

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order: 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 11990 (Wetlands) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding for an action located in/near a floodplain and wetland. Funding would be provided through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Town of Hull's Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Coastal Resiliency Measures project.

The action is located on the intersection of Nantasket Avenue and Duck Lane in Hull, MA. The project is to provide additional flood protection at Hull's WWTF. The project would use green and gray infrastructure to provide protection to an elevation of 17 FT, intended to fully protect the facility from the 0.2 percent annual chance flood through 2030. The proposed project includes a combination of vegetated reinforced earthen berms and gravity walls surrounding the WWTF. The berms and concrete walls would connect to the control building on the west side of the facility. The control building would be dry-floodproofed.

Two entrances to the facility would be protected by Flex-Gates to seal the entrances during significant storms. The staging area for project would be located on an undeveloped Town-owned parcel located across the street from the WWTF. Approximately 23 trees would be removed, and the berms would be revegetated following construction.

The project is within a mapped special flood hazard area (100-year floodplain), and is bordered by Hingham Bay to the South, and Massachusetts Bay to the North. The project site is adjacent to estuarine and marine wetlands. A map of the area is available upon request.

The project must in be in a floodplain and near wetlands because of the WWTF location. The facility is critical; leaving it vulnerable to flood risk would have adverse impacts on human health and safety. Other project alternatives considered include: no action, facility closure and relocation, and elevation. The non-preferred alternatives were determined to be not practicable. Grant conditions will also require compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, including coordination with the local floodplain administrator and the local Conservation Commission.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

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