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Dear Agency Partners,

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New England District, would like to notify you of upcoming National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping meetings for the Boston Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study (Study). The Study is assessing the feasibility of implementing coastal storm risk management (CSRM) alternatives to address flooding across Boston's five coastal neighborhoods: East Boston, Charlestown, Downtown/North End, South Boston, and Dorchester. The non-federal sponsor for the study is the City of Boston.

The purpose of the Study is to investigate the feasibility of managing coastal storm risk and associated sea level change (SLC) along 47 miles of the Boston Harbor coastline. The project area is at risk of flooding from harbor water during coastal storms, extreme tides, and future SLC. Flooding along the harbor could cause extensive damage to public infrastructure and private property; risk to community safety and deterioration of public health; degradation of the natural environment; and adverse changes to the social and economic character of Boston Harbor communities. The risk is expected to increase over time as sea levels change in the Harbor. CSRM alternatives, including a No Action Alternative, were identified for each of the five neighborhoods separately but with the intent that they will form a comprehensive system of protection for the Study area.

To reach all Boston communities that may be affected by this study, in-person NEPA scoping meetings have been scheduled for the following dates, times, and locations. We will send a follow-up should any of the details change prior to these meetings.

Monday March 23, 2026

- 2:00 – 3:30 PM; 26 Court St, Boston, MA – Level 3, Rm. 326 (Resource Agencies)

Tuesday March 24, 2026

- 6:00 – 7:30 PM; Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St, East Boston, MA

Wednesday March 25, 2026

- 1:00 – 2:30 PM; 26 Court St, Boston, MA – Level 3, Rm. 326 (Resource Agencies)
- *6:00 – 7:30 PM; 26 Court St, Boston, MA – Level 1, Rm. 114

*Hybrid Meeting

Thursday March 26, 2026

- 10:00 – 11:30 AM; 26 Court St, Boston, MA – Level 3, Rm. 328 (Resource Agencies)

At these meetings, the USACE and City of Boston will provide an informational overview of the Study including the planning process, the current array of alternatives for each neighborhood, and considerations with respect to NEPA, related environmental laws and regulations, and the National Historic Preservation Act. The USACE invites all affected federal, state, and local agencies, affected Native American Tribes, and other interested parties, and the public to attend the scoping meetings, to comment on the scope of this Study, and to provide input into the potential significant impacts associated with the alternatives.

The current Study schedule anticipates the release of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report/NEPA document in July 2026, with a corresponding 45-day public review and comment period. Additional information on the Study and schedule can be viewed at the Study websites: https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects-Topics/City-of-Boston-Coastal-Storm-Risk-Management-Project/ and https://www.boston.gov/departments/climate-resilience/climate-ready-boston-and-army-corps-partnership.

The USACE looks forward to coordinating with you further on this project. Please reach out to us at the contact information below or to Chris Chabot, Environmental Branch Chief, at christopher.l.chabot@usace.army.mil or (978) 318-8347, with any questions about the project.

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