FLOODPLAIN 8-STEP PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 11988: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER 11990: WETLAND MANAGEMENT

New York Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery
Community Reconstruction Program

Island Park Downtown Revitalization and Transit-Oriented Development Project
Village of Island Park, Nassau, New York 11568

September 21, 2020

Introduction and Overview

This Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection Plan (Plan) Compliance Document meets the requirements of 24 CFR Part 55.20 and Executive Order 11988—Floodplain Management— and Executive Order 11990—Protection of Wetlands—for the Island Park Downtown Revitalization and Transit-Oriented Development Project (hereinafter, the “Proposed Activity). On behalf of Grantee the State of New York, the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), serving under the auspices of the New York State Homes and Community Renewal’s Housing Trust Fund Corporation, and acting under authority of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, and in cooperation with other involved, cooperating, interested agencies, is participating in the HUD’s Community Development Block Grant Program as administered by the State of New York Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant Program – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR).

This Plan documents the eight-step decision making process for the Proposed Activity 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, and wetland as defined by 24 CFR 55.2(b)(11).

Description of Proposed Program Activities

In July 2017, the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery issued a Plan - The Island Park Downtown Revitalization and Transit Orientated Development Plan. It envisioned Long Beach Road as a walkable, welcoming corridor inviting visitors and new development to the community. The Proposed Action is needed to address flooding resulting from storms such as Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene and improve resiliency of the downtown commercial district to help small business owners. During Superstorm Sandy almost all of Island Park along the Long Beach Road commercial district was submerged under six-to eight-feet of water and during Hurricane Irene the drainage system was overwhelmed from the heavy rain. The Proposed Action would make the downtown business corridor more resilient and help reduce flooding through infrastructure improvements including green infrastructure.

The Proposed Action includes installation of or enhancements to pavement markings, on-street parking, new curbs and sidewalks, roadway restoration, pedestrian bulb-outs at crossings, bioswales, street-trees and drainage capacity improvements along Long Beach Road from Sagamore Road to Warwick Road within the Incorporated Village of Island Park, Nassau County. The improvements were evaluated in the Plan and those improvements that achieved the goals identified in the Plan and that were feasible became components of the Proposed Activity.
Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 & 24 CFR Part 55

Pursuant to 24 CFR §55.20, an 8-step process for floodplain management must be completed for proposed actions taking place in a floodplain or wetland. 24 CFR §55.20 implements Executive Order (EO) 11988 (Floodplain Management) and Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands). EO 11988 requires federal agencies (or a state agency implementing a federal funding program) to reduce the loss of life and property caused by floods, minimize impacts of floods on human safety, health, and welfare, and preserve the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains. EO 11990 requires federal agencies (or a state agency implementing a federal funding program) to minimize the destruction, loss, or degradation of wetlands and to preserve and enhance the natural and beneficial values of wetlands.

In addition, federal agencies are required to demonstrate that consideration of all practicable alternatives has resulted in the reduction or elimination of long- and short-term adverse impacts associated with occupancy and modifications of the floodplain or wetlands. This 8-step process includes assessing all practicable alternatives and incorporating public review.

Projects located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) are subject to Executive Order 11988. Information relative to where SFHAs are located is available on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) published by FEMA. FEMA uses engineering studies to determine the delineation of these areas or zones subject to flooding. The relevant data source for the SFHA is the latest issued FEMA data or guidance, which includes advisory data, such as Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs) or preliminary and final FIRMs.

The SFHA is the area that would be inundated by a 100-year flood; which is an area that has a one percent or greater chance of experiencing a flood in any single year. SFHAs are shown on FIRMs as shaded areas labeled with the letter “A” or “V”.

- “V” zones are coastal flood hazard zones subject to wave run-up in addition to storm surge.
- “A” zones include all other SFHAs.
- “VE” zones, “AE” zones, “V” zones, or “A” zones followed by a number are areas with specific flood elevations, known as Base Flood Elevations (BFE).
- A zone with the letter “A” or “V” by itself is an appropriately studied flood hazard area without a specific flood elevation.
- Within an “AE” zone or a numbered “A” zone, there may be an area known as the “regulatory floodway,” which is the channel of a river and adjacent land areas which must be reserved to discharge a 100-year flood without causing a rise in flood elevations.

24 CFR Part 55.20 Eight-Step Process

Step ONE: Determine if the proposed action is in a 100-year floodplain or wetland.

The Proposed Action is located within the 100-year floodplain, Zone AE (area of special flood hazard with water surface elevations determined), as indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) 36059C0307G effective September 11, 2009. The FIRM is attached to this document.

No wetlands are mapped within the Project Action footprint. The wetland maps are attached to this document.
This project does not meet any of the exceptions at 24 CFR 55.12 and therefore requires an 8-step analysis of the direct and indirect impacts associated with the construction, occupancy, and modification of the floodplain and wetland.

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

A public notice describing the project was published in the South Shore Tribune, the local and regional paper, on July 30, 2020. The notice targeted local residents, including those in the floodplain. The notice was also sent to interested Federal, State, and local agencies. A list of specific agencies and individuals and a copy of the published notification is kept in the project’s environmental review record and attached to this document. The required 15 calendar days were allowed for public comment. As required by regulation, the notice also included the name, proposed location and description of the activity, total number of floodplain and wetland acres involved, and the responsible entity contact for information (James P. McAllister, Bureau of Environmental Review and Assessment Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery) as well as a website at which a full description of the proposed action can be viewed.

GOSR received 0 public comments on this notice.

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

The only possible alternative to the Proposed Action is the “No Action” alternative because the improvements are dependent on the location within a developed floodplain at Long Beach Road in the commercial corridor of the Village of Island Park. Not undertaking the Proposed Action would be inconsistent with the goals and objectives of the community’s New York Rising Community Reconstruction Plan, which features the Proposed Action. The No Action Alternative would result in continued flooding of streets and would not provide for resiliency or be inviting to new businesses. Additionally, Long Beach Road would not become pedestrian friendly.

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

The Proposed Activity will result in temporary impacts to 0.18 acres within a 100-Year Floodplain according to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Community Panel Number 36059C0307G effective September 11, 2009. The Proposed Activity will result in no permanent impacts to the 100-Year Floodplain. The temporary floodplain impacts will include ground disturbance during construction which includes the removal and replacement of asphalt and concrete, street-tree removal, tree and shrub planting, and construction of rain gardens and catch basins. Work will be completed in areas that were previously disturbed and are covered with impervious surfaces. No wetlands are within the project area. The construction of rain gardens will improve the function of the floodplain by recharging groundwater.

The limited area of disturbance would not adversely affect the natural and beneficial values of the floodplain, or lives and property. The Proposed Activity would reduce damage to businesses and allow better fire protection, rescue and police responses in times of storms and high tides by reducing flooding. The project would directly contribute to the resiliency of the Village of Island Park.

**Step FIVE: Where practicable, design or modify the proposed action to minimize the potential adverse impacts within the wetland or floodplain (including the 500-year floodplain for a Critical Action) and to restore and preserve its natural and beneficial values.**
The Proposed Action would be implemented adjacent to existing road segments on land that has been previously disturbed in a downtown commercial district. Improving infrastructure that is already in place would minimize impacts to the floodplain and improve existing conditions. Strict requirements for the disposal of debris generated during construction will be in place to prevent, to the extent possible, negative impacts to the floodplain. The handling and disposal of construction debris, control of stormwater runoff, and noise impacts resulting from construction activities would be in accordance with all local and state regulations.

The Proposed Action would also implement and maintain erosion and sedimentation control measures to prevent deposition of sediment and eroded soil into adjacent areas. Best management practices (BMPs), such as silt fence and erosion prevention, would be implemented as required by permits or agency discretion. Because the Proposed Action would not result in adverse impacts on the natural and beneficial values of the floodplain, no additional methods to minimize those impacts are proposed.

No significant changes are expected to occur to the current floodplain.

**Step SIX: Reevaluate the proposed action to determine if it is still practicable given its floodplain and wetland effects.**

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. The Proposed Action would not aggravate current hazards to the floodplain, nor will the Proposed Action permanently disrupt floodplain values. No significant changes are expected to occur to the current floodplain. There are no wetlands to potentially be impacted by the Proposed Action.

**Step SEVEN: If the reevaluation results in a determination that there is no practicable alternative to locating the proposal in the wetland or 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 Island Park Downtown Revitalization and Transit-Oriented Development Project. The Proposed Action will increase pedestrian safety and reduce with no permanent impacts to the floodplain or wetlands.

A 15-day Final Notice, formally known as “Combined Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds and Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in A Floodplain and Wetland” was published on September 17, 2020 in accordance with 24 CFR 55. 19. The 15-day period expired on October 6, 2020. The notice targeted local residents, including those in the floodplain. The notice was also sent to the following state and federal agencies on September 17, 2020: U.S. Dep. of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS); U.S Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS); NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; the NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; NYS Department of Transportation; and NYS Office of Emergency Management. The notice was also sent to representatives of Nassau County (see EXHIBIT 4 for the notice).

In the event GOSR receives public comments on this notice, GOSR will respond to those comments and update this record accordingly.

**Step EIGHT: Continuing Responsibility of Responsible Entity and Recipient.**

The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), operating under the auspices of the New York State Homes and Community Renewal’s (NYSHCR) Housing Trust Fund Corporation, is the responsible entity. It is acknowledged there is a continuing responsibility by the responsible entity to ensure, to the extent feasible and necessary, compliance with Steps 5 through 7. The proposed action can be implemented after steps 1 through 7 have been completed.
GOSR as the responsible entity, will ensure that the Proposed Action, as described above, is executed and necessary language will be included in all agreements with participating parties. Implementation of the Proposed Action may require additional local and state permits, which may place additional design modifications or mitigation requirements on the Proposed Action. It is acknowledged there is a continuing responsibility by the responsible entity to ensure, to the extent feasible and necessary, compliance with the steps herein. 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 1: FEMA Flood Hazard and Wetland Site Location Maps
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 Transmittal of Notice of Final Public Review
Island Park Revitalization & Transit
Long Beach Road, Island Park, Nassau County, NY

Data Sources: Esri Topographic and World Imagery Basemap, NYOPDIG, NYDEC, USGS, USFWS, FEMA, NYC MapPluto, EPA, NYS GIS Clearinghouse
EXHIBIT 1b:
Wetland Map
EXHIBIT 2
Copy of Notice Transmitting Notice of Early Public Review
and Proof of Publication
EARLY NOTICE OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY
IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN
ISLAND PARK DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
Village of Island Park, Nassau, NY 11568
July 30, 2020

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 the Village of Island Park to fund Island Park Downtown Revitalization and Transit-Oriented Development 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 Renewal (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. 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 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program for storm recovery activities in New York State.

The Proposed Activity is needed to address flooding resulting from storms such as Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene and improve resiliency of the downtown commercial district to help small business owners. During Superstorm Sandy almost all of Island Park along the Long Beach Road commercial district was submerged under six- to eight-feet of water and during Hurricane Irene the drainage system was overwhelmed from the heavy rain. The Proposed Action would make the downtown business corridor more resilient and help reduce flooding through infrastructure improvements including green infrastructure. The Proposed Action includes installation of enhancements to pavement markings, on-street parking, new curbs and sidewalks, roadway restoration, pedestrian bulb-outs at crossings, bioswales, street-trees and drainage capacity improvements along Long Beach Road from Sagamore Road to Warwick Road within the Incorporated Village of Island Park, Nassau County.

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The limited area of disturbance would not adversely affect the natural and beneficial values of the floodplain, or lives and property. The Proposed Activity would reduce damage to businesses and allow better fire protection, rescue and police responses in times of storms and high tides by reducing flooding. The project would directly contribute to the resiliency of the Village of Island Park.

Prior to construction, the Nassau County may need to apply for and receive a Floodplain Development Permit from the appropriate local floodplain administrator(s).

Floodplain maps based on the FEMA Base Flood Elevation 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 James P. McAllister, Bureau of Environmental Review and Assessment Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery, 500 Bi-County Boulevard, Suite 300, Farmingdale, NY 11735; email: James.McAllister@stormrecovery.ny.gov. For more information, call: (646) 256-9485. All comments received by 5:00 PM, August 14, 2020 will be considered.
Early Floodplain Notice
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Island Park Downtown Revitalization and Transit-Oriented Development Project

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EXHIBIT 3
Public Comments Received and Response
(no comments received)
EXHIBIT 4
Copy of Transmittal Notice of Final Public Review
and Proof of Publication
[Will be published September 17, 2020]
PUBLIC NOTICE

COMBINED FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

ISLAND PARK DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION AND TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
VILLAGE OF ISLAND PARK, NASSAU COUNTY, NY 11568

September 17, 2020

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: James McAllister (646) 256-9485. 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.

Pursuant to 24 CFR Section 58.43, this combined Final Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-year Floodplain and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOIRROF) 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 CDBG-DR funding to address flooding resulting from storms such as Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene and improve resiliency of the downtown commercial district of Island Park and to help small business owners (the “Proposed Project”). During Superstorm Sandy almost all of Island Park along the Long Beach Road commercial district was submerged under six- to eight-feet of water and during Hurricane Irene the drainage system was overwhelmed from the heavy rain. The Proposed Project would make the downtown business corridor more resilient and help reduce flooding through infrastructure improvements including green infrastructure. The Proposed Project includes installation of enhancements to pavement markings, on-street parking, new curbs and sidewalks, roadway restoration, pedestrian bulb-outs at crossings, bioswales, street-trees and drainage capacity improvements along Long Beach Road from Sagamore Road to Warwick Road within the Incorporated Village of Island Park, Nassau County, Nassau County, on behalf of the Incorporated Village of Island Park, is requesting $1,300,000 in CDBG-DR funding for Proposed Project.

PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLAND
The project is not located in any wetlands. This work will be located in 100-year floodplain (SHFA Zone AE). The improvements to Long Beach Road must be located within the floodplain because the infrastructure requiring the improvements exit within the floodplain. Since the action will include construction in floodplain, Executive Order 11988 requires that the project not be supported if there are practicable alternatives to development in floodplain.
The only possible alternative to the Proposed Action is the “No Action” alternative because the improvements are dependent on the location at Long Beach Road. Not undertaking the Proposed Project would be inconsistent with the goals and objectives of the New York City Rising Community Reconstruction Plan, which features the Proposed Project. The No Action Alternative would result in continued flooding of streets and would not be inviting to new businesses. Additionally, Long Beach Road would not become pedestrian friendly. The installation of bioswales will improve the function and value of floodplain.

Applicable permits from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and municipality, as needed, will be acquired before work is commenced. The Applicant will be bound by any permit stipulations or mitigation measures listed in permits acquired for this project.

The Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) is conducting an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 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 and Wetland Management, to determine the potential effects that its activity in a floodplain and wetlands would have on the human and natural environment. An early public notice of proposed activity within the 100-year floodplain was published by the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery on July 30, 2020, in the South Shore Tribune. No comments were received. A draft Floodplain Management Plan (8-step process) documenting compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 as well as floodplain and wetland maps have been prepared for this project and are available for review at: http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION**

On or about October 5, 2020, 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 James McAllister, 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.

**Public Comments on the Proposed Activity within a Floodplain and Wetland and/or NOIRROF:** Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the Proposed Project. The public is hereby advised to specify in their comments which “notice” their comments address. Comments should be submitted via email, in the proper format, on or before October 2, 2020, at NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org. Written comments may also be submitted at the following address, or by mail, in the proper format, to be received on or before October 2, 2020: Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery, 25 Beaver Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10004. All comments must be received on or before 5pm on October 2, 2020 or they will not be considered. If modifications result from public comment, these will be made prior to proceeding with the expenditure of 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 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
James McAllister  
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September 17, 2020
Final Floodplain Notice
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