



Governor's Office of Storm Recovery



Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor

Lisa Bova-Hiatt
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

To: CDBG-DR NY Rising Local Government Support Program
Nassau County Police Precinct 8 – ERR File

From: Thomas J. King, Certifying Officer
Governor's Office of Storm Recovery 

Date: May 26, 2016

Subject: Third Re-evaluation of Environmental Review
NY Rising Local Government Support Program
Nassau County Police Department 8th Precinct Station House Project

The NY Rising Local Government Support Program (“the Program”) provides financial assistance to those counties outside of New York City that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) deemed most-impacted by Superstorm Sandy to address vulnerabilities exposed during major disasters declared under the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) in 2011, 2012, and 2013. Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds are allocated to eligible counties in order to effectively transform the State’s infrastructure, transportation networks, energy supply, coastal protection, weather detection and warning systems, and emergency management programs. The Program is administered by the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), an office of New York State’s Office of Homes and Community Renewal’s Housing Trust Fund Corporation which serves as the responsible entity for direct administration of HUD’s CDBG-DR program.

An Environmental Assessment was conducted for the Nassau County Police Department 8th Precinct Station House Project (“the Proposed Project”) in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, and a combined Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOIRROF) was issued on May 11, 2015. On July 21, 2015, GOSR completed a Short Environmental Assessment Form documenting the Nassau County Police Precinct #8 Station House project funded by CDBG-DR as an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA with a finding of no significant adverse environmental impacts (Negative Declaration). The Proposed Project includes funding to demolish the existing Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) 8th Precinct (8th Precinct) station house and associated facilities to construct a new station house and pre-fabricated garage, and the relocation and construction of a new Public Safety Radio Communication Tower.

On February 1, 2016, after the publication of the FONSI/NOIRROF and the execution of the Negative Declaration, GOSR re-evaluated the environmental review findings given a change in the project description to include the construction of a new foundation and monopole tower to support the new Public Safety Radio Communication Tower. On May 24, 2016, Nassau County informed GOSR that the project description had again been amended to extend the height of the new monopole from 125 feet to 150 feet.

Nassau County does not anticipate that the foundation of the 150 foot tower will need to be increased in depth from the 25 feet 6 inches indicated on the original engineering drawings. The width of the foundation may increase slightly, resulting in the amount of concrete used in the foundation to increase from 27.2 cubic yards to 32 cubic yards in order to support the increase in tower height. GOSR hereby determines that this change is *de minimis* with regard to environmental impact and does not necessitate modification of the NEPA and SEQRA findings.

In response to the abovementioned project revision and pursuant to 24 CFR 58.47 “Reevaluation of environmental assessments and other environmental findings,” and 6 NYCRR 617.7 (e), the CDBG-DR Certifying Officer has conducted a re-evaluation of the findings associated with the original NY Rising Local Government Support Program, Nassau County Police Department 8th Precinct Station House Project EA. The original findings remain valid, and, accordingly, a new FONSI, RROF and Negative Declaration are not necessary.

ATTACHMENTS:

May 24, 2016 letter from Rich Millet, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Nassau County DPW



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
1194 PROSPECT AVENUE
WESTBURY, NEW YORK 11590-2723

May 24, 2016

Tom King
Assistant General Counsel
Deputy Director – Bureau of Environmental Review and Assessment
Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery
99 Washington Avenue Suite 1224
Albany, New York 12260
Office: (518) 473-0015

RE: Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) 8th Precinct (B50680-08G) Proposed New Station House and Garage – Installation of a 150 foot Monopole versus a 125 foot Monopole on the New Public Safety Radio Communication Tower

Dear Mr. King:

During a telephone conversation on Monday May 16, 2016, the County expressed its desire to extend the height of the new monopole for the Public Safety Radio Communication Tower at the Eighth Precinct from 125 feet to 150 feet. The additional tower height would allow future expansion of the communications system, e.g., incorporation of technological advances, without additional tower modifications or unnecessary down time for the communication system.

While this decision represents a change in height, it is completely consistent with the Motorola “8th Precinct Tower Move” proposal that the County shared with your office via email on November 20, 2015.

To recap, Nassau County, in a letter dated October 21, 2016, justified the construction of a proposed new Public Safety Radio Communication Tower as part of the 8th Precinct proposed new station house and garage. Along with this letter, the County provided the engineering drawings (Valmont 2006) of the existing 125 foot tower, which indicated the tower base extending 25 feet 6 inches below grade with 27.2 cubic yards of concrete foundation.

The Motorola “8th Precinct Tower Move” proposal states “supply new 125-foot H monopole (capable of being extended to 150-foot H... [and] construct drilled pier type monopole foundation including excavation, rebar and concrete (not to exceed 32 cubic yards). Foundation to be designed and constructed... [to] support the loading of the pole being extended to 150-foot H... [assuming] normal soil conditions [and] pending a formal geotechnical survey.” (see page 3-6, the first and second bullet under the subheading “New Monopole”).

The County does not anticipate that the foundation of the 150 foot tower will need to be increased in depth from the 25 feet 6 inches indicated on the original engineering drawings (Valmont 2006). However, Motorola will soon be advancing a boring at the new tower location, i.e., east side of the new garage, and the sub-surface information gathered at that time will be used to determine the parameters of the foundation.

Therefore, the amount of concrete used in the foundation may increase from 27.2 cubic yards to 32 cubic yards in order to support the increase in tower height.

Please contact Christopher Nolan 516-571-4269 or at CNolan@nassaucountyny.gov with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



Rich Millet

Chief Deputy Commissioner

Enclosures:

Motorola page 3-6

Cc:

Shila Shah Gavnaudias, Commissioner, Department of Public Works

Ken Arnold, Assistant to Commissioner of Public Works

Rakhal Maitra, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Works

Christopher Nolan, Deputy Budget Director, OMB

Robert LaBaw, Architect III, Department of Public Works

Joseph Amerigo, Civil Engineer II, Department of Public Works

Michael Dorris, Jr. 3PL Consulting