

## **TOWN OF CLAYTON**

### **FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals.

This is to give notice that the Town of Clayton has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for Depauville Wastewater Treatment Facility Disinfection Project under CDBG #240PR146-24. The proposed project(s) is located at 32333 Caroline Street in the Hamlet of Depauville, Town of Clayton, County of Jefferson.

The proposed project involves the addition of disinfection to the treatment process at the Depauville Wastewater Treatment Plant, as required by a recent modification to the facility's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. This infrastructure upgrade is intended to improve effluent quality and ensure compliance with state water quality regulations.

The project consists of site work and construction activities on approximately 1.7 acres within a larger 3-acre project site. The purpose of the project is to enhance public health and environmental protection by reducing pathogens discharged into receiving waters.

The proposed project site is located in the Hamlet of Depauville, Town of Clayton, Jefferson County, New York. While the project site itself lies outside of the 500-year floodplain, the broader project area is in proximity to the Chaumont River, which flows through the Hamlet. The river and adjacent land are classified as FEMA Zone A, indicating areas subject to a 100-year flood where base flood elevations and specific flood hazard factors have not been established.

Total acres of floodplains: 1.7 acres

The Town of Clayton has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

The project will be implemented at the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant, which has long served as the designated site for wastewater treatment and is already developed and disturbed. The improvements are limited to upgrades necessary to comply with a modified State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit that includes a requirement for disinfection. No expansion into undeveloped areas is proposed.

Temporary impacts during construction, such as minor soil disturbance and noise, will be mitigated through standard best management practices. Long-term, the project will improve environmental outcomes by reducing pathogen levels in treated effluent, thereby protecting public health and water quality. Flood-resilient design elements, including elevating infrastructure and improving stormwater management, will reduce vulnerability to future flood events without significantly altering floodplain function. No critical wildlife habitat, wetlands, or historic resources will be adversely affected.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in 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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Town of Clayton at the following address on or before August 25, 2025 during normal business hours:

Attention: Timothy Doney, Town Supervisor

Town of Clayton  
PO Box 379 or  
405 Riverside Drive  
Clayton, NY 13624  
(315) 686-3512

Comments may also be submitted via email at: [townsupervisor@townofclayton.com](mailto:townsupervisor@townofclayton.com)

Dated: August 13, 2025