



Northern Border Regional Commission

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTION LOCATED IN A FLOODPLAIN – JEFFERSONVILLE, VERMONT

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) intends to fund the following proposed action under the Catalyst Program. In accordance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), NBRC has completed an 8-Step Decision-Making Process to evaluate potential adverse effects associated with floodplain development, to identify practicable alternatives that would avoid those effects, and, where avoidance was not practicable, to minimize potential impacts. This notice provides NBRC's final determination and public explanation.

Under the proposed action, NBRC would provide funding to Cambridge 360 Inc. for the acquisition and renovation of the Cambridge Community Center, located at 22 Old Main Street in Jeffersonville, Vermont. The project involves improvements to an existing approximately 15,000-square-foot multi-purpose facility on an approximately 7.4-acre parcel located within the 100-year floodplain. Project activities are limited to interior and exterior repairs and resilience upgrades within the existing building footprint, including application of an acrylic roof membrane, replacement of exterior wall panels and insulation, installation of moisture-resistant materials, and lower wall resilience upgrades.

No expansion, ground disturbance, vegetation removal, or change in land use is proposed. Alternatives to the proposed action were considered, including the No Action Alternative and alternative site or design options. The No Action Alternative would not meet the project's purpose of maintaining and improving an existing community facility, while alternative locations or actions were not practicable because the project involves the acquisition and improvement of an existing structure that serves an established community function.

Based on this evaluation, NBRC has determined that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposed action in the floodplain.

The proposed action incorporates practicable measures to minimize potential impacts to and from the floodplain, including limiting all work to the existing building footprint, avoiding ground disturbance and changes to drainage patterns, and implementing resilience upgrades and operational measures intended to reduce vulnerability to flood-related damage and support recovery following flood events.

This notice serves as NBRC's final finding and public explanation required under Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management). A complete record of the 8-Step Decision-Making Process, including supporting analyses and maps, is available for public review upon request. Please email nepa@nbrc.gov to request electronic copies.

Comments should be submitted by email to nepa@nbrc.gov. NBRC is accepting comments on this notice for 15 days, from June 12, 2026 through the end of the day on June 26, 2026.

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