City of Jersey City to Host Public Meeting to Address Coastal Flooding Solutions

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the Division of Planning, in partnership with the Stevens Institute of Technology and Baker Engineering, are proud to announce a Public Meeting on Coastal Flooding Solutions to be held from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street.

“We are hosting this public meeting as a platform to discuss the future of our City in terms of natural disasters, such as Superstorm Sandy,” said Mayor Fulop. “At this forum, we are continuing our open dialogue with the public so we may develop additional strategies and solutions to prevent potential flooding and damage to our communities.”

The purpose of the Public Meeting on Coastal Flooding Solutions is to provide residents with information on the impacts of coastal flooding, work completed to date, and potential adaptation measures. Exhibits will include renderings of proposed adaptation measures and mapping of storm surge experienced during Superstorm Sandy.

It is through funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Sea Grant that the Stevens Institute of Technology’s coastal flooding scientists are able to collaborate with the Division of City Planning on the project entitled “Collaborative Climate Adaptation Planning For Urban Coastal Flooding.” This project will allow us to identify potential adaptation measures (e.g., levees, floodgates) and assess their ability to mitigate the impacts of coastal flooding caused by storm surge and climate change.

Additionally, the City was awarded a grant from the North Jersey Planning Authority, and Together North Jersey’s Local Government Capacity Grant program to develop visualizations for potential adaptation measures and a framework for a cost-benefit analysis of such measures.

For more information on Together North Jersey, please visit http://www.togethernorthjersey.com.

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