

PUBLIC NOTICE
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
NJDCA Resilient Communities Grant Program
Notice of Public Comment Period for Resilient Community Project

The Borough of Watchung invites the public to review and provide comments on the proposed allocation of funds under the Resilient Communities Grant Program. To improve drainage and reduce vulnerability to flooding events, this project proposes to replace the existing temporary bridge at the Phillips Field with a permanent structure. The project will improve public access to the complex as well as maintain emergency response capability. The site is used as a landing area for life flight operations for the surrounding area, primarily from vehicle accidents on nearby Interstate 78. The site also provides fire access to residential properties along Sunlit Drive.

Site Location:

The project site is located at and around 65 Brookdale Road, Watchung, NJ 07069.

Source of Funds:

This project will be submitted under the Resilient Communities Grant Program, administered by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA). The source of funds for this project is the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Public Hearing:

We will hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the project and ask questions. The public hearing will take place on **Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 4:00 PM** located at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ 07069. We encourage all interested parties to attend and participate.

Comment Period:

The public comment period for this funding allocation begins on Thursday, November 30th, and will conclude on Thursday, December 14th. Please ensure all comments are submitted no later than 5:00 PM on December 14th.

Primary Contact:

For more information or to obtain a copy of the proposed application, please contact:

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- Email: Egil@watchungnj.gov
- Phone: (908) 756-0080

Written comments may be submitted to the above contact person or emailed to the Borough Clerk, Edith G. Gil. All comments received by the specified deadline will be considered as part of the decision-making process for the allocation of funds.

The Borough of Watchung values the input of its residents and stakeholders in shaping the resilience efforts in our community. Your comments and suggestions are essential in helping us build a more resilient and sustainable future.