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The U.S Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) New York District (District), in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), is conducting a general reevaluation study within the Upper Basin of the Green Brook Watershed within the municipalities of Plainfield, North Plainfield, Watchung, Berkeley Heights, and Scotch Plains in Union and Somerset Counties, NJ.

As part of the study, the District and NJDEP will be conducting a Scoping Period from **04 December 2023 through 19 January 2024** pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations to solicit input on issues and impacts to be addressed in an Integrated General Reevaluation Report (GRR)/NEPA document that will be prepared.

The purpose of the NEPA Scoping Period is to provide an opportunity for the public and agencies to comment on the scope of the environmental analysis to be addressed in the Integrated GRR/NEPA document, and to raise issues, concerns and ideas regarding potential impacts. In addition, the District requests any information on cultural and natural resources including plants, animals and wetland habitats.

Alternatives to be scoped are as follows:

- Alternative 1: No Action Plan
- Alternative 2: Green Brook channel modification and New Providence Gorge dam with a detention basin
- Alternative 4: Nonstructural
- Alternative 5a: Combination Plan 1: Floodwalls & levees, channel modification, nonstructural measures and natural and nature-based features (NNBF)
- Alternative 5b: Combination Plan 2: Channel modification, nonstructural measures, and natural and NNBF

Fact sheets on the proposed alternatives and a NEPA Scoping Document that outlines the Civil Works Planning Process, study history, alternatives to be evaluated and identification of key environmental resources are posted to the project webpage located at www.nan.usace.army.mil/GRR.

The District invites the participation of Federal and State agencies, Native American Tribes, local agencies, interested parties and individuals to provide comments and to identify any issues or concerns. Please share this notice with any interested party.

Public meetings to provide an opportunity for public to engage in the study process will be announced in the near future. **The District will be accepting comments, concerns and information related to scoping from date of publication of this notice until 19 January 2023.**

Questions regarding the Green Brook Upper Basin Study can be directed to Mr. Edward Wrocenski, Project Manager, edward.wrocenski@usace.army.mil, 917-790-8636.

Comments and/or suggestions concerning the scope of issues to be evaluated in the Integrated General Reevaluation Report/NEPA document can be sent to:
greenbrookfrmproject@usace.army.mil.

Comments, concerns and information submitted to the Corps will be evaluated and considered during the development of the Integrated General Reevaluation Report/NEPA document. All written comments, including contact information, will be made a part of the administrative record, available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Administrative Record, or portions thereof, may also be posted on a Corps of Engineers' Internet website. Due to resource limitations, this office generally cannot acknowledge receipt of comments or respond to individual letters of comments.