

Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Integrated Interim Feasibility Report and
Environmental Impact Statement
Financial District and Seaport Fortifying Our Resilient Growth and Economy
(FiDi FORGE)
Coastal Storm Risk Management Section 203 Study

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New York District (District), in coordination with the non-federal interest, New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is undertaking a feasibility study to examine measures to manage future flood risk and reduce the economic costs and risks associated with flood and storm events that are affecting the Financial District and Seaport study area under the authority provided by the U.S. Congress in Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986, as amended. Under Section 203, NYCEDC intends to prepare a Draft Integrated Interim Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Department of Defense National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (June 30, 2025).

The study area is approximately 0.9 miles of the East River waterfront in Lower Manhattan, New York County, New York and is located within the ongoing New York and New Jersey Harbor and Tributaries (NYNJHATS) Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) Feasibility Study. The purpose of the study is to minimize the current and future coastal storm flood risk to the FiDi FORGE study area of Lower Manhattan by creating a coastal storm risk management system integrated within the neighborhoods while preserving and enhancing critical maritime, roadway, and public transit transportation services, emergency access, and waterfront access for all users. The District is soliciting public participation and input on the scope of the Draft Integrated Interim Report, including alternatives and potential effects, as well as the relevant information, studies, or analyses to inform the evaluation.

The public is invited to submit comments related to the scope and preparation of the Draft Integrated Interim Report during this scoping period, **May 28, 2026 through July 14, 2026**. Two public scoping meetings are scheduled during this scoping period. An in-person scoping meeting will be held on June 23, 2026, from 6:00-8:00 PM at the National Museum of the American Indian, 1 Bowling Green. A virtual public scoping meeting will be held on June 25, 2026, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Registration for the scoping meetings is available through this [link](#). Information regarding the meeting and other select materials may be translated and provided upon request. NYCEDC will consider and seek to accommodate all reasonable translation requests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For more information, refer to the FiDi FORGE Scoping/Additional Information Document at the study website at the following link: <https://fidiseaportclimate.nyc/environmental-review>. Questions or comments regarding the Integrated Interim Report may be directed to the NEPA POC, Cheryl Alkemeyer, NEPA by email at: CENAN-FiDiFORGE-203-Study@usace.army.mil

The District currently estimates that the Draft Integrated Interim Report will be available for public review and comment in Spring 2027. At that time, the USACE will provide a 60-day public review period for individuals and agencies to review and comment.

Comments submitted will assist in the agency's evaluation of the project changes and will be reflected in the project record.

All written comments, including contact information, will be made a part of the administrative record, available to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Administrative Record, or portions thereof, may also be posted on an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Internet website. Due to resource limitations, this office generally cannot acknowledge receipt of comments or respond to individual letters.