Nassau County Parks

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Regarding the Initiation of the Section 106 Review Process for an Adverse Effect

Wantagh Park

1 King Road

Wantagh, Nassau County, New York

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) proposes to provide federal funding to Nassau County, New York, as Subgrantee, to demolish the Yacht Club Building, construct a lighthouse and addition to the Administration Building. Funding would be provided through FEMA’s Public Assistance Grant Program, in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5172), as amended. The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYSDHSES) is the Grantee.

This public notice is issued as part of DHS-FEMA’s responsibilities under 36 C.F.R. Part 800, the regulations which implement Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, 16 U.S.C.§ 470. DHS-FEMA, as funding agency, is required by regulation to identify and assess the effects of any proposed actions on historic properties. If any proposed undertaking will have an adverse effect on historic resources, FEMA works with the appropriate parties to seek ways to avoid and minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects, Additionally, the Section 106 regulations require FEMA to consider the views of the public on preservation issues when making final decisions that affect historic properties.

The current Yacht Club will be demolished and the remaining electrical distribution system will be housed in an elevated cast concrete structure resembling a lighthouse in the same location. An 1800 square foot addition to the Wantagh Park Administration Building will replace the existing Yacht Club.

Wantagh Park has been determined to be potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the New York State Historic Preservation Office (NY-SHPO).

The New York State Historic Preservation Office, through a letter dated September 21, 2015, has stated their concurrence their previous determination in agreement with FEMA that the demolition of the Yacht Club and construction of the lighthouse and addition to the Administration Building constitutes an Adverse Effect to Historic Properties.

This notice is seeking public input on this project and would appreciate comments reflecting any knowledge of, or concerns with, historic properties in the proposed project area. The comment period for the proposed Undertaking detailed above will end 15 days from the date of this publication or from the posting of this notice in the Classified section of Newsday and the Nassau County Department of Public Works website which ever date is later. Written comments on the proposed adverse effects can be mailed to FEMA 4085, 118-35 Queens Boulevard, Forest Hills, NY 11375 or emailed to [FEMA4085Comment@fema.dhs.gov](file:///%5C%5CJFDR8F01%5CGroups%5CENVIRONMENTAL%5C08%20Mitigation%5CHMGP%5C%231210%20Bridges%5C01%20PEA%20-%20Bridges%5CEnvironmental%20Assessment%20Drafts%5CFEMA4085Comment%40fema.dhs.gov). If no substantive comments are received, FEMA will move forward with the Section 106 Adverse Effect process.