

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 15, 2024

New York State Homes & Community Renewal
New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation
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REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 23, 2024, the New York State Homes & Community Renewal (HCR), through the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), will submit a request to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$1,616,000 in Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds, to authorize New York State Homes & Community Renewal to undertake programs known as Ida Housing Recovery and Reimbursement Program and Renters Resilient Housing Incentive Program, for purposes of assisting owners of 1- to 4-unit owner-occupied homes and landlords of 1- to 4-unit homes that were damaged by Hurricane Ida in Nassau County with an estimated total project cost of \$1,616,000.

The activities proposed are Categorically Excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) which can be obtained by emailing environmental.comments@hcr.ny.gov or at: <https://hcr.ny.gov/hcr-environmental-review>.

This is the first tier of review in a 2-tiered process. The specific addresses of homes are not known at this time because the participating property owner identification process is ongoing. Therefore, under 24 CFR Part 58.15 (Tiering) and 24 CFR Part 58.32 (Project Aggregation), HCR will use a tiered approach, and Tier 2 site-specific reviews will be completed for those laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review for each address under this program when addresses become known. No physical work will begin on properties until all levels of environmental review are complete and found to be in compliance. Tier 1 review addresses specific environmental factors for which compliance has been documented, regardless of specific site locations. It prevents repeating the same compliance factors on a Tier 2 site-specific basis, once all participating homeowners are known.

Tier 2 Site-Specific Review: The site-specific reviews will cover all the laws and authorities not resolved in the broad Tier 1 review as discussed in the ERR that is available for public inspection.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits: Template Tier 2 forms are included in the ERR that is available for public inspection. The Templates include the mitigation measures, conditions and/or permits that will be complied with, if applicable, at each project site that is chosen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Heather Spitzberg, either by mail to Environmental Analysis Unit, NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation, 38-40 State Street, Albany, New York, 12207 or by Email to environmental.comments@hcr.ny.gov. All comments received by October 22, 2024, will be considered by HCR prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

HCR certifies to HUD that Heather Spitzberg in their capacity as Certifying Officer 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. HCR's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows HCR to use Program funds. The grant recipient is Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP).

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and HCR's certification received by November 7, 2024, or for a period of fifteen days following 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 HCR; (b) HCR 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 or other participants in the project have committed funds, 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be sent via email to: disaster_recovery@hud.gov.

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Heather Spitzberg
Certifying Officer
October 15, 2024



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**Tiered Environment Review
for Activity/Project that is
Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5
Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

Project Information

Project Name: Nassau-County-Hurricane-Ida-IHRR-and-RRHI-Programs

**HEROS
Number:** 900000010429002

**Responsible Entity
(RE):** NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
RENEWAL, HAMPTON PLAZA ALBANY NY, 12207

**State / Local
Identifier:** NYS/Nassau County

RE Preparer: Tetra Tech, Inc.

**Certifying
Officer:** Heather Spitzberg

**Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible
Entity):** Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP)

Point of Contact: Peter Elkowitz (pelkowitz@lihpa.org)

**Consultant (if
applicable):** Tetra Tech, Inc.

Point of Contact: Genevieve Kaiser

**Project
Location:** Nassau County, NY

Additional Location Information:
N/A

**Direct Comments
to:**

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

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Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description:

[NassauCounty_TopographicMap.pdf](#)

[Nassau County Full Description of the Proposed Project.pdf](#)

Approximate size of the project area: more than 1 square mile

Length of time covered by this review: 5 Years

Maximum number of dwelling units or lots addressed by this tiered review:
40

Level of Environmental Review Determination:

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: 58.35(a)(3)

Determination:

	Extraordinary circumstances exist and this project may result in significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA); OR
	There are no extraordinary circumstances which would require completion of an EA, and this project may remain CEST.

Approval Documents:

**7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer
on:**

**7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer
on:**

Funding Information

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
P-21-NY-35-LDZ1	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance)	\$1,616,000.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$1,616,000.00

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$1,616,000.00

Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5 and §58.6 Laws and Authorities

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6	Was compliance achieved at the broad level of review?	Describe here compliance determinations made at the broad level and source documentation.
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.6		
Airport Hazards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Based on guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Fact Sheet #D1, the National Plan of Integrated Airport

		Systems was reviewed for civil, commercial service airports within 2,500 feet of the program area. There are no civil airports in Nassau County. Projects in southwestern Nassau County could be located in proximity to John F. Kennedy Airport, but they would not be within the Runway Protection Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ) of the nearest runway (2,500 feet from the end). Projects in east central Nassau County could be located in proximity to Republic Airport but also would not be within the RPZ/CZ of the nearest runway (also 2,500 feet from the end). No known military airfields are located within 15,000 feet of the program area. See NassauCounty_CivilAirportsMap, NassauCounty_JFKRPZMap, and NassauCounty_FRGRPZMap.
Coastal Barrier Resources Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Flood Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.5		
Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The program would not involve new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities or five or more dwelling units. Each project under the Ida Housing Recovery and Reimbursement (IHRR) Program or the Renters Resilient Housing Incentive (RRHI) Program will involve no more than four dwelling units that were damaged by Hurricane Ida in Nassau County. As a single-family rehabilitation program, in accordance with HUD Guidance at https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/air-quality/ , no further action is needed.
Coastal Zone Management Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Contamination and Toxic Substances	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Endangered Species Act	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Explosive and Flammable Hazards	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Farmlands Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	No farmland soils were identified in Nassau County by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. See NassauCounty_FarmlandSoilsMap.
Floodplain Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Noise Abatement and Control	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Projects in Nassau County under these two programs would not change the amount of development that existed prior to Hurricane Ida. HUD has determined that noise abatement and control is not applicable to a disaster recovery program that meets the definition under 24 CFR Part 51.101(a)(3) for emergency assistance under disaster provisions or appropriations that are provided to save lives, protect property, protect public health and safety, remove debris and wreckage, or assistance that has the effect of restoring facilities substantially as they existed prior to the disaster. See HUD Noise Abatement and Explosive Operations Email.
Sole Source Aquifers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	All of Nassau County is located over a sole source aquifer (SSA), the Nassau/Suffolk Counties Long Island SSA. Most of Nassau County is connected to municipal water supplies; however, some areas have private wells and are not connected to community systems. Projects involving rehabilitation of existing structures are not required to be reviewed for consistency with 40 CFR Part 149 (sole source aquifers). The proposed projects will occur in areas where water services have already been established and will have no effect on SSAs. A memorandum of understanding between USEPA and HUD states that the following activities will not create a significant hazard to public health and do not require review for potential impact to SSAs: * Construction of individual new residential structures

		containing from one to four units, and * Rehabilitation of residential units. See NassauCounty_SoleSourceAquifersMap and SSA MOU.HUD-EPA Reg II.Complete.
Wetlands Protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	There are no Wild and Scenic Rivers within or in proximity to Nassau County, as designated by the National Park Service, and there are no river segments listed in the Nationwide Rivers Inventory of more than 3,200 free- flowing river segments in the United States that are believed to possess one or more "outstandingly remarkable" natural or cultural values judged to be at least regionally significant. Therefore, projects under the proposed programs would have no effects on Wild and Scenic Rivers. See NassauCounty_WSRMap.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The New York State averages for people of color and low-income populations are 43 percent and 28 percent, respectively. The population of people of color within Nassau County is 43 percent of the total population, which is the same as the state average. The low-income population is 13 percent, which is below the state average. See NassauCounty_EJScreenCommunityRep ort. The proposed programs are not expected to result in environmental justice impacts as they are intended to address rehabilitation of existing homes impacted by Hurricane Ida. Any adverse impacts will be mitigated.

Supporting documentation

- [NassauCounty_EJScreenCommunityReport.pdf](#)
- [NassauCounty_FarmlandSoilsMap.pdf](#)
- [SSA MOU HUD EPA Reg II Complete.pdf](#)
- [NassauCounty_SoleSourceAquifersMap\(1\).pdf](#)
- [NassauCounty_WSRMap.pdf](#)

- [NassauCounty_JFKRPZMap.pdf](#)
[NassauCounty_FRGRPZMap.pdf](#)
[NassauCounty_CivilAirportsMap.pdf](#)
[HUD Noise Abatement and Explosive Operations Email.pdf](#)

Written Strategies

The following strategies provide the policy, standard, or process to be followed in the site-specific review for each law, authority, and factor that will require completion of a site-specific review.

1	<p>Coastal Barrier Resources</p> <p>Portions of Nassau County are within the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS). Each site will be checked with regard to its location within the CBRS, and no HUD funding will be used in a CBRS area. Compliance requirements will be determined in a Tier 2 environmental review. The Tier 2 site-specific review process is further described in the attached Tier 2 Site-Specific Statutory Checklist. See NassauCounty_CoastalBarrierResourcesMap.</p>
2	<p>Flood Insurance</p> <p>Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) and floodways are present in Nassau County based on a review of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). Each site will be reviewed to determine whether it is within a 100-year floodplain or a floodway during the Tier 2 process. See NassauCounty_FloodplainManagementMap, effective on September 11, 2009, latest LOMR effective April 5, 2023.</p>
3	<p>Coastal Zone Management</p> <p>Coastal zones are present within Nassau County. On May 20, 2024, New York State Homes & Community Renewal (NYSHCR) submitted a letter to the Consistency Review Unit, Office of Planning and Development, New York State Department of State (DOS) stating that it concluded that there will not be coastal effects and had made a Negative Determination per 15 CFR 930.35 and Part II, Section 9, Page 10 of the New York State Coastal Management Program (2023). In a response to this request, DOS indicated that it would not issue a programmatic negative determination. In a letter dated June 14, 2024, NYSHCR requested expedited review of a programmatic consistency determination. In its August 15, 2024, letter of response, DOS indicated that it concurred with the HCR consistency determination where the repairs or replacements would be in-place with no expansion or significant deviations of the original pre-storm footprint. DOS also stated individual consistency review is required for any expansions or significant deviations from the pre-storm footprint. See NassauCounty_DOSConsultation and NassauCounty_CoastalZoneManagementMap.</p>
4	<p>Contamination and Toxic Substances</p>

	<p>HUD policy requires that the proposed site and adjacent areas be free of hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants of the property. Site contamination, hazardous building materials (lead-based paint (LBP) and asbestos-containing material (ACM)), and mold may be present at the project sites in Nassau County. Based on a scientific data review completed using radon test data obtained through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for 99 locations from the most recent 10 years for which data is available, Nassau County has an average indoor radon level of 1.5 picocuries per liter (pCi/L), below the action level of 4 pCi/L recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). As a result, the programs in Nassau County comply with the HUD Departmental Policy for Addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process (CPD-23-103). Each site will be reviewed by an environmental professional, including a site visit, to determine that the site is not located on or near any hazardous materials or contamination and that the site complies with HUD environmental standards as specified at 24 CFR 58.5(i).</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Endangered Species</p> <p>The Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires the Action Agency (New York State Homes & Community Renewal [NYSHCR]) to make a determination of effect to any federally listed species or designated critical habitat that may occur as a result of an action that is funded, authorized, or carried out by the Action Agency. There are six federally listed species that are known to occur in Nassau County: northern long-eared bat (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>, Endangered), roseate tern (<i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i>, Endangered), piping plover (<i>Charadrius melodus</i>, Threatened), rufa red knot (<i>Calidris conutus rufa</i>, Threatened), sandplain gerardia (<i>Agalinis acuta</i>, Endangered), and seabeach amaranth (<i>Amaranthus pumilus</i>, Threatened). Nassau County overlaps proposed critical habitat for the rufa red knot. NYSHCR submitted a Section 7 consultation letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) explaining its "no effect" determinations on May 20, 2024. The project was determined to have no effect on the three bird species. The letter indicated that Tier 2 analysis would be done for potential effects on the northern long-eared bat. The Official Species List was provided to USFWS at its request on June 3, 2024. Five fish species, five whale species, and five turtle species were identified on the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) list of Endangered and Threatened Species in the New England/Mid-Atlantic Region. NYSHCR submitted a Section 7 consultation letter to NMFS on May 20, 2024, with its determination that no effects were expected for species under NMFS jurisdiction. In its electronic mail response on May 22, 2024, NMFS indicated that it is not necessary to seek NMFS concurrence for a no effect determination. In accordance with the May 20, 2024, USFWS letter from NYSHCR, each site will be reviewed in the Tier 2 process to determine whether ground disturbance outside the existing footprint or tree cutting is proposed. If either activity is proposed, the review also would determine whether Indiana bat, northern long-eared bat, and bog turtle inhabit the project site or might otherwise be affected by project activities. Based on the results of the site review, NYSHCR will determine whether additional Section 7 consultation is needed. See NassauCounty_EndangeredSpeciesActConsultation.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Explosive and Flammable Hazards</p>

	<p>In general, acceptable separation distance requirements do not apply because the definition for HUD-assisted projects in 24 CFR 51.201 is predicated on whether the HUD project increases the number of people exposed to hazardous operations. Environmental review for grants to elevate, rehabilitate, or reconstruct housing that existed prior to the disaster where the number of dwelling units is not increased is not required to apply 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C. However, projects may increase unit density or install an aboveground storage tank (AST) for fuels or hazardous liquids or gases. Each site location will be reviewed during the Tier 2 process to determine if additional analysis is needed. See HUD Noise Abatement and Explosive Operations Email.</p>
7	<p>Floodplain Management</p> <p>In Nassau County, there are approximately 32,137 acres of 100-year floodplain ("A," "AE," "AH," and "AO" Zones), 18,292 acres of Coastal High Hazard areas ("VE" Zone), and 17,080 residential properties identified as being in the floodplain. Some project locations may occur within, or proximate to, floodplains. On May 31, 2024, NYSHCR published an Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain on the https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documentst/2024/05/early-floodplain-notice-for-ida-recovery-in-nassau-county.pdf website. The notice provided a determination that actions proposed under the IHRR Program and the RRHI Program, as identified in the Hurricane Ida Action Plan, may potentially be located in a floodplain. The notice was prepared to allow public review and comment of the proposed procedures for reviewing actions in floodplains. Following this notice, a Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposal to Support Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain was published on June 21, 2024. No comments were received on either notice. Each project site will be evaluated in the Tier 2 process for potential impacts of the proposed activities. See NassauCounty_FloodplainManagementMap, effective on September 11, 2009, latest LOMR effective April 5, 2023, and Nassau County 8-Step Record of Compliance.</p>
8	<p>Historic Preservation</p> <p>Historic properties, archaeological resources, and other cultural resources may be associated with proposed projects under these programs in Nassau County. All activities must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act per the implementing regulations under 36 CFR Part 800. Compliance with Section 106 is achieved through the procedures set forth in the Programmatic Agreement among The New York State Historic Preservation Officer and The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Certain New York Units of State and General Local Government Acting As Responsible Entities and The Advisory Council On Historic Preservation for The Review of HUD-assisted Projects and Programs Subject to 24 CFR Part 50 and Part 58 in The State of New York (Programmatic Agreement) (see FINAL Executed New York Statewide PA Part 50 and 58 2022.pdf). Each project site will be reviewed in the Tier 2 process for compliance with the Programmatic Agreement.</p>
9	<p>Wetlands Protection</p>

	<p>According to 24 CFR Part 55, "wetlands means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water with a frequency sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances does or would support, a prevalence of vegetative or aquatic life that requires saturated or seasonally saturated soil conditions for growth and reproduction." Wetlands are known to be present in Nassau County, including 115,682 acres of wetlands identified in the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) geospatial database (see NassauCounty_WetlandsMap). All project sites will be evaluated during the Tier 2 process to determine if they involve any ground disturbance or expansion of a building footprint and may affect wetlands, as defined by 24 CFR Part 55.</p>
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Supporting documentation

[NassauCounty_Tier 2 Checklist with Attachments.pdf](#)

[NassauCounty_WetlandsMap.pdf](#)

[NassauCounty_FloodplainManagementMap.pdf](#)

[NassauCounty_EndangeredSpeciesActConsultation.pdf](#)

[NassauCounty_DOSConsultation.pdf](#)

[NassauCounty_CoastalZoneManagementMap.pdf](#)

[NassauCounty_CoastalBarrierResourcesMap.pdf](#)

[Nassau County 8-Step Record of Compliance.pdf](#)

[HUD Noise Abatement and Explosive Operations Email\(1\).pdf](#)

[FINAL Executed New York Statewide PA Part 50 and 58 2022.pdf](#)

APPENDIX A: Site Specific Reviews



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Project Information

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HEROS Number: 900000010429002

State / Local Identifier: NYS/Nassau County

Project Location: Nassau County, NY

Additional Location Information:

N/A

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Level of Environment Review Determination:

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58.35(a)(3)

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
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Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$1,616,000.00

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]: \$1,616,000.00

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]: Consult the completed environmental review record for information on the mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified.

Determination:

- Extraordinary circumstances exist and this project may result in significant environmental impact. This project requires preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) ; OR
- There are no extraordinary circumstances which would require completion of an EA, and this project may remain CEST.

Preparer Signature: *Aenevior Kois* Date: 10/11/2024

Name / Title/ Organization: Tetra Tech, Inc. / / NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature: *Heather Spitzberg* Date: 10/11/24

Name/ Title: Heather Spitzberg, Director, Environmental Unit

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environment Review Record (ERR) for the activity / project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

**Nassau County Hurricane Ida
IHRR and RRHI Programs**

Nassau County, New York

NEPA Environmental Review Record

**Appendices and Supporting Documents are available
by emailing environmental.comments@hcr.ny.gov**