



WATERFRONT ALLIANCE'S STATEMENT ON FEMA BRIC LAWSUIT VICTORY

DECEMBER 16, 2025

We are thrilled to share that on December 11, 2025, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts ruled that the federal administration's attempt to eliminate BRIC was illegal and the program must continue.

Earlier this year, in April 2025, [Waterfront Alliance](#) and our partners in the [Rise to Resilience \(R2R\) Coalition](#) sounded the alarm on the Trump administration's attempted cancellation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program.

FEMA is the nation's leading agency responsible for responding to extreme weather events, especially the many climate disasters across the country. FEMA also leads the nation's strongest investments in climate resilience for communities and infrastructure. Since 2020, FEMA's BRIC program has awarded \$5 billion to communities across the nation to withstand growing climate disasters.

We hosted a press conference and rally at New York City Hall with 30 of our R2R Coalition partners and New York City Comptroller, Brad Lander, calling on Governor Kathy Hochul and Attorney General Letitia James to take legal action against the wrongful termination of BRIC.

Ultimately, Attorney General Letitia James, along with 20 other attorneys general across the country, heard us and filed a lawsuit to stop the illegal elimination.

The December 11, 2025, ruling is a major victory for climate resilience projects in New York, New Jersey, and across the nation. Waterfront Alliance will continue to call out rollbacks to critical climate programs and projects. We applaud New York Attorney General James, and the coalition of leaders who fought back against these cuts.

Read more in Attorney General Letitia James' press release [here](#).