

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND

RELATED TO THE PROPOSED VILLAGE of SCHOHARIE MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT

The Village of Schoharie intends to seek financial assistance from the USDA, Rural Development for design and construction of an approximately 1.7-mile-long multi-use trail along the Schoharie Creek and in the mapped floodplain within the Village. The Village is conducting an evaluation as required by Federal Law to determine the potential effects that this activity in the floodplain would have on the human environment.

The trail is proposed from the Depot Lane area south along the Creek to Bridge Street. Construction of the trail will include easement agreements with landowners, clearing and grubbing for the trail surface, development of a canoe/kayak launch, placement of crusher run stone for trail surface, possible soil and bank stabilization, installation of up to two pedestrian bridges over Creek tributaries, and installation of fencing, signage, gates, and other trail amenities where necessary. Portions of the project site are in the floodway and 100-year floodplain.

Funding for the project will be provided by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission, the New York State Department of State (Local Waterfront Revitalization Program) and the Village of Schoharie. A concept trail map and a floodplain map based on the FEMA Base Flood Elevation Maps is available for review at the Village of Schoharie Village Hall, 300 Main Street, Schoharie, NY or at <https://www.schoharievillage.org/government/maps/>. All necessary local, state, or federal permits for construction of this trail along the Schoharie Creek and in the floodplain will be obtained prior to any construction.

This notice is required to inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk about actions taking place in floodplains. The USDA, RD has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the location of the proposed multi-use trail will convert or effect a floodplain or critical action floodplain. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the Agency is notifying the interested public of this land conversion.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the proposed action or request further information to Leslie Price, Village Clerk, 300 Main Street, PO Box 219, Schoharie, NY 12157 and email: villscho@midtel.net. All comments shall be received by May 21, 2021 to be considered.