

**EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED
ACTIVITY LOCATED IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals, including the Saratoga County Water Authority, Saratoga County Health Department, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, NYS Office of Community Renewal, NYS Department of Health, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

This is to give notice that the City of Mechanicville has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for the Mechanicville Water Main Replacement Project.

The proposed project involves the installation of approximately 1,915 linear feet of replacement water main along Elizabeth Street, Gilbert Street, Fitchburg Street, Penrose Street, Lee Street, Ensign Street, and Arnold Street in the City of Mechanicville. The project area is located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped 100-year floodplain of the Hudson River. Floodplains provide a number of ecological functions, including flood protection, improved water quality, and wildlife habitat. The proposed replacement water main along Lee Street, Ensign Street, and Arnold Street intersects mapped floodplains. The water main will be located underground, and all temporarily disturbed areas will be restored to their pre-construction grades and stabilized after water main installation is complete. Therefore, no permanent impacts to floodplains will result from the project. The total area of the FEMA-mapped 100-year floodplain within the project area is approximately 2 acres. The project will result in approximately 0.3 acres of temporary disturbance within the mapped 100-year floodplain associated with water main installation. The proposed project is located along Elizabeth Street, Gilbert Street, Fitchburg Street, Penrose Street, Lee Street, Ensign Street, and Arnold Street in the City of Mechanicville, Saratoga County, New York.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Mechanicville at the following address on or before July 6, 2022: City of Mechanicville, 36 North Main Street, Mechanicville, NY and (518)-664-9884, Attention: Mike Butler, Mayor, during normal business hours (9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday). Comments may also be submitted via email at mike.butler@mechanicvilleny.gov.

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