



# GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF STORM RECOVERY

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

#### NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT 4TH PRECINCT STATION HOUSE

1699 Broadway, Hewlett, New York 11557

and

#### NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT 8TH PRECINCT STATION HOUSE

286 Wantagh Avenue, Bethpage, Town of Hempstead, New York 11714

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207  
(518) 473-0015*

**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: Thomas J. King.

This combined notice satisfies two separate procedural requirements for project activities proposed to be undertaken by HCR. As a result, the comment periods for the FONSI/NOIRROF and the RROF have been combined.

**Project Description:** The Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), operating under the auspices of New York State Homes and Community Renewal's Housing Trust Fund Corporation, is the responsible entity for direct administration of the HUD Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program in New York State. GOSR proposes to provide funding to undertake two projects:

**Nassau County Police Department 4th Precinct Station House** for the purpose of demolition of the existing Nassau County Police Department's 4th Precinct (4th Precinct) station house and associated facilities and construction of a new pre-fabricated building (approximately 116 feet by 88 feet) and

parking lot to serve as the headquarters for the 4th Precinct. The proposed project would be located at the existing 4th Precinct station house site at 1699 Broadway, Hewlett, New York 11557 (the Site). The estimated total project cost is approximately \$12,000,000; this would be funded solely by HUD.

**Nassau County Police Department 8th Precinct Station House** for the purpose of demolition of the existing Nassau County Police Department's 8th Precinct station house (8th Precinct) and associated facilities and construction of a new pre-fabricated building (approximately 130 feet by 66 feet) and garage (approximately 161 feet by 60 feet) to serve as the headquarters for the 8th Precinct. The proposed project would be located at the existing 8th Precinct station house site at 286 Wantagh Avenue, Bethpage, Town of Hempstead, New York 11714 (the Site). The estimated Total Project Cost is \$20,000,000. The estimated total HUD funded amount is \$15,565,135 and the Nassau County contribution is estimated at \$4,434,865.

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

Environmental Assessments (EA) for the proposed projects have been prepared and are maintained on file. The EAs are incorporated by reference into this FONSI. Subject to public comments, no further review of the proposed project is anticipated. A full copy of the EAs, including completed National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) Environmental Assessment Checklists and area maps, are available for public inspection during normal business hours in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 at the office listed below or online at

<http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>

HCR has determined that the EAs for the projects identified herein comply with the requirements of HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, et al. HCR has also determined that the projects, as proposed, will have no significant adverse environmental impact on the human environment. Therefore, HCR has determined that the proposed projects do not require the preparation of environmental impact statements under NEPA.

**Public Review:** Public viewing of the EAs is available online at the website listed above and also available in person Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the following address:

*Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1224  
New York, NY 12260  
Contact: Thomas King (518) 473-0015*

Further information may be requested at [NYSCDBG\\_DR\\_ER@nyshcr.org](mailto:NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org) or by calling HTFC at (518) 473-0015. 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 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency having jurisdiction, and to the HUD Field Office, and is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected community.

**Public Comments on FONSI/Findings and NOIRROF:** Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the Projects. Those wishing to comment should specify in their comments which distinct parts of this Combined Notice they intend to address. Comments should be submitted via email, in the proper format, on or before May 26, 2015 at [NYSCDBG\\_DR\\_ER@nyshcr.org](mailto: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 May 26, 2015:

Thomas J. King, Certifying Officer  
 NYS Homes and Community Renewal  
 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1224  
 Albany, New York 12260

Comments may be received by telephone at (518) 473-0015. All comments must be received on or before 5pm on May 26, 2015 or they will not be considered.

If modifications result from public comment, these will be made prior to proceeding with the expenditure of funds.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Written notice of environmental clearance will be required prior to the removal of any limitation on commitment of federal funds in accordance with regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.70.

On or about May 27, 2015, 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 Thomas J. King, 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, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Moreover, HCR certifies that the environmental review of the proposed projects described herein has been completed. 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.

**Objection to Release of Funds:** HUD will accept objections to the RROF and/or FONSI certification for a period of fifteen (15) days. The last day of the objection period is June 12, 2015. 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 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) 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 Assistance*  
*U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development*  
*451 7<sup>th</sup> Street SW*  
*Washington, DC 20410*  
Phone: (202) 402-4649

Sincerely,



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