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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning and Policy Division
Environmental Branch

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regulation (33 CFR 230.11), this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report/Environmental Assessment (IFR/EA) for the Loíza Section 14 Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) Project located in the Municipality of Loíza in Puerto Rico.

The purpose of the project is to protect existing public infrastructure along the Loíza shoreline from erosion and storm damages. The Recommended Plan consists of the placement of a continuous rock revetment along approximately 1,050 feet of shoreline in front of the public road, head start public school, and community center, **Figure 1**.

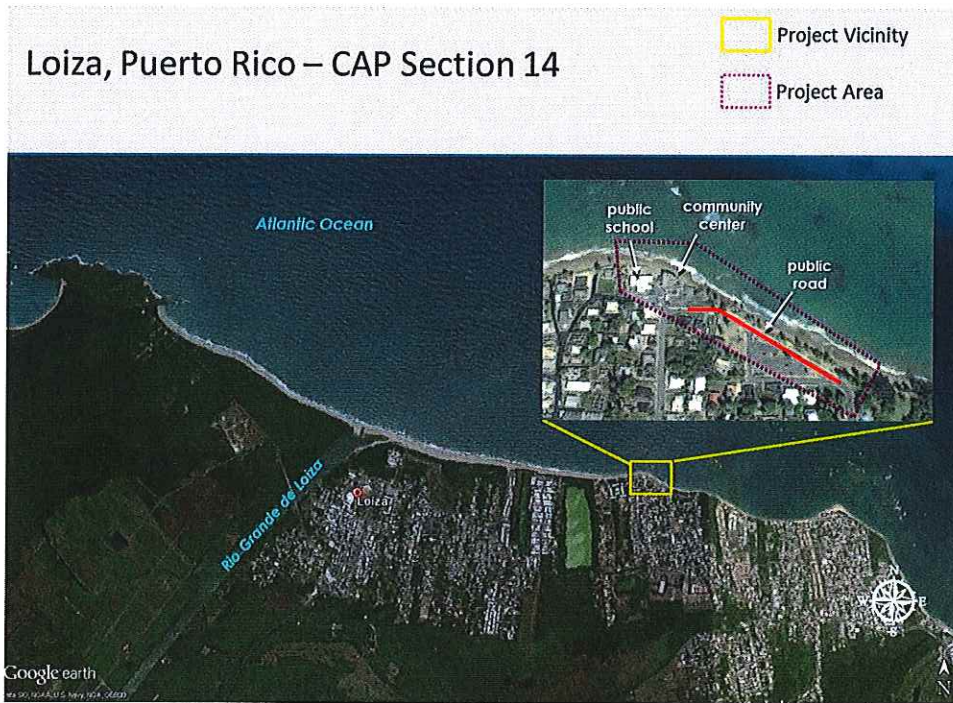


Figure 1. Study Area of Loíza, Puerto Rico.

Elevation of the revetment crest would be 12.0-ft (Puerto Rico Vertical Datum (PRVD) 2002). The remaining sidewalk may need to be demolished due to existing damages and replaced with the over-wash protection zone, which consists of high performance turf reinforcement mat keyed in between the existing road and revetment. By constructing the Recommended Plan, the existing public infrastructure will be protected from the continued erosion and storm damages.

The Draft IFR/EA, Proposed Finding of No Significant Impact, and associated appendices are available for your review on the Jacksonville District's Environmental planning website, under Puerto Rico:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/Divisions-Offices/Planning/Environmental-Branch/Environmental-Documents/>

Questions or comments can be submitted to Kristen Donofrio at the letterhead address, or via email to Kristen.L.Donofrio@usace.army.mil within 30 days from the date of this Notice of Availability. Ms. Donofrio may also be reached by telephone at 904-232-2918.

Sincerely,



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