

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Executive Order 11990 (Wetlands) and Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) implementing regulations at Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 9, FEMA hereby provides final notice of its decision to provide Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program funding for an action located in a wetland. Funding would be provided through Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to the Town of North Haven for the Thorofare Waterfront scoping project.

The project would conduct geotechnical studies, including soil borings, to determine mitigation options for flood and climate change resiliency. Ground disturbance would take place across the Thorofare Waterfront shoreline and seabed, at approximately 20-30 locations.

Temporary impacts would be minimal and no long-term impacts to wetlands are expected. Permitting from ME Department of Environmental Protection would be required, if necessary. Equipment would be staged on hardened surfaces and no access roads would be required. A map of the area is available upon request.

The project must in be in a wetland to determine if the substrate is acceptable for future improvements and/or construction of structures/facilities that are resilient to flooding and storms. The "No Action" alternative is not practicable since it would not provide the necessary information for design and could potentially leave the community vulnerable. Grant conditions will also require compliance with all federal, state, and local laws.

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

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