

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Orders 11998 (Floodplain) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding for an action located within a floodplain. Funding would be provided through the Vermont Emergency Management to the Town of Chester for the Jeffrey Well Generator project.

The action is located off Route 103 and would provide a permanent standby power source for the Jeffrey Well site. Jeffrey Well is critical infrastructure, as it is the only source of potable water supply available for the town.

Work would involve the replacement of the existing 1500 linear feet of piping, 13 hydrants, and the motor control center for the well pump at the Jeffery Well House. As a permanent solution, a 135-kilowatt generator with an automatic transfer switch and a 1000-gallon above-ground liquified petroleum gas tank system would be installed on a newly installed concrete pad.

The proposed project site is located within a large open field off Route 103 and is within a mapped special flood hazard area (Zone AE) and adjacent to a mapped floodway. The project must be at this site because it is critical infrastructure, however the generator and its components would be elevated out of the floodplain. A map of the area of available upon request.

Alternatives considered included the "No Action" alternative and a temporary generator alternative. The selected project is the most practicable and cost-effective option that also meets state standards and greatly reduces impacts from flooding from small and large storm events. Grant conditions will also require compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, including coordination with the local floodplain administrator.

Map requests and comments about this project and potential floodplain impacts should be submitted within 15 days of the date of this publication to:

Kari Elkins, Environmental Protection Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Cambridge, MA
kari.elkins@fema.dhs.gov; (256) 343-3570