Natural Resources Conservation Service

New Jersey 2014 www.nj.nrcs.usda.gov

Hurricane Sandy Emergency Watershed Protection Flood Plain Easement Program

Assistance available to owners of NJ property impacted by Hurricane Sandy

USDA-NRCS has funding available through the Emergency Watershed Protection – Flood Plain Easement (EWP-FPE) program to purchase easements on public or private New Jersey agricultural and residential properties that were damaged as a result of Hurricane Sandy. Eligible applicants may be awarded the fair market value of land and structures, and NRCS will cover the cost of restoration of the easement, including the demolition or removal of structures present on the property.

Current eligibility requirements:

- Property damage must have been sustained from Hurricane Sandy.
- Owners of private properties zoned "residential" must secure a public sponsor who will assume ownership of the property.
- Property must be outside of the FEMA "Coastal" Flood Zones (Zones V, VE, or V1-30). These areas are currently not eligible for this program.

Before you apply: Contact your local NRCS office and provide the address of your impacted property. NRCS will verify that your property is in an eligible area.

After property eligibility is established: Start gathering your application documents. (Documents required are listed on the other side of this fact sheet.) Contact your local USDA-NRCS office to start the application process.

What to expect after you application has been submitted:

- NRCS NJ will rank applications and submit finalized application packets to National NRCS office after the sign-up period closes.
- NRCS will supply a color map developed by using the FEMA Region 2 Base Flood Elevation Address Lookup Tool http://www.region2coastal.com/sandy/table (or equivalent) to show the location of the applications relative to the ineligible FEMA "Coastal" Flood Zones (Zones V, VE or V1-30) for the application packets.

Accepting applications through **April 18, 2014**, at your local USDA-NRCS office

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Documentation required:

1) Documentation of flood damage and proof, including photos, that damage was a result of Hurricane Sandy.

Acceptable evidence includes insurance claims, newspaper or other publication clippings, or any other documentation that links the flood damage directly to Hurricane Sandy.

2) Proof of ownership
a copy of the ownership vesting deed

3) *NRCS Form AD-1153 (Application for Long-Term Contracted Assistance through the EWP-FPE Program)

4) Confirmation in writing that public sponsor is interested in assuming ownership of property.

If the landowner is an entity, the entity must also provide—

1) A list of the individuals who comprise the entity, including the percent of ownership for each individual.

2) Documents that show the entity to be legal and valid in the State where the application was submitted.

3) Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number; more information is available at https://eupdate.dnb.com/requestoptions.html.

4) Registration with the System for Awards Management (SAM); more information is available at https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/.

5) Legal documentation of signature authority

*Note: All applicants must be willing to comply with the terms of the NRCS LTP 20 warranty easement deed, any other agreements that might be necessary to complete the purchase, and restoration of the easement, including the demolition or removal of structures present on the property. NRCS will regard an applicant's signature on the AD-1153 as verification that the EWP-FPE terms have been fully explained and the applicant is willing to comply with the terms of the deed. The AD-1153, a one-page form, is available at any NRCS office and online at forms.sc.egov.usda.gov – Browse forms and select "Natural Resources Conservation Service" and enter form number "1153."

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