

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
PUBLIC NOTICE
PRATTSVILLE ARTS CENTER BUILDING ELEVATION
TOWN OF PRATTSVILLE, GREENE COUNTY, NEW YORK
FEMA HMGP #4472-0011**

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to provide federal funding to the Town of Prattsville, NY, as sub-recipient for elevation of the Prattsville Arts Center building at 14562 Main Street. The proposed project would be funded through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management) and 44 CFR Part 9, regulations for implementing EO 11988.

The subject property is located within the 100-year floodplain and has been subjected to frequent flooding. The Arts Center building will be elevated on a closed foundation to 3.8 ft above the present ground floor elevation to 1,164.7 feet above sea level (NAVD88). The proposed project will elevate the building to two feet above the 100-year base flood elevation for this site. The existing foundation will be demolished and a new foundation will be constructed to the elevated height. The new foundation will be fitted with louvered flood vents to allow ingress and egress of flood waters. Utilities will be relocated from the basement to the first floor or retrofitted to resist water damage and the basement will be backfilled to match the surrounding grade. Stairs and ramps will be constructed for building access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Town of Prattsville may also decide to elevate the 270 square foot outbuilding in the backyard of the Arts Center to the same elevation above sea level. The elevation will be designed and conducted in accordance with National Flood Insurance Program Technical Bulletin #1, available at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/building-science/national-flood-insurance-technical-bulletins>.

Federal Executive Orders 11988 for Floodplain Management requires federal agencies to review proposed actions in floodplains and explore practicable alternatives to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts. FEMA has determined that the proposed alternative is the most practicable alternative. FEMA has also determined that investment of funds to reduce flood risk is in the public interest.

The public is invited to provide comments about this project. 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, New York 12207 or by email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. Comments should be submitted within 15 days of this notice.