

Town of Phillipsburg
Notice of Public Meeting & Comment Period for Resilient Community Project

The Town of Phillipsburg invites the public to review and provide comments on the proposed allocation of funds under the Resilient Communities Grant Program. This \$5,000,000.00 grant will encompass projects designed to reduce the impact of flooding caused by extreme weather events, such as Hurricane Ida, and the ongoing challenges posed by climate change in our Town.

Each of the alternatives will be presented during this meeting for the public's input. The final project selection will be determined by the cost-benefit analysis performed as part of the application process and comments received from the residents after the presentation.

A. Project Scope:

1. Streambank Restoration & Stabilization of the Lopatcong Creek within/along Town of Phillipsburg to remove storm debris such as fallen trees and remove debris and restore areas disturbed by tree removal/cleanup efforts and repair of outfall stabilization.
2. The Town of Phillipsburg is considering the acquisition of the former Agway Property off south Main Street. The property has been identified in the Master Plan as an "Area in Need of Redevelopment" and is located in a flood hazard area and represent fill within flood hazard area.
3. Purchase and installation of generator for emergency shelters and heating/cooling centers in the Town of Phillipsburg and emergency operation centers.
4. Reconstruction of the Warren Street Basin to meet the current and future rain events and address water quality issues.
5. Replacement of the Mercer Street Culvert to alleviate and reduce flooding in the downtown area.
6. Installation of Backflow Preventors along the Delaware River and Lopatcong Creek.
7. Elimination of cross connections with storm and sanitary sewer that result additional flows in storm system and increase flooding risk downstream.

Site Location: The projects listed would occur throughout the Town of Phillipsburg. Once the Council has received input during the public meeting both the project list and town map will be refined to reflect the projects moving forward.

Source of Funds: This project will be submitted under the Resilient Communities Grant Program, administered by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA). The source of funds for this project is the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Public Hearing: The Town of Phillipsburg will hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the projects and ask questions. The public hearing will take place on **November 21, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the 535 Fisher Avenue Community Room Phillipsburg NJ 08865**. We encourage all interested parties to attend and participate.

Comment Period: The public comment period for this funding allocation begins on November 21, 2023 and will conclude on **December 6, 2023**. All comments must be submitted by 3:30 PM on the closing date.

Primary Contact: For more information or to obtain a copy of the proposed application, please contact:

Name: Tim O'Brien, P.E. Town Engineer

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Written comments may be submitted to the above contact person and emailed to tobrien@vancleefengineering.com. All comments received by the specified deadline will be considered as part of the decision-making process for the allocation of funds.

The Town of Phillipsburg values the input of its residents and stakeholders in shaping the resilience efforts in our community. Your comments and suggestions are essential in helping us build a more resilient and sustainable future.

Please note that all projects funded under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program are subject to compliance with HUD regulations and requirements. Accessibility accommodations can be provided upon request for individuals with disabilities.