

**FEDERAL PUBLIC NOTICE  
DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK  
ACQUISITION/DEMOLITION OF FLOOD-PRONE STRUCTURES**

Notification is hereby given to the public that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is reviewing a grant application for Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding from Delaware County, N.Y.

The grant application was submitted to FEMA through the New York State Office of Emergency Management and seeks Federal funding for 75% of the cost of acquiring up to forty-six (46) properties and demolishing all structures. The properties are located in the Village of Sidney, Village of Fleischmanns, Village of Margaretville and Town of Middletown.

The subject properties were substantially damaged by flood waters from Hurricane Irene and/or Tropical Storm Lee in August and September 2011. They are located within the base or one percent chance floodplain (also known as the 100-year floodplain) of the Susquehanna River, Batavia Kill, Vly Creek, Bush Kill, Dry Creek and the East Branch of the Delaware River.

Acquisitions would be from willing sellers only. Properties would be acquired, structures demolished, and sites graded and seeded. Deed restrictions would prohibit future development and sites would be maintained in perpetuity as open space under municipal ownership.

For properties within the boundaries of the New York City Watershed, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) may be partnering with Delaware County to assist with the acquisition/demolition process, and to eventually acquire properties that meet the requirements of NYCDEP's Land Acquisition Program.

Federal Executive Orders 11988, Floodplain Management, and 11990, Protection of Wetlands, require federal agencies to review proposed actions in floodplains and/or wetlands and explore practicable alternatives to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts. The alternative to acquisition/demolition would be to leave these flood-prone properties in private ownership for potential repair and rebuilding of structures, or for future development. The proposed project would remove structures from the floodplain and create open space to restore the beneficial values served by floodplains and wetlands.

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 12206-5421 or by email to [FEMA-R2-HMA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R2-HMA@fema.dhs.gov). Comments should be submitted within 15 days of this notice.