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You are invited to a public meeting to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Meadowlands Environment Center, One DeKorte Park Plaza in Lyndhurst, on Thursday, January 22, 2015.

As you may be aware, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently held a resiliency design competition called Rebuild by Design (RBD). RBD focused on developing conceptual plans to provide flood protection to vulnerable areas of New Jersey and other states affected by Superstorm Sandy. Stakeholder involvement was instrumental in developing New Jersey's successful RBD application, helping to determine where the existing flooding problems are located, their severity and possible solutions to those problems. As a result of the competition, HUD selected two New Jersey flood protection projects to receive funding through RBD. These projects are being administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

HUD recently announced a new competition, the National Disaster Resilience Competition, in order to build more resilient communities which have been struck by natural disasters in recent years. There are 67 eligible applicants across the country for this \$1 billion national competition. The State of New Jersey is one of the eligible applicants for NDRC funding. This new program is similar to Rebuild by Design, especially because of its emphasis on community involvement and support. Additional information regarding the competition can be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/cdbg-dr/resilient-recovery/>.

To help develop the State's NDRC application, the NJDEP would like to meet with you to discuss problems the community may be experiencing with respect to flooding and other impacts and determine ways to address vulnerabilities in the Meadowlands region. The purpose of this public meeting is to engage in stakeholder outreach and does not guarantee inclusion in the State's application for the NDRC.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 609-292-9236 or by email at Dave.Rosenblatt@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

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