

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment Report Regarding  
World's Fair Marina Project  
Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens County, New York  
FEMA-4085-DR-NY

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 financial assistance to New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYSDHSES), as Recipient, and New York City Department of Parks and Recreation (NYCDPR), as Subrecipient, address damage that the Marina sustained during tidal surges and waves associated with Hurricane Sandy and thereby improve the resiliency of the marina to withstand future flooding and coastal storms. The proposed action will also improve the safety and security of the marina, including utility upgrades to bring them up to current codes, and to address ADA accessibility. On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy caused storm damage to several areas of New York State. President Barack H. Obama declared the storm incident period a major disaster on October 30, 2012 (FEMA 4085-DR-NY). This declaration makes federal disaster assistance available to affected communities and certain nonprofit organizations in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (Stafford Act; 42 U.S.C. 5172), as amended.

The proposed action will remove and relocate the park's eastern-most Pier 1 and associated floating docks to a new location, approximately 1,000 feet to the west. The new location will align to the existing boat launch and landward parking area and be closer to Marina concessions. Some materials will be re-used including the western-most floating docks and the pump-out and refueling dock. New pier supports will be concrete pilings with a cast-concrete deck to provide increased strength. New timber decking will maintain the appearance of the existing pier and docks. In a similar layout as the current but with slightly less mooring capacity, floating docks will attach to the pier along with new flotation devices. Commercial docks for ferry service and recreational boat tours will be accessed by aluminum gangways similar to those in use before the storm. A floating dock will also be dedicated for the use of human-powered vessels (i.e. kayaks, SUPs, etc.) A timber wave attenuation screen extending into Flushing Bay will provide for a calmer docking environment and protect the pier and floating docks against future storm events.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to assess the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human environment. DHS-FEMA's requirement of addressing floodplain management and wetlands protection in accordance with 44 CFR Part 9 is incorporated within the EA. The EA is available for public comment, and comments can be sent via email to [FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov). The EA will be available for download from the website <https://www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/marinas/13> and can be viewed in hard copy at NYC Parks, The Arsenal, Central Park, 830 Fifth Avenue, Room 401, New York, NY 10065. The EA is also available on FEMA's website <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/environmental-historic/nepa-repository>.

The comment period will end 30 days after the date of this legal notice publication in the *Queens Chronicle* newspaper. Written comments on the EA can be mailed or e-mailed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact will be signed. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents. Contact: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region II, Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, 26 Federal Plaza, Suite 1802, New York, NY 10278, or via email at [FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov).