

**FLOODPLAIN 8-STEP PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
EXECUTIVE ORDER 11988: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT**

New York Governor's Office of Storm Recovery

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR)
Broad Channel Resiliency Improvement Project**

**Queens County, New York
Effective Date: December 5, 2016**

This Floodplain Management Plan meets the requirements of 24 CFR Part 55.20 and Executive Order 11988—Floodplain Management—for the Broad Channel Resiliency Improvements Project (Project) in Broad Channel, Queens County, New York. This Floodplain Management Plan documents the eight-step decision making for the Project and pertains to activities within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), or its successors, pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), or a successor program, whether advisory, preliminary, or final.

Description of Proposed Program Activities

The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York is requesting \$1,850,000 in funding from the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster (CDBG-DR) fund in order to complete improvements to the Broad Channel American Legion Hall, the Broad Channel Athletic Club and the Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall located in Broad Channel, Queens County, New York. Broad Channel is located on a low-lying island in the middle of Jamaica Bay, which is prone to flooding during extreme weather events. It is the only inhabited island in the bay with a population of about 3,000 residents. The community is almost exclusively residential, except for a small commercial district, therefore, residents often travel outside the neighborhood for essentials. During Superstorm Sandy, bridges connecting Broad Channel to the mainland of Queens were closed immediately before the storm arrived. This left many residents stranded on the island as it was enveloped by surge waters and direct wave action from Jamaica Bay. The community of Broad Channel experienced surge levels upward of six feet and also received backdoor flooding from Rockaway Inlet. In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, the Broad Channel American Legion, Broad Channel Athletic Club and Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars began providing recovery resources to the community despite sustaining heavy structural damage.

The purpose of the Proposed Activity is to assist in the recovery of these important Broad Channel community facilities (the Broad Channel American Legion Hall, the Broad Channel Athletic Club and the Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall) that were damaged during Superstorm Sandy by implementing improvements intended to harden the three structures and reduce potential risk to the community during future storm events. All of these structures are owned, operated and maintained by non-profit organizations and are important to the Broad Channel Community as they are networked and physically positioned to work as community centers serving all residents as disaster recovery centers. Proposed improvements specific to each structure are further described below:

The American Legion Hall (209 Cross Bay Boulevard) would receive flood-resistant exterior doors, upgrades to the existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, a permanent back-up generator, and mechanical and electrical systems would be elevated.

The Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall (713 Shad Creek Road) would receive flood-resistant exterior doors as well as interior and exterior upgrades to make the building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Broad Channel Athletic Club (125 Cross Bay Boulevard) would receive a detached, two-story 30 x 40 foot storage building, a permanent back-up generator, and lighting improvements to the parking area.

Both generators would be diesel fired, elevated above the local base flood elevation, connected to the buildings' electrical system through an automatic transfer switch, and fuel for each generator would be stored in individual 210 gallon above ground storage tanks. Each tank would be installed within a concrete casing and equipped with leak detection and overflow alarm systems as well as spill boxes with a five gallon containment units at filling ports. As proposed, the storage building at 125 Cross Bay Boulevard contains adequate flood venting on its ground floor pursuant to 44 C.F.R. Part 60.

Step ONE: Determine whether the proposed action is located in a 100-year floodplain (or a 500-year floodplain for a Critical Action).

The geographic scope for the Proposed Action is located within Broad Channel, Queens County, New York (see EXHIBIT 1a for current FIRM Panel # 3604970377F, Exhibit 1b for Preliminary FIRM). Specifically, it includes three separate project sites: The American Legion Hall (209 Cross Bay Boulevard), Broad Channel Athletic Club (125 Cross Bay Boulevard) and Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall (713 Shad Creek Road).

All three project locations are situated in FEMA Zone "AE", with a Base Flood Elevation of 8 feet.

The Proposed Activity will result in temporary impacts to 0.01 acres of the 100-Year Floodplain. The Proposed Activity will result in permanent impacts to 0.11 acres of the 100-Year Floodplain.

Step TWO: Notify the public at the earliest possible time of a proposal to consider an action in a floodplain (or in the 500-year floodplain for a Critical Action), and involve the affected and interested public in the decision making process.

Since the Proposed Activities would be located in the floodplain, GOSR must publish an early notice that allows the public an opportunity to provide input into the decision to provide funding for the Proposed Action activities in this area. Once the early public notice and comment period is complete, GOSR will assess, consider, and respond to the comments received individually and collectively for the Proposed Action file, then proceed to Step Three.

A 15-day "Early Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain" was published in The Wave, on **September 23, 2016** (see EXHIBIT 2 for affidavit of publication). The 15-day period expired on **October 10, 2016**. The notice addressed residents who live in the floodplain. The notice was also sent to the following state and federal agencies on **September 22, 2016**: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS); National Park Service (NPS); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); NYS Department Environmental Conservation; the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; NYS

Department of Transportation; NYS Office of Emergency Management. The notice was also sent to the Town of Jamaica and the office of the Queens County Executive.

GOSR received 0 public comments on this notice. See EXHIBIT 3 for the comments received and responses to those comments, if applicable.

Step Three: Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives to locating the proposed action in a floodplain (or the 500-year floodplain for a Critical Action).

After a consideration of the following alternatives, GOSR has determined the best practicable alternative is the Proposed Action. The alternative actions considered are as follows: No Action, Limited Action Alternative, and Alternative Routing Options.

No Action Alternative

Under a No Action alternative, conditions of the structures would remain unchanged; still subject to the existing potential for flood-related damage.

Limited Action Alternative

There is no limited action alternative.

Alternative Routing Options

Given that the location of the critical components involved in the Proposed Action involve alteration to existing structures, there are no alternative options proposed in the Project Area.

Step Four: Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts associated with the occupancy or modification of the floodplain (or 500-year floodplain for a Critical Action).

GOSR has evaluated potential alternatives to the Proposed Action activities in the floodplain. Since the proposed project involves modifications to structures that already exist within the floodplain; there is no alternative. Therefore, GOSR has determined that the proposed activities must take place in the floodplain.

The addition of a flood-vented 30 x 40 foot equipment storage shed and associated concrete pad at the Broad Channel Athletic Club will create 1,200 square feet (0.03 acres) of impervious surface within the floodplain. Additionally, installation of the concrete footers needed to stabilize the generator platforms at both the American Legion Hall and the Athletic Club will result in a combined total 0.11 acres of permanent impacts to floodplain for all components of the Proposed Action. Minor temporary impacts (0.01 acres) to the floodplain will result from trenching associated with electrical upgrades proposed for the American Legion Hall. All remaining activated would be conducted inside existing structures that have been in place for years. Consequently, the proposed action is not expected to exacerbate flooding.

The Proposed Action actions will have a beneficial outcome for the community of Broad Channel because residents will be provided with safe, accessible, community centers physically positioned to assist residents in their recovery efforts from future storm and flood events.

Step Five: Where practicable, design or modify the proposed action to minimize the potential adverse impacts within the floodplain (including the 500-year floodplain for a Critical Action) and to restore and preserve its natural and beneficial values.

Proposed Action activities include the installation of flood-proof doors at the facility entrances, elevation of mechanical and electrical equipment to above the Base Flood Elevation, upgrading the structure's HVAC

systems, installing exterior lighting and the installation of new emergency generators. During the design process, the project engineer will be required to support measures that protect these improvements from future storms and wave toppings, use storm and wave barrier best management practices, and accommodate resilience into infrastructure design.

Step Six: Reevaluate the proposed action to determine: (1) Whether it is still practicable in light of its exposure to flood hazards in the floodplain, the extent to which it will aggravate the current hazards to other floodplains, and its potential to disrupt floodplain values; and (2) Whether alternatives preliminarily rejected at Step Three are practicable in light of the information gained in Steps Four and Five.

GOSR has reevaluated the proposed action and determined that the action is still practicable in light of its potential exposure to flood hazards in the floodplain. There is no practicable alternative to the proposed action. As the majority of activity located within the floodplain includes modifications to structures that have existed for years in the floodplain, the Proposed Action would not aggravate current hazards to the floodplain, nor will the Proposed Action disrupt floodplain values. The addition of a new, flood-vented 30x40 foot storage shed needed to house equipment as well as concrete footers for the generator platform will cause only slight increase (0.03 acres) in impervious surface, which will only minimally effect the floodplain.

GOSR and the project engineer will take the following steps to mitigate the effects of the Project on the floodplain and to preserve natural and beneficial properties of the floodplain:

- 1) Site-specific hazard mitigation measures will be taken, including BMPs to reduce the potential for erosion and sedimentation during construction of the storage shed.
- 2) Debris and construction waste will be properly disposed of.
- 3) Generators will be installed above the base flood elevation.

GOSR has also reconsidered the alternatives discussed in Step Three and determined the best practicable alternative is the proposed action. The alternative actions considered are as follows: No Action, Limited Action Alternative, and Alternative Routing Options. Therefore, there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposed action in the floodplain.

Step Seven: If the reevaluation results in a determination that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposal in the floodplain (or the 500-year floodplain for a Critical Action), publish a final notice.

It is GOSR's determination that the preferred alternative is implementing the proposed Broad Channel Resiliency Improvements Project. Beneficial results would include the strengthening of three very important Broad Channel community facilities (the Broad Channel American Legion Hall, the Broad Channel Athletic Club and the Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall) that were damaged during Superstorm Sandy by implementing improvements intended to harden the three structures and reduce potential risk to the community during future storm events. The facilities are important to the Broad Channel Community as they are networked and physically positioned to work as community centers serving all residents as disaster recovery centers.

A "Notice for Final Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain" will be published in The Wave and public comment will be received. The notice targeted local residents, including those in the floodplain. The notice will be sent to the following state and federal agencies: U.S. Department of the

Interior (DOI); U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS); National Park Service (NPS); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); NYS Department Environmental Conservation; the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; NYS Department of Transportation; and NYS Office of Emergency Management. The notice will also be sent to the Queens Department of City Planning and the office of the Queens County Clerk. Public comments will be incorporated into a final revised plan.

Step Eight: Implement the Action

Step eight is implementation of the proposed action. GOSR will ensure that all mitigation measures prescribed in the steps above will be adhered to. Also, prior to Proposed Action implementation, GOSR will conduct a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 and a New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) review in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617.

EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT 1a: FIRM Site Location Map

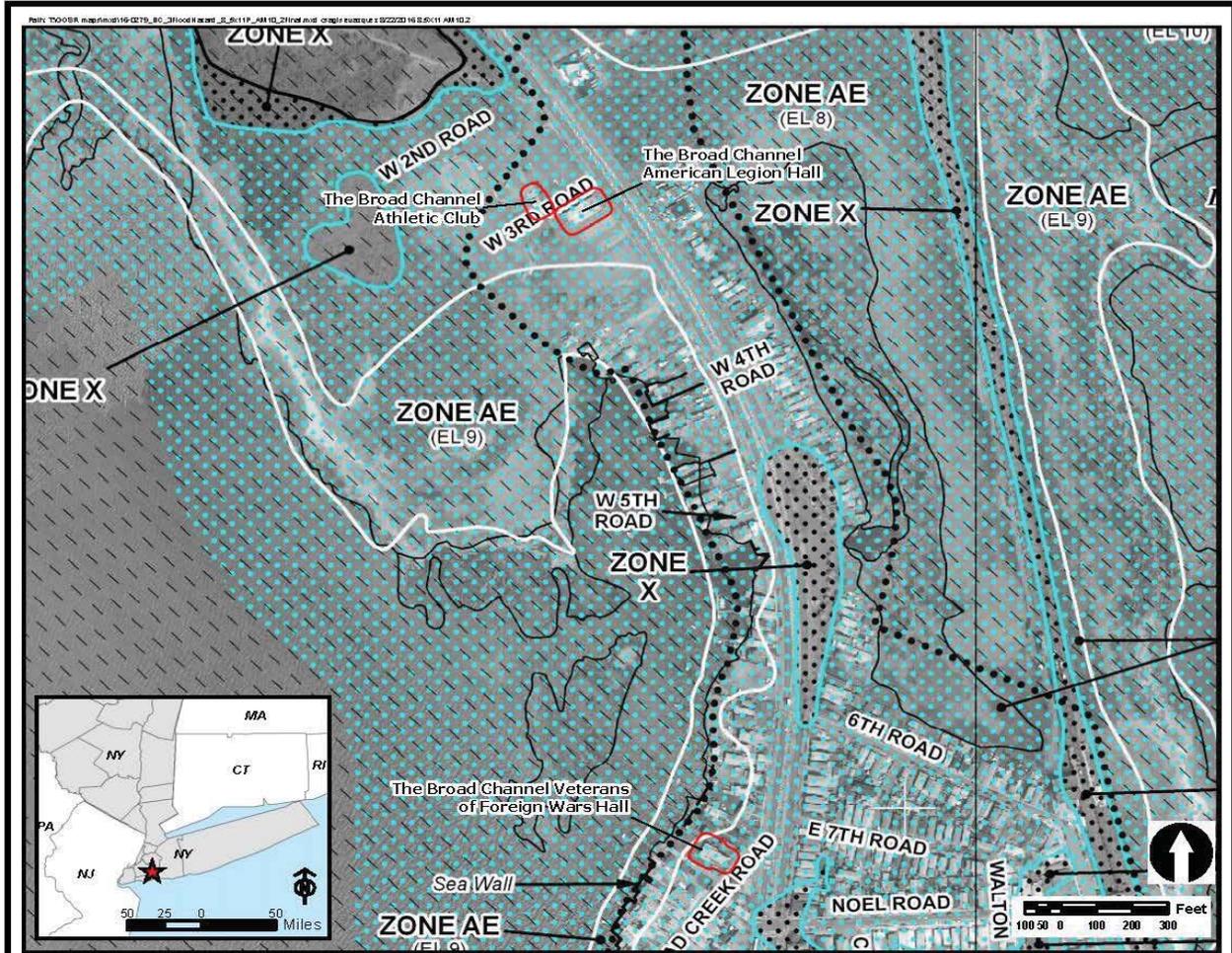
EXHIBIT 1b: Preliminary FIRM Site Location Map

EXHIBIT 2: Copy of Notice Transmitting Notice of Early Public Review and Proof of Publication

EXHIBIT 3: Public Comments Received and Response, if applicable

EXHIBIT 4: Copy of Notice Transmitting Notice of Final Public Review and Proof of Publication

EXHIBIT 1a: FIRM Site Location Map



 Project Sites - Zone AE

FEMA

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD

The 1% annual flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water-surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.

ZONE AE Base Flood Elevations determined.

FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.

OTHER FLOOD AREAS

ZONE X Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.

OTHER AREAS

ZONE X Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.

ZONE D Areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.

COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM (CBRS) AREAS

OTHERWISE PROTECTED AREAS (OPAs)

CBRS areas and OPAs are normally located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas.

Source: FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Map Number 3604970377F, September 5, 2007

Exhibit 1

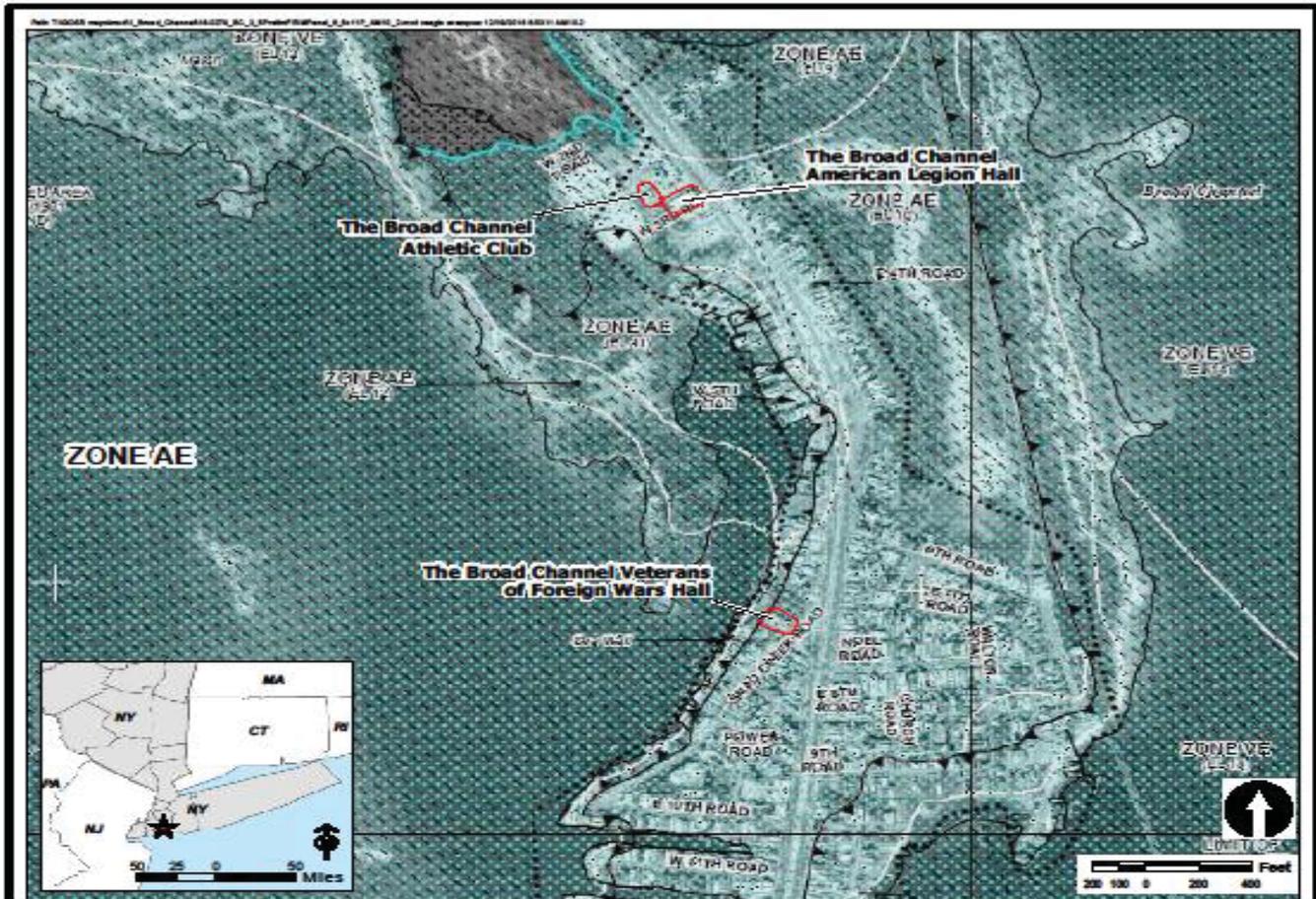
Flood Hazard

Broad Channel Resiliency Improvement Projects

Broad Channel, Queens County



EXHIBIT 1b: Preliminary FIRM Site Location Map



 Project Sites - Zone AE

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 - ZONE AE** Base Flood Elevations determined.
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CBRS areas and OPAs are normally located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas.
 Source: FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Map Number 3604970377G (accessed December 18, 2016)

Exhibit 1b
Preliminary FIRM Panel
Broad Channel Resiliency Improvement Projects
Broad Channel, Queens County



EXHIBIT 2
Copy of Notice Transmitting Notice of Early Public Review
and Proof of Publication

Affidavit of Mailing

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)

:SS.:

CITY OF MORRISTOWN)

ALLISON FAHEY, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of 18 years.
2. On September 22, 2016, I mailed true and correct copies of the Early Notice of Proposed Activity within the 100 year floodplain dated September 22, 2016 by placing in first class, post-paid envelopes addressed: SEE ATTACHED LIST.
3. On said day, I deposited said envelopes in a mailbox at Louis Berger's Morristown Office.



Allison Fahey

Sworn to before me this

22 Day of Sep, 2016



Notary Public

BERNICE V. CALPO-MELEE
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
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My Commission Expires 06/20/2020

EARLY NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

BROAD CHANNEL RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BROAD CHANNEL, QUEENS, NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), an office of the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), has received an application from Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to use Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funding from the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program to implement the Broad Channel Resiliency Improvements Project (hereinafter, the "Proposed Activity") and is conducting an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and Executive Order 11990 in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations (24 CFR Part 55). There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, to provide the public an opportunity to express their concerns and share information about the Proposed Activity, including alternative locations outside of the Floodplain. Second, adequate public notice is an important public education tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains and wetlands facilitates and enhances governmental efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Funding for the Proposed Activity will be provided by the HUD CDBG-DR program for storm recovery activities in New York State.

The Proposed Activity is needed to assist in the recovery of three important Broad Channel community facilities (the Broad Channel American Legion Hall, the Broad Channel Athletic Club and the Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall) that were damaged during Superstorm Sandy by conducting modifications to reduce potential risk to the community by providing residents with facilities resilient to future storm events. All of these structures are owned, operated and maintained by non-profit organizations and were damaged during Superstorm Sandy. The facilities are important to the Broad Channel Community as they provided recovery resources to the local community during the immediate aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

The American Legion Hall (209 Cross Bay Boulevard) would receive flood-resistant exterior doors, upgrades to the existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, a new back-up generator, and mechanical and electrical systems would be elevated. The Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall (713 Shad Creek Road) would receive a new back-up generator, flood-resistant exterior doors, and upgrades to make the building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Broad Channel Athletic Club (125 Cross Bay Boulevard) would receive a detached, two-story 30 x 40 foot storage building, a new back-up generator, and lighting improvements to the parking area. All three generators would be elevated above the local base flood elevation; the storage building at 125 Cross Bay Boulevard would contain adequate flood vents on the ground floor.

The Proposed Activity will result in temporary impacts to 0.01 acres of 100-Year Floodplain. The Proposed Activity will result in permanent impacts to 0.11 acres of 100-Year Floodplain. These impacts will consist of temporary trenching to facilitate the installation of electrical components associated with the generators and temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and the permanent installation of footings for each generator's platform, an ADA compliant wheelchair ramp at 713 Shad Creek Road, and construction the storage building at 125 Cross Bay Boulevard.

Floodplain maps based on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps and wetlands maps based on the National Wetland Inventory and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) data have been prepared and are available for review with additional information at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Proposed Activity or request further information by contacting Thomas King, Assistant General Counsel and Certifying Officer, Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1224, Albany, NY 12260; email: NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org. Standard office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. For more information call 518-473-0015. All comments received by October 10, 2016 will be considered.



Governor's Office of Storm Recovery



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EXHIBIT 3
Public Comments Received and Response

EXHIBIT 4
Copy of Notice Transmitting Notice of Final Public Review
and Proof of Publication



**Governor's Office of
Storm Recovery**

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

LISA BOVA-HIATT
Executive Director

December 23, 2016

**COMBINED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND
FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF
A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN**

**BROAD CHANNEL RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
BROAD CHANNEL, QUEENS, NY**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

Name of Responsible Entity and Recipient: New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), 38-40 State Street, Hampton Plaza, Albany, NY 12207, in cooperation with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), of the same address. Contact: Thomas King (518) 473-0015.

Pursuant to 24 CFR part 58 and 24 CFR part 55, this combined Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOIRROF) and Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a floodplain satisfies two separate procedural requirements for project activities proposed to be undertaken by HCR.

Project Description: The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), an office of HCR's HTFC, is responsible for the direct administration of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program in New York State. GOSR proposes to provide \$1,850,000.00 in CDBG-DR funding to the Broad Channel Resiliency Improvement Project ("Proposed Project"). The purpose of the Proposed Project is to assist in the recovery of three important Broad Channel community facilities (the Broad Channel American Legion Hall, the Broad Channel Athletic Club and the Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall) that were damaged during Superstorm Sandy and to conduct modifications to these structures in an effort to reduce potential risk to the community by providing residents with flood-resilient community facilities during future storm events. Proposed project activities generally include the installation of water tight doors at building entrances and exits; elevation of mechanical and electrical systems above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE); upgrades to the facility's existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps and bathroom facilities and the installation of new diesel-powered back-up

generators. In addition, a 30x40 foot equipment storage shed would be constructed adjacent to the Broad Channel Athletic Club.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION

On or about January 9, 2017, the HCR certifying officer will submit a request and certification to HUD for the release of CDBG-DR funds as authorized by related laws and policies for the purpose of implementing this part of the New York CDBG-DR program.

HCR certifies to HUD that Thomas King, in his capacity as Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the U.S. 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 NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows GOSR to use CDBG-DR program funds.

Objection to Release of Funds: HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and GOSR's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors may contact HUD or the GOSR Certifying Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The only permissible grounds for objections claiming a responsible entity's non-compliance with 24 CFR Part 58 are: (a) Certification was not executed by HCR's Certifying Officer; (b) the responsible entity has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the responsible entity or has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of environmental certification; 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) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, Director, Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, Phone: (202) 402-4649.

FINAL NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

This is to give notice that the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) is conducting an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD) regulations under 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C - Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential effects that its activity in a floodplain would have on the human and natural environment. The Proposed Activity will result in temporary impacts to 0.01 acres of 100-Year Floodplain. The Proposed Activity will result in permanent impacts to 0.11 acres of 100-Year Floodplain. These impacts will consist of temporary trenching to facilitate the installation of electrical components associated with the generators and temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and the permanent installation of footings for each generator's platform, an ADA compliant

wheelchair ramp at 713 Shad Creek Road, and construction the storage building at 125 Cross Bay Boulevard.

A draft Floodplain Management Plan (8-step process) documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as well as a floodplain map based on the FEMA Base Flood Elevation Maps and preliminary FIRMS, have been prepared for this project and are available for review at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>.

Prior to finalization on January 9, 2017, any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the NOIRROF or the Draft Floodplain Management Plan to Thomas King, Certifying Officer, Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, 99 Washington Avenue Suite 1220, Albany, NY 12260, 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM; email: NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org; phone: (518) 518-473-0015. All comments must be received no later than January 9, 2017.

Sincerely,

Thomas King
Certifying Officer

City of Wash DC
STATE OF NEW YORK)

Affidavit of Mailing

:SS.:

CITY OF NEW YORK)

MELISSA CAMERON , being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am over the age of 18 years
2. On December 21, 2016, I mailed true and correct copies of the early notice of proposed activity in a floodplain and wetland dated December 23, 2016 by placing in first class, post-paid envelopes addressed: SEE ATTACHED LIST.
3. On said day, I deposited said envelopes in a mailbox at Louis Berger Washington D.C. Office - 1250 23rd Street, NW, Washington D.C.

Melina Cameron

Melissa Cameron

Sworn to before me this

Twenty-First Day of December, 2016

Gwendolen C. Ingraham
Notary Public

GWENDOLEN C. INGRAHAM
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires September 30, 2019



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**COMBINED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND
FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF
A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN**

**BROAD CHANNEL RESILIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
BROAD CHANNEL, QUEENS, NY**

Name of Responsible Entity and Recipient: New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), 38-40 State Street, Hampton Plaza, Albany, NY 12207, in cooperation with the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), of the same address. Contact: Thomas King (518) 473-0015.

Pursuant to 24 CFR part 58 and 24 CFR part 55, this combined Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOIRROF) and Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a floodplain satisfies two separate procedural requirements for project activities proposed to be undertaken by HCR.

Project Description: The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), an office of HCR's HTFC, is responsible for the direct administration of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program in New York State. GOSR proposes to provide \$1,850,000.00 in CDBG-DR funding to the Broad Channel Resiliency Improvement Project ("Proposed Project"). The purpose of the Proposed Project is to assist in the recovery of three important Broad Channel community facilities (the Broad Channel American Legion Hall, the Broad Channel Athletic Club and the Broad Channel Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall) that were damaged during Superstorm Sandy and to conduct modifications to these structures in an effort to reduce potential risk to the community by providing residents with flood-resilient community facilities during future storm events. Proposed project activities generally include the installation of water tight doors at building entrances and exits; elevation of mechanical and electrical systems above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE); upgrades to the facility's existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, installation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps and bathroom facilities and the installation of new diesel-powered back-up generators. In addition, a 30x40 foot equipment storage shed would be constructed adjacent to the Broad Channel Athletic Club.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION

On or about January 9, 2017, the HCR certifying officer will submit a request and certification to HUD for the release of CDBG-DR funds as authorized by related laws and policies for the purpose of implementing this part of the New York CDBG-DR program.

HCR certifies to HUD that Thomas King, in his capacity as Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the U.S. 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 NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows GOSR to use CDBG-DR program funds.

Objection to Release of Funds: HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and GOSR's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors may contact HUD or the GOSR Certifying Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The only permissible grounds for objections claiming a responsible entity's non-compliance with 24 CFR Part 58 are: (a) Certification was not executed by HCR's Certifying Officer; (b) the responsible entity has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the responsible entity or has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of environmental certification; 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) and shall be addressed to Tennille Smith Parker, Director, Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, Office of Block Grant Assistance, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, Phone: (202) 402-4649.

FINAL NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

This is to give notice that the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) is conducting an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Renewal (HUD) regulations under 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C - Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential effects that its activity in a floodplain would have on the human and natural environment. The Proposed Activity will result in temporary impacts to 0.01 acres of 100-Year Floodplain. The Proposed Activity will result in permanent impacts to 0.11 acres of 100-Year Floodplain. These impacts will consist of temporary trenching to facilitate the installation of electrical components associated with the generators and temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and the permanent installation of footings for each generator's platform, an ADA compliant wheelchair ramp at 713 Shad Creek Road, and construction the storage building at 125 Cross Bay Boulevard.

A draft Floodplain Management Plan (8-step process) documenting compliance with Executive Order 11988, as well as a floodplain map based on the FEMA Base Flood Elevation Maps and preliminary FIRMS, have been prepared for this project and are available for review at <http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>.

Prior to finalization on January 9, 2017, any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the NOIRROF or the Draft Floodplain Management Plan to Thomas King, Certifying Officer, Governor's Office of Storm Recovery, 99 Washington Avenue Suite 1220, Albany, NY 12260, 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM; email: NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org; phone: (518) 518-473-0015. All comments must be received no later than January 9, 2017.