

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
STRUCTURE ELEVATIONS  
AND  
ACQUISITION AND DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGED PROPERTIES  
DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK  
FEMA HMGP #4031-0005 AND #4031-0006**

Notification is hereby given to the public that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is reviewing two grant applications for Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding from Delaware County, New York.

The grant applications seek Federal funding for 75% of the cost to elevate up to fourteen (14) residential structures such that the first finished floor of each structure would be at least two feet above the base flood elevation (also known as the 100-year flood elevation). The properties are located in the Village of Sidney, Village of Fleischmanns and Town of Middletown.

The grant applications also seek Federal funding for 75% of the cost of acquiring up to eight (8) properties and demolishing all structures. The properties are located in the Village of Sidney, Village of Fleischmanns, Village of Margaretville and Town of Middletown.

The subject properties were damaged by flood waters from Hurricane Irene and/or Tropical Storm Lee in August and September 2011. Properties are located within the base or one percent chance floodplain (also known as the 100-year floodplain) of the Dry Brook or Susquehanna River.

Acquisitions would be from willing sellers only. Properties would be acquired, structures demolished, and sites graded and seeded. Deed restrictions would prohibit future development and sites would be maintained in perpetuity as open space under municipal ownership.

For properties within the boundaries of the New York City Watershed, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) may be partnering with Delaware County to assist with the acquisition/demolition process, and to eventually acquire properties that meet the requirements of NYCDEP's Land Acquisition Program.

Federal Executive Orders 11988, Floodplain Management, and 11990, Protection of Wetlands, require federal agencies to review proposed actions in floodplains and/or wetlands and explore practicable alternatives to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts. Elevations of structures reduce their future vulnerability to flood damages, while acquisition/demolition projects create open space and restore the beneficial values served by floodplains and wetlands.

FEMA is also reviewing these grant applications with respect to impacts on historic and cultural resources pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The public is invited to provide comments about these projects. Written comments may be submitted by mail to FEMA Region II, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Leo O'Brien Federal Building, 11A Clinton Square, Room 742, Albany, New York 12206-5421 or by email to [FEMA-R2-HMA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R2-HMA@fema.dhs.gov). Comments should be submitted within 15 days of this notice.