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Legal Notice # 21158145 EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN PECONIC CROSSING, RIVERHEAD, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK Lori A. Shirley, Certifying Environmental Officer Governor's Office of Storm Recovery NYS Homes & Community Renewal 38-40 State Albany, NY 12207 NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN 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 the Peconic Crossing Project in Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York (Project) is 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 a 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 proposed redevelopment of a 0.51-acre project site located at 11 West Main Street in the Town of Riverhead. The project site is currently occupied by a 10,000-square foot, three-story commercial building owned by the Long Island Science Center with an associated asphalt paved parking area. The Proposed Action includes the demolition of the current building and the construction of a new five-story structure consisting of a four-story wood-frame building built over a single-story masonry parking structure. The first floor parking structure will be built of flood-resistant materials. The other floors would house a total of 45 residential units, five units of which would be set aside for households earning up to 50 percent of the area median income (AMI); 35 units would be set aside for those earning up to 60 percent AMI, and 5 units for those earning up to 90 percent AMI. The residential units and all equipment would be located above the base flood elevation. The southern portion of the site, approximately 0.3 acres, lies within the Special Flood Hazard Area Zone AE, as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) number 36103CO466H, Revised September 25, 2009. 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the proposed action or a request for further information to: Lori A. Shirley, Certifying Environmental Officer Governor's Office of Storm Recovery NYS Homes & Community Renewal 38-40 State Albany, NY 12207; e-mail NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org Attn: Lori A Shirley, Certifying Environmental Officer All comments received by March 7, 2016 will be considered. Lori A. Shirley, Certifying Officer February 19, 2016

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