

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) New York District is announcing a series of virtual and in-person public meetings for the New York New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries (NYNJHAT) Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Feasibility Study. The purpose of the meetings is to inform the public of the NYNJHAT Study Draft Integrated Feasibility Report (FR) and Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP), and to solicit public feedback on this tentative plan selection to manage coastal storm risk in the Study Area. The Draft Integrated FR/Tier 1 EIS is posted to the Study website at <https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/NYNJHATS>.

Upcoming Virtual Meetings

The first round of public meetings will be held virtually on:

- Monday, October 24, 2022 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT
- Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm EDT
- Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT

Webinar Access: <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/bryce.w.wisemiller>

Each meeting will include a 45-minute presentation followed by an interactive Q&A session with the Study Team. A presentation will be recorded and posted to the Study website, available for those unable to attend a virtual or in-person public meeting.

Additional virtual and/or in-person public meetings will be held later this year. Details will be announced through this email distribution list, on the Study website, and on the New York District social media accounts.

About the Study

The NYNJHAT Study purpose is to determine the feasibility of constructing a technically feasible, environmentally acceptable, and economically justified project that will manage coastal storm risk while supporting the Study Area's economic and community resilience. The Study Area includes 25 counties in New Jersey and New York, including Bergen, Passaic, Morris, Essex, Hudson, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, and Monmouth Counties in New Jersey; and Rensselaer, Albany, Columbia, Greene, Dutchess, Ulster, Putnam, Orange, Westchester, Rockland, Bronx, New York, Queens, Kings, Richmond, and Nassau Counties in New York.

The need for the NYNJHAT Study derives from the significant and widespread damage to communities, infrastructure, and the economy caused by coastal storms. Hurricane Sandy (2012) highlighted a need for a comprehensive and collaborative evaluation of coastal storm risk to communities along the Atlantic Coast. The storm flooded or otherwise impacted homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure, and caused blackouts, school and businesses closures, gas shortages, and many deaths. This need has been recognized by the President, the U.S. Congress, USACE, the states of New York and New Jersey, the City of New York, other municipal governments, federal and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the public at large.

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New York District Social Media Accounts:

- https://twitter.com/USACE_NY
- <https://www.facebook.com/USACE.NewYorkDistrict>

Please Submit Comments by January 6, 2023

The public is invited to submit comments electronically or in writing, by January 6, 2023, to:

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