

**EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF  
A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

**MEADOWS AT MIDDLE SETTLEMENT SENIOR APARTMENTS, TOWN OF  
NEW HARTFORD, ONEIDA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that portions of the Meadows at Middle Settlement Senior Apartments Project in the Town of New Hartford, Oneida, New York (Project) are located in the 100-year floodplain. GOSR is conducting an environmental review of the Project on behalf of the State of New York as the recipient of Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under 42 USC 5304(g) and 70 Fed. Reg. 62,182 (Oct. 16 2014). As required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C, Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, GOSR will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain, as well as potential impacts on the floodplain.

Pursuant to the CDBG-DR Program and Federal Register Notices 78 Fed. Reg. 14329, 78 Fed. Reg. 69104, and 79 Fed. Reg. 62194 (Notices), published March 5, 2013, November 18, 2013, and October 16, 2014, respectively, the State of New York has been allocated approximately \$4.4 billion of CDBG-DR funds for storm recovery activities, including but not limited to the acquisition, demolition, reconstruction, improvement, financing and use of existing properties in storm-impacted communities and counties. A portion of this funding will be used for the redevelopment of senior housing at the Meadows at Middle Settlement Senior Apartments located at 4300 Middle Settlement Road in the Town of New Hartford, New York. The Meadows Apartments site is fully developed with 149 units in 22 two-story townhouse style buildings providing housing for seniors. Fifteen of the buildings on the site are located within the 100-year floodplain and experience recurring flooding. The proposed redevelopment includes demolition of the buildings in the floodplain and construction of new, three-story buildings outside of the floodplain. There will be no net change in units, and Meadows Apartments will continue to offer affordable housing to low and middle-income seniors. The demolition project would affect approximately 0.51 acres in the 100-year floodplain. After demolition of the existing buildings, pavement and infrastructure, this area will be left as open space.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, citizens who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the proposed action or a request for further information to:

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Attn: Lori A. Shirley, Deputy Director, Bureau of Environmental Assessment and Review, GOSR

Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via email at [nyscdbg\\_dr\\_er@nyshcr.org](mailto:nyscdbg_dr_er@nyshcr.org). Please include "Meadows at Middle Settlement Apartments Floodplain Management Comments" in the subject line. All comments received by **December 10, 2015** will be considered. For more information call Lori A. Shirley at (518) 474-0755 between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm.

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