



# GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY

Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor

James Rubin  
Executive Director



November 24, 2014

## MEMORANDUM

**RE: COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)  
RECREATE NY HOME BUYOUT AND ACQUISITION PROGRAM:  
ROCKLAND COUNTY, NY  
BY NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION**

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207  
(646) 417-4660*

**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 New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), of the same address. Contact: Thomas J. King, Esq.

This combined notice satisfies two separate procedural requirements for project activities to be undertaken.

Per 24 CFR Part 58.33, the combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF) would be published simultaneously with the submission of the Request for Release of Funds (RROF). The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a federally-declared disaster. As a result, the comment periods for the FONSI/NOIRROF and the RROF have been combined.

**Project Description:** HTFC intends to undertake the following project, funded by United States Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) 2013 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under the Recreate NY Home Buyout and Acquisition Program for Rockland County.

The activities associated with the Recreate NY Home Buyout and Acquisition Program for Rockland County described herein will provide financial assistance to homeowners whose residences were substantially damaged by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee. The Recreate NY Home Program activities to be funded by CDBG-DR have been designed to provide home buyout and acquisition assistance to owners of 1-2 unit family homes.

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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), HTFC will use a tiered approach and once specific sites are determined, each site will be reviewed in compliance with the instructions established in the Tier 1 Review. 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.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

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HTFC has determined that the ERR for the project identified herein complies with the requirements of HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, et al.

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*Rockland County Office of Community Development  
50 Sanatorium Road, Building K  
Pomona, NY 10970  
Contact: Rockland Office of Community Development (845) 364-3939*

Further information may be requested at [NYSCDBG\\_DR\\_ER@nyshcr.org](mailto:NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org) or by calling HTFC at (646) 417-4660. This combined notice is being sent to individuals and groups known to be interested in these activities, local news media, appropriate local, state, and federal agencies, the regional office of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency having jurisdiction, and to the HUD Field Office, and is being published in newspapers of general circulation in the affected community.

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*Thomas J. King, Esq.*  
*Certifying Officer*  
*Governor's Office of Storm Recovery*  
*99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1224*  
*Albany, NY 12231*

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The RROF amount for the Recreate NY Home Buyout and Acquisition Program for Rockland County is \$4,000,000.

**Objections to Release of Funds** - HUD would consider objections to the RROF and/or FONSI certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors may contact HUD 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 the responsible entity's Certifying Officer;
- (b) The responsible entity has omitted or failed to make a step, 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 writing in accordance with the required procedures and format (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*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. King". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Thomas J. King, Esq.  
HCR Certifying Officer  
November 24, 2014

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Sworn to before me

This 25 day of November 20 14

[Signature]

Notary Public

LOLAMI LINDA  
 Notary Public, State of New York  
 No. 0123456789  
 Qualified in Westchester County  
 Commission Expires July 6, 2016

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**Northern Area (AN):**  
 Amawalk, Armonk, Baldwin Place, Bedford, Bedford Hills, Briarcliff Manor, Buchanan, Chappaqua, Crompond, Cross River, Croton Falls, Croton on Hudson, Goldens Bridge, Granite Springs, Jefferson Valley, Katonah, Lincolnale, Millwood, Mohegan Lake, Montrose, Mount Kisco, North Salem, Ossining, Peekskill, Pound Ridge, Purdys, Shenorock, Shrub Oak, Somers, South Salem, Verplanck, Waccabuc, Yorktown Heights, Brewster, Carmel, Cold Spring, Garrison, Lake Peekskill, Mahopac, Mahopac Falls, Putnam Valley, Patterson  
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 Includes Northern area, Southern area and Central area. (See details below each area)  
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 Includes Greater Westchester area and Rockland area.  
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November 24, 2014

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Putnam County Planning Department  
124 Main Street  
Georgetown, NY 10924  
Contact: Putnam County Planning Department (845) 615-3840

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Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
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Washington, DC 20420  
Phone: (202) 402-4649

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Signed Vilma Avear

Sworn to before me

This 25 day of November 20 14

[Signature]  
Notary Public

LOLA M. HALL  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 0111AG112693  
Qualified in Westchester County  
Commission Expires July 6, 2018

### Legend:

#### Northern Area (AN):

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Written notice of environmental clearance would be required prior to the removal of any installation on commitment of federal funds in accordance with regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.7D.

On December 10, 2014, the HCR Certifying Officer would submit this 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 State CDBG-DR program.

HCR certifies to HUD that Thomas J. King, Esq., acting in 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, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Moreover, HCR certifies that a Tier 1 environmental review for the project described herein has been completed and that additional Tier 2 site-specific review would occur once the specific sites are identified. HUD's approval of the certification certifies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows HTFC/HCR to use CDBG-DR funds.

The RROF amount for the Recreate NY Home Buyout and Acquisition Program for Rockland County is \$4,000,000.

**Objections to Release of Funds:** HUD would consider objections to the RROF and/or FONSI certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors may contact HUD 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 the responsible entity's Certifying Officer;
- b. The responsible entity has withheld or failed to make a map, 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 writing in accordance with the required procedures and format (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

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