

Charleston Peninsula Coastal Flood Risk Management Study

Environmental Impact Statement Public Scoping Meeting

When and where will the meeting take place?

Due to the pandemic and social distancing guidelines the meeting will take place virtually, using the Cisco WebEx platform. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, beginning at 5 p.m. EST, and will adjourn by 7:30 p.m. Additional information about participating in the meeting is offered below.

What is the purpose of the scoping meeting?

The purpose of this meeting is for the US Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Charleston to collect comments from the public to inform the scoping phase in the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the ongoing Charleston Peninsula Coastal Flood Risk Management Study. The public can also expect to learn more about the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and receive an update on the study.

What are scoping comments?

At this stage in the NEPA process, the Corps and the City are seeking comments on other potential alternatives for the Corps to consider; other potential impacts of the Proposed Action to be analyzed; and existing information and analyses relevant to the Proposed Action.

How can the public provide comments for the scoping phase?

There are several ways the public can submit comments during the scoping period.

1. Using the [online comment form](https://www.usace.army.mil/charlestonpeninsulastudy) at www.usace.army.mil/charlestonpeninsulastudy
2. Emailing comments to: Chs-Peninsula-Study@usace.army.mil
3. Written comments mailed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Charleston District, ATTN: Planning and Environmental Branch, 69A Hagood Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403
4. At the virtual public scoping meeting, where there will be a designated time for attendees to express their comments.

Comments are due 30 days after publication of the EIS Notice of Intent in the Federal Register or April 22, 2021. Comments submitted last year on the draft report that are relevant to the scoping of potential alternatives and impacts will be considered for the EIS, and do not need to be resubmitted.

How to join

The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. Participants may log onto the WebEx platform beginning at 4:45 p.m. A phone-only option is available, but we recommend joining on your computer if possible for the best experience. To join, click the link, or copy/paste the link into your browser.

Meeting link:

<https://usace1.webex.com/usace1/j.php?MTID=mfb5acdf5441b308baac6d4a65fa72452>.

Meeting Number: 199 481 3582

Password (case sensitive): AmPtk7yG?53

You may connect to audio through your computer, or your phone

+1-844-800-2712 US Toll Free

Access code: 199 481 3582

How to participate during the meeting

Participant microphones will be muted upon entry. To conserve bandwidth, participants will not have the ability to share content or video. Participants will have the ability to chat messages to the host(s) of the meeting. There are two ways participants are encouraged to engage during the meeting: 1) during the question and answer session, and 2) during the designated public comment session.

Question and answer session

The meeting will have a question and answer session with a designated time period. Participants may chat their question to the host(s), and a member of the project team will repeat the question and answer if for everyone to hear.

For participants who have joined only via the phone, and are not looking at the WebEx on their computer, they may press *3 on their keypad to “raise their hand”. The host will then send a request that you unmute your phone. You will unmute your phone by pressing *6. You will have 1 minute to ask your question, and the project team will provide a brief response.

The Q&A session will have a designated time period. If the team is not able to answer all questions within the designated time period, please visit the FAQs at <https://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Supplemental-Funding/Charleston-Peninsula-Study/>. If the FAQs do not address your question, please email the team at Chs-Peninsula-Study@usace.army.mil.

Public comment session

Near the end of the meeting, time will be set aside for the public to share scoping comments. All comments will be recorded. To verbally share a comment, please chat your name to the host. The host will send a request that you unmute, and you will see a popup on your screen. At this time, unmute, then you will have up to 2 minutes to provide your comment. A timer will be visible on the screen, and the microphone will be muted at the end of the time period so that

we may move on to the next commenter. The project team will not be responding to comments at this time, only listening. Comments will be considered in development of the EIS.

For participants who have joined only via the phone, and are not looking at the WebEx on their computer, they may press *3 on their keypad to “raise their hand”. The host will then send a request that you unmute your phone. You will unmute your phone by pressing *6. You will have up to 2 minutes to provide your comment. Comments will be timed, and the microphone will be muted at the end of the time period. The project team will not be responding to comments, only listening.

If you would like to type/write your comment instead of speaking, we encourage you to use the online comment form or compose an email or letter to us (see below).

The public comment session will end at 7:25pm. If all comments have not been verbalized in the designated time period, they may be submitted in three other ways before COB April 21, 2021.]:

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Meeting Agenda

5:00 pm	Welcome and Opening
	Review of Meeting Purpose, Agenda and Participation Instructions
	Explanation of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Environmental Impact Statement Process
	Study Background, Alternatives and Tentatively Selected Plan
	Questions and Answers (10 minutes)
	Next Steps for NEPA Scoping Phase
	Public Comment Session
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