

COMBINED PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

BURLINGTON COUNTY

December 4, 2020

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
101 South Broad Street
PO Box 800
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

This Notice is related to Federal assistance provided in response to the Presidentially-declared disaster, Superstorm Sandy. This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 21, 2020, the DCA will submit a request to HUD for the release of Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013) for the Blue Acres program. DCA expects to fund the program using approximately \$15,000,000 of Blue Acres funds.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Blue Acres – Southampton Township

The project involves the following applications at the following addresses within Southampton Township, New Jersey.

0333-0001: 60 Cedarwater Road	0333-0024: 828 Crystal Avenue
0333-0003: 830 Crystal Avenue	0333-0025: 83 C West Mae Avenue
0333-0004: 19 Lenape Trail	0333-0026: 83 B West Mae Avenue
0333-0005: 21 Lenape Trail	0333-0027: 102 East Mae Avenue
0333-0006: 27 Lenape Trail	0333-0028: 103 East Mae Avenue
0333-0007: 29 Lenape Trail	0333-0029: 108 East Mae Avenue
0333-0008: 31 Lenape Trail	0333-0030: 111 East Mae Avenue
0333-0009: 33 Lenape Trail	0333-0031: 112 East Mae Avenue
0333-0010: 37 Lenape Trail	0333-0032: 114 East Mae Avenue
0333-0011: 39 Lenape Trail	0333-0033: 115 East Mae Avenue
0333-0012: 43 Lenape Trail	0333-0034: 117 East Mae Avenue
0333-0013: 45 Lenape Trail	0333-0035: 119 East Mae Avenue
0333-0014: 47 Lenape Trail	0333-0041: 439 Retreat Road
0333-0015: 49 Lenape Trail	0333-0042: 69 Laurel Lane

0333-0016: 51 Lenape Trail	0333-0043: 113 East Mae Avenue
0333-0017: 53 Lenape Trail	0333-0045: 820 Crystal Avenue
0333-0018: 72 West Mae Avenue	0333-0046: 822 Crystal Avenue
0333-0019: 73 West Mae Avenue	0333-0049: 83 A West Mae Avenue
0333-0020: 75 West Mae Avenue	0333-0050: 83 F West Mae Avenue
0333-0021: 77 West Mae Avenue	0333-0051: 2420 Route 206
0333-0022: 79 West Mae Avenue	0333-0052: 2428 Route 206
0333-0023: 83 D and 83 E West Mae Avenue	

The proposed project would acquire residential properties on a voluntary basis and demolish, remove, and dispose of all man-made features on the properties, such as dwellings, foundations, sheds, garages, fences, and driveways. Wells and septic systems would be abandoned in place and all utilities would be disconnected. The properties would be graded and left in a stabilized condition (i.e. planted with native grasses or other approved native vegetative cover that will support soil stability). The acquired properties would be permanently preserved as open space and serve as natural buffers against future storms and floods. The total estimated cost is \$15,000,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The DCA has determined that this project will have no significant impacts on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Sandy Recovery Division, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. or can be viewed online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this project may submit written comments to Samuel Viavattine, Director, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or online at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/> and to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. All comments received by December 21, 2020, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later, will be considered by DCA. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

DCA certifies to HUD that Samuel Viavattine, in his capacity as Certifying Official of DCA consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the

National Environmental Policy Act and related laws and authorities and allows DCA to use CDBG-DR funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and DCA's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of DCA; (b) DCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency, acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504, has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58.76) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Samuel Viavattine, Director
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs