

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED
ACTIVITY LOCATED IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN
TOWN OF HANCOCK, NEW YORK

To: All interested Agencies, NYS Office of Community Renewal, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Town of Hancock has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 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 and wetland will have on the human environment for the East Branch Water Phase 1 project under Office of Community Renewal project #505PW52-17.

The Town will use Office for Community Renewal Small Cities funds to address potable water problems experienced in the hamlet of East Branch. The Town will develop a new water source at East Branch Fireman's Field (parcel 420.-1-3.2), install a water treatment (disinfection) system and install approximately 3,000 linear feet of watermain to connect the new water source to the existing distribution system. East Branch Fireman's Field is approximately 12.7 acres and is owned by the local Fireman's Association. The project is being undertaken by the Town of Hancock. The effected flood zone in the hamlet of East Branch is termed Zone AE by National Flood Insurance Rate Map Number 36025C0907D (effective June 19, 2012) and approximately 5 acres are affected.

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 floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Town of Hancock at the following address on or before August 30, 2018: Town of Hancock, Town Hall, 661 West Main Street, Hancock, New York 13783 (607) 637-3651 Attention: W. Jerry Vernold, Supervisor, thetown@hancock.net during normal business hours. Comments may also be submitted via email at thetown@hancock.net.

August 15, 2018