plant Improvements, CDBG Project # 938PW123-24 is located in, the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and the City of Port Jervis will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to mitigate any potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and/or Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is 71 Reservoir Ave. in City of Port Jervis, Orange County. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA), 0.2 percent flood approach and a freeboard value approach.

Designed to provide 3 million-gallons-per day (MGD), the City of Port Jervis' water filtration plant (WFP) currently operates at a peak of 1.5 MGD. The improvements provided by \$1M in grant funding to the WFP include the upgrade of the gravity sand filters, filter media, control valves, underdrains, troughs, and the local filter control panel. The city will pay all soft costs including engineering and administration. All work will be performed within the WFP located on SBL: 4-1-1, which totals 2.20 acres. The total area of the floodplain on the parcel is 0.74 acres. No proposed project activity will take place within or disturb the floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain/wetland. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comments about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Port Jervis at the following address on or before May 21, 2025: City of Port Jervis, P.O. Box 1002., Port Jervis, NY 12771, telephone (845) 858-4002, Attention: Steven Duryea, DPW Director. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the City Clerk's Office, 20 Hammond St., Port Jervis, NY 12771. Comments may also be submitted via email at DPWDirector@PortJervisNY.gov.

Date: May 5, 2025