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Port Monmouth Floodgate Activation Outreach

The Port Monmouth Floodgate is located near the intersection of Pews Creek and Port Monmouth Road adjacent to the Sandy Hook Bay in the Port Monmouth Section of Middletown.

The floodgate is operated by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP). Examples of conditions that would trigger closing of the gate include: a rain event occurs over the drainage basin at the same time as spring tide; during storms in which a major tidal event is predicted; during storms in which a major tidal event and rain event occur over the drainage basin at the same time.

The gate is closed remotely by NJDEP personnel and then monitored from their Keansburg office, while Middletown personnel assume responsibility for public outreach regarding the floodgate closure.

Further information on the floodgate can be found on the project webpage:

[Port Monmouth Floodgate Project](#)



Protocol

1.

- NJDEP personnel receive NOAA 72 hour precipitation alert and Stevens Institute of Tech tide forecast for Raritan Bay at Keansburg

2.

- NJDEP notifies Middletown head of Engineering and DPW of gate closure: forecast model, specific time and likely duration of closure included

3.

- Eng/DPW Dept Head passes along notification to Mayor, Administrator, Communications Director, OEM, and Floodplain Manager for discussion

4.

- Middletown Communications Dept alerts residents of gate closure via targeted Nixle alert, Twp website and social media, including the forecast model and link for flood-prone streets; any immediately closed streets are part of the alert

5.

- Gate is closed remotely by NJDEP personnel and monitored from their Keansburg office

6.

- Middletown personnel remain in contact regarding any edits or updates to the alert and storm preparedness messaging