

PUBLIC NOTICE
Acquisition and Demolition of Severe Repetitive Loss Properties at
103 Wall Street and 207 Water Street in the
Town of Belvidere, Warren County, New Jersey

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 funding through the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (FMA) to Warren County Office of Emergency Management (Subrecipient) for proposed flood mitigation in the form of the acquisition and demolition of the properties at 103 Wall Street and 207 Water Street in the Town of Belvidere, Warren County, New Jersey. The purpose of the program is to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings that are insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). This notice is being made in accordance with the FEMA Programmatic Agreement for the State of New Jersey and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

FEMA proposes to provide federal funding for the implementation of a voluntary program for occupied residential properties in the Delaware River Basin, some of which are severe repetitive loss properties (SRL). The proposed action will reduce flood risk by acquiring the properties at 103 Wall Street and 207 Water Street, demolishing the buildings on the properties, and returning the land to open space in perpetuity. These two properties are contributing features to the Belvidere Historic District (Boundary Increase), which is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The project was reviewed under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and found to have an adverse effect to historic properties due to the demolition of contributing features to a historic district. Effects to potential archaeological resources will be minimized through the use of Best Practices for Lower Impact Debris Removal and Demolitions dated June 11, 2013.

Treatment measures have been proposed to resolve the adverse effects to historic properties. Prior to project implementation, the properties will be documented through a digital photography package meeting the standards cited in the National Park Service's *National Register of Historic Places Photographic Policy, May 2013* or subsequent revisions. The photographic documentation will include a comprehensive collection of interior and exterior photographs showing representative spaces and details of significant architectural features and typical building materials accompanied by an updated state architectural inventory form. In addition, a Historic Property Inventory will be prepared for the National Register of Historic Places-eligible Belvidere Historic District Boundary Increase. The Boundary Increase is described as that portion of Belvidere north of the Pequest River and west of the Belvidere and Delaware Railroad, which includes James Street, Paul Street, Fish Street, Water Street and Wall Street.

The Consulting Parties for this undertaking are: FEMA, Warren County, SHPO, and New Jersey Historic Preservation Office. The public is invited to comment on the proposed action, with the public comment period extending 15 days from the date of this legal notice publication. Written comments on the proposed project and treatment measures can be mailed or emailed to FEMA - Region II, Mitigation Division, Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation (EHP), 26 Federal Plaza, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10278-0002, or via email at FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov.