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### Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District (District) announces the availability of the *Draft Environmental Assessment for the Passaic River Floodway Buyout*.

The District is proposing to buy and remove 10 homes along River Edge Drive in Pompton Lakes and 20 homes in the Hoffman Grove area of Wayne Township. These homes are located within the State defined floodway and sustain damages during flood events. Subsequent to demolition and removal activities, the area will be reseeded with native herbaceous vegetation and will be allowed to revert back to a more natural floodplain environment. The proposed action is authorized in Section 1148 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (WRDA 1996) and Section 327 of WRDA 2000.

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Your written comments to the Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) are due 30 calendar days from the date of publication release and will be addressed in the Final EA for this project.

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