

## Early Notice & Public Review of a Proposed Activity in Floodplain Area and Wetlands

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Village of Kiryas Joel, Orange County, NY, determines the proposed action, which will involve funding under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), is partially located within the National Wetland Database and a NYSDEC wetland Check Zone per available mapping. Additionally, a portion of the property is within a designated 100-year floodplain. The wetland area and the floodplain area are not in the same location. The Village, as proposed lead agency will be determining the potential effect that the proposed activity in floodplain/wetland will have on the human environment, plus identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the proposed action in floodplain/wetlands, as required by Executive Order 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management & Protection of Wetlands.

**Project Location:** Project will be located on Rimenev Court starting at where it intersects with Quickway Road up to the intersection of Rimenev Court and Stropkov Court, including the aforementioned intersection and the road on Daj Blvd for approximately 200 feet south of the intersection of Rimenev Court and Stropkov Court.

**Description of the Proposed Project:** CDBG funding will be used for design and implementation of improvements to Rimenev Court to widen the road to allow the construction of parking along one side of the road, and improve pedestrian safety along two intersections. The project is also known as "S. Village Connector Road & Pedestrian Improvement Project." This multi-component street construction project will be in a Low-Moderate Income Area (LMA). The funds will be used to upgrade the street and construct improvements at two intersections. This will include removal of existing curbing, grading to expand the street for parking, the installation of new streetlights, installation of drainage facilities, and installation of pedestrian and traffic safety improvements, and installation of a new bus shelter near an existing bus stop at the intersection of Daj Boulevard and Rimenev Court. The project will create a pedestrian connection to an existing raised walkway in the vicinity of the bus shelter. These improvements will allow for parking across the street from two schools and help to keep areas southeast of Rimenev Court safer for pedestrians.

The federal wetland delineation within the project area has not been updated since the Rimenev Court, and other connecting roads and buildings were built at least 40 years ago, however areas north of the project have also been included in wetland databases maintained by the State of New York that are now classified as informational. Per NYSDEC Hudson Valley Natural Resource Mapper, a potential freshwater wetland borders Rimenev Court to the north and crosses the road to the southwest of the project area. Therefore, total estimated disturbance has not yet been determined. Disturbance of other wetlands, likewise, are expected to be practicably avoided and minimized per State and Federal guidance, and mitigation will be pursued to the greatest extent possible. This wetland was formally classified as a United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) recognizes a tributary that crosses through the wetland and continues south as Riverine wetland as part of the Ramapo River Tributary system. A wetland delineation will be performed along the project corridor.

The 100-year floodplain is at the intersection of Quickway Road and Rimenev Court and is currently paved. No additional impervious surface is proposed in this area, therefore there are no additional impacts to this area, and the project does not include a habitable building. The project to occur in this area will add striping to the existing intersection to create safer conditions for pedestrian street crossings. Quickway Road and Rimenev were built at least 40 years ago, however the 100-year floodplain was confirmed by FEMA in 2023.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in wetlands and floodplains, and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment, should be given an

opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the wetland and floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands and floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in wetland and floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Village of Kiryas Joel 15 days after the publishing of this notice or on or before January 22, 2026. Please submit your request by U. S. Mail to the attention of Gedalye Szegedin, Village of Kiryas Joel, P.O. Box 566, Monroe, NY 10949, or by email to [mgruber@vokj-ny.org](mailto:mgruber@vokj-ny.org). A Preliminary Engineering Plan will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail.

Yiddish oral and/or written translation of this Notice are available upon request, by writing to the addresses mentioned above.

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**Date of Notice:** January 7, 2026