

**Public Notice**  
**Federal Emergency Management Agency**  
**Midland Valley Drainage Project Modification**  
**Village of Bronxville, NY**

In October 2012, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding to the Village of Bronxville, Westchester County, NY for a drainage project to reduce flooding in the vicinity of Midland Avenue and Pondfield Road.

The approved scope of work included the construction of a below-grade detention storage system on the Bronxville UFSD campus, a pump station, 1,700 linear feet of forcemain installed in Midland Avenue and an outfall structure at the discharge end to release pumped flood waters into the Bronx River.

Due to utility conflicts in Midland Avenue approximately 500 feet west of Palumbo Place, the Village of Bronxville has requested a modification to the approved scope of work with respect to the routing of the forcemain. The proposal calls for installing the forcemain in Midland Avenue to Palumbo Place where it would then run in a southeast direction beneath Palumbo Place to a point just north of Gramatan Avenue. It would then be directed westward through a wooded area for a distance of approximately 55 feet, ending with a headwall and flap gate. A 185 ft. rip rap channel would be constructed from the forcemain to Laurel Brook. Laurel Brook extends approximately 1,250 linear ft. in a northwesterly direction from the Gramatan Avenue culvert to its confluence with the Bronx River. This work would require clearing, grubbing and light grading, including the removal of approximately twelve (12) trees. In addition, a section of existing walking trail within the footprint of the proposed drainage channel would need to be realigned, requiring the installation of an arched culvert over the channel.

The area of the proposed channel is in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Under the President's Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, FEMA is required to review the proposed project and explore practicable alternative actions. FEMA is also required to evaluate opportunities to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts to floodplains.

Based on a review of engineering plans and social, economic, environmental and safety considerations, FEMA has determined that the proposed action is the only practicable alternative for installation of the forcemain.

The public is invited to provide comments about the proposed modification. 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, NY 12206-5421 or by email to FEMA-R2-HMA@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be submitted within 30 days of this notice.