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[Date]

VIA Email or US Mail

[Tenant Name]
[Mailing Address]
[City, State, Zip]

GENERAL INFORMATION NOTICE - RESIDENTIAL TENANT

[APP ID] [Tenant ID]
[Damaged Property Address]
[City], [State] [Zip]

Re: NY Rising Housing Recovery Program – URA Notice to Residential Tenants

Dear [Tenant Name]:

The New York Rising Housing Recovery Program (the Program) is providing assistance to support the rehabilitation or reconstruction of the property you currently occupy as a tenant at (damaged property address). The purpose of this Program is to enable property owners to rehabilitate or reconstruct their homes in the wake of damage brought by Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, or Tropical Storm Lee. Funding for this Program was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program and all expenditures are subject to the Uniform Relocation Act (URA).

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the Program has a policy of zero involuntary permanent displacement – that is, you should not be required/asked to permanently move away from your residence. However, in order to facilitate construction, including the rehabilitation of your dwelling, you may be required to move temporarily (for up to 12 months). If you are required to move temporarily, you will receive another notice from the Program, confirming that you will NOT be permanently displaced but informing you that you will need to temporarily relocate from the property you occupy. If you are required to move temporarily, the Program will work with you to obtain suitable temporary accommodations and you will be reimbursed for all reasonable out of pocket expenses, including moving costs and any increase in monthly housing costs.

Upon completion of construction, you will be able to re-occupy your present apartment or dwelling under reasonable terms and conditions, including one year at a rental rate and average utility costs that do not exceed the rate you are currently paying. If you are confirmed to be a full time tenant with a legal right to occupy your unit, you will be protected by the URA. One of the URA protections for persons temporarily relocated is that such relocations shall not extend beyond one year. If the temporary relocation lasts more than one year, you will be contacted and offered all permanent relocation assistance as a displaced person under the URA. This

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assistance will be in addition to any assistance you may receive in connection with temporary relocation, and will not be reduced by the amount of any temporary relocation assistance previously provided. You will also have the right to appeal the agency's determination, if you feel that your application for assistance was not properly considered.

(NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 105-117, aliens not lawfully present in the United States are not eligible for relocation assistance, unless such ineligibility would result in exceptional hardship to a qualifying spouse, parent, or child. All persons seeking relocation assistance will be required to certify that they are a United States citizen or national, or an alien lawfully present in the United States.)

We urge you not to permanently move away from your unit unless you want to leave the unit of your own free will. You should continue to pay your monthly rent and to comply with your lease terms and conditions as long as you are occupying the unit, since failure to pay rent and meet your other obligations as a tenant may be cause for eviction and loss of relocation assistance. Please note that agreeing to relocate to temporary accommodations does not in any way limit your rights to return to the unit on a permanent basis when the rehabilitation is complete.

Please remember:

- **This is not a notice to vacate the premises. You should not move from your dwelling as a result of receiving this notice.**
- **This is not a notice of relocation eligibility.**

In the event that you will need to be temporarily relocated, you will be contacted by the Program with more information about the proposed project and the need for temporary relocation. We will make every effort to accommodate your needs. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this notice or the proposed project, please contact a Relocation Advisor at (406) 282-3019.

Sincerely,

NY Rising Customer Representative Team