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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Gateway National Recreation Area  
210 New York Avenue  
Staten Island, New York 10305



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February 13, 2013

**Subject:** *Fort Tilden Shore Road- Shoreline Resiliency Environmental Assessment,  
Jamaica Bay Unit, Gateway National Recreation Area, Queens, NY*

Dear Park Friend,

The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration - Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate a range of alternatives to address access, safety, and shoreline resiliency at Fort Tilden, Gateway National Recreation Area due to changes brought about by Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

Hurricane Sandy caused physical changes to the Fort Tilden shoreline and beach area, creating a new environment with safety, access, and resource questions that need to be addressed. These changes affected historic resources on and adjacent to the beach, including Shore Road, the bulkhead and jetty system, Battery Kessler, Buildings 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 323, and created new beach habitat suitable for threatened and endangered shorebirds and plants.

The purpose of this project is to understand the potential impacts from future storm events on natural and cultural resources, infrastructure, and the safety of surrounding communities, and use this to guide the siting and design of Shore Road, address safety in response to the exposed bulkhead, as well as inform the consideration of future coastal protection measures.

The NPS is currently soliciting comments from interested agencies, groups and individuals and encourages your participation throughout the planning process. We invite you to share your comments and ideas about the project at a public open house on February 25, 2015 date from 6:00-8:00 pm at the following location:

Gateway National Recreation Area  
Ryan Visitor Center  
Floyd Bennett Field  
50 Aviation Road  
Brooklyn, NY 11234

The NPS has announced a 30-day public scoping period through March 20, 2015. The NPS is currently in the scoping phase of the proposed project and invites you to submit written suggestions, comments, and concerns regarding the project in accordance with NEPA and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act either at the public open house or online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/gate>.

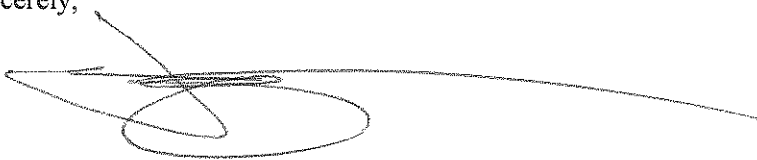
Written comments may also be mailed to the address below. Please provide comments by March 20, 2015.

Office of the Superintendent  
Gateway National Recreation Area  
ATTN: Fort Tilden EA Comments  
210 New York Avenue  
Staten Island, New York 10305

Project information is available at the following website: <http://www.nps.gov/gate>

Thank you for your interest and participation in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jennifer T. Nersesian  
Superintendent

Attachment:  
Project Area Map