PUBLIC NOTICE

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

VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES
VILLAGE BEACH PARK RESTORATION

June 15, 2016

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 (518) 473-0015.

Pursuant to 24 CFR Section 58.43, this combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF) satisfies two separate procedural requirements for project activities proposed to be undertaken by HCR.

Project Description: The Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), an office of HCR’s HTFC, is responsible for the direct administration of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program in New York State. GOSR proposes to provide CDBG-DR funding to repair Village Beach Park in the Village of Saugerties, Ulster County, New York. The park suffered extensive damage as a result of Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee. The estimated total project cost is $284,800. The proposed project would restore the beach at Village Beach Park and protect it from future erosion. During Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee the beach, lacking erosion control, was eroded by fast moving waters in Esopus Creek and seriously impacted the usefulness of the beach for swimming and other recreational activities. The park would be restored by replenishing the sand that has been eroded, replacing the boat launch, and installing floating docks connecting two existing floating swim platforms to form a swimming area enclosed by buoys (“Proposed Project”). The park would be protected from future erosion through the installation of landscaping and drainage systems and stabilization of the southern and eastern shorelines.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

An Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. The Environmental Assessment is incorporated by reference into this FONSI. Subject to public comments, no further review of the Proposed Project is anticipated. HCR has determined that the EA for the project identified herein complies with the requirements of HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58. HCR has determined
that the Proposed Project will have no significant impact on the human environment under NEPA.

**Public Review:** Public viewing of the Environmental Assessment Environmental Review Record is available online at [http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs](http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs) and is 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, Albany, New York 12260. Contact: Thomas J. King (518) 473-0015.

Further information may be requested by writing to the above address, emailing NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org or by calling (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 and/or NOIRROF:** Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the Project. The public is hereby advised to specify in their comments which “notice” their comments address. Comments should be submitted via email, in the proper format, on or before fifteen calendar days after publication date at 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 fifteen calendar days after publication date: Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery, 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1224, Albany, New York 12260. Comments may be received by telephone by contacting Thomas J. King at (518) 473-0015. All comments must be received on or before 5pm on fifteen calendar days after publication date 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 AND CERTIFICATION**

On or about sixteen calendar days after publication date, 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 and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. 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 its release of funds and GOSR’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). Potential objectors may contact HUD or the GOSR Certifying Officer 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 HCR’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 or 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 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 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410, Phone: (202) 402-4649.

Thomas J. King, Esq.
Certifying Officer
June 15, 2016
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Ulster County,
City of Kingston.

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMBINED NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION PROJECT

S. PARTITION STREET
AT ESOPUS CREEK
June 15, 2016

Name of Responsible Party and Recipient:
New York State Homes and Community Renewal
(HCR), 38-40 State Street, Hempstead Plaza, Albany, NY 12207, in cooperation with the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (IDCA)

FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:
Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and HUD review regulations at 24 CFR Parts 50-56, HCR has determined that the proposed Project has not had a significant effect on the human environment and does not require an Environmental Assessment. This determination is based on the fact that the Project is a minor public works improvement project involving the replacement of an existing bridge, and that the Project is within the jurisdiction of the Town of Esopus.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AND CERTIFICATION:
The Responsible Party hereby certifies that it is in compliance with the requirements of HUD regulations at 24 CFR Parts 50-56, and authorizes HCR to submit a request for funds to HUD to support the costs of the Project.

Mackenzie Taylor residing in Ballston Spa, New York, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Regional Legal Clerk of 21st Century Media Newspaper, LLC a Corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York; that said Corporation is the publishers of The Daily Freeman, a daily newspaper published in the City of Kingston, County of Ulster and State of New York, and that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been regularly published in The Daily Freeman.

ONCE DAILY for ONE DAY

To wit: on the 15th day of June, 2016.

DEBRA A. BECK
Notary Public, State of New York
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Qualified in Rensselaer County
Commission Expires April 01, 2018