

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC NOTICE
VAN CAMPEN CREEK STABILIZATION PROJECT
ALLEGANY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, NEW YORK
FEMA HMGP #4348-0009**

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to provide federal funding to Allegany County Soil and Water Conservation District, as sub-recipient, for the Van Campen Creek Stabilization Project on the east side of State Route 275 in the Town of Friendship, NY. The proposed project would be funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988.

The project site is located within the 100-year floodplain and has been subjected to frequent flooding. The south branch of Van Campen Creek has moved from its historic stream bed and begun to erode a section of stream bank at an approximate rate of 12.5 feet per year. There are a total of ten homes and buildings immediately threatened by this severe stream bank erosion. State Route 275 and a utility line carrying internet, phone lines, and electrical lines are also being threatened. The proposed project will stabilize approximately 600 feet of embankment along Van Campen Creek and will be regraded using onsite material. Six hundred twenty tons of rip rap will be placed along the bank up to 4 feet high. Additionally, four rock cross vanes totaling 45 tons each will also be placed. Excavators will be used to move material and place riprap. Willow (*Salix spp.*) stakes will be planted in between the rip rap and along the streambank following construction to help ensure stream bank reinforcement as well as to provide shade for aquatic habitat. The stakes will be harvested on site where possible. Some stakes can also be harvested from other locations. Ground disturbance activities for this project include the construction of the emergency bypass and the grading of the creek bank. The bypass will extend 720 feet and the portion of the creek bed that will be graded will extend 600 feet. There are existing private roads to access the site from the east side.

Federal Executive Orders 11988 for Floodplain Management requires federal agencies to review proposed actions in floodplains and explore practicable alternatives to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts. FEMA has determined that the proposed alternative is the most practicable alternative. FEMA has also determined that investment of funds to reduce flood risk is in the public interest.

The public is invited to provide comments about this project. 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 12207 or by email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be submitted within 15 days of this notice.