

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Order 11988
Proposed Home Elevations
Greene, Ulster, and Sullivan Counties, New York

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 to the Catskill Watershed Corporation as subrecipient for the proposed elevation of ten (10) residential structures throughout Prattsville, Windham, and Hunter in Greene County, Phoenicia in Ulster County, and Claryville in Sullivan County, through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The purpose of HMGP is for communities to develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988, and the National Historic Preservation Act.

The proposed activity is to elevate ten (10) flood prone homes to the Base Flood Elevation as indicated by best available flood map data, plus at least two (2) feet of freeboard. For many of the projects this will require disconnecting the necessary utilities, lifting the structure, filling in the basements (where applicable), constructing new foundations, securing the structure to the new foundation, and reconnecting utilities and accesses to the building.

This action would take place within the 100-year floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) no action, 2) relocation, or 3) the proposed alternative, which is elevating the homes at their current locations. FEMA has determined that elevating the structures is the most practicable alternative to ensure that the homes and their occupants are out of harm's way. FEMA has also determined that investment of funds to reduce flood risk is in the public interest. Potential impacts to water quality or aquatic habitat are anticipated to be temporary during construction and minimized through best management practices and conservation measures incorporated from resource agency recommendations and required regulatory permits.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain impacts may be submitted in writing within 15 days of the date of this publication to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region 2 – Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY, 10278 or via email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. If substantive comments are received, FEMA will evaluate and address the comments as part of the environmental documentation for this project.