

**EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A
100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN – NASSAU AND SUFFOLK COUNTIES, NY**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM**

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NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that New York State Homes and Community Renewal (NYS HCR) has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 in accordance with HUD regulations under 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C - Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to determine the potential effects that its activity in the floodplain would have on the human environment. This activity—NY Rising Housing Recovery Program for 5+ Unit Residential Properties—is funded under the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Program pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

Pursuant to the CDBG-DR Program and Federal Register Notices 78 Fed. Reg. 14329, 78 Fed. Reg. 69104 and 79 Fed. Reg. 62182 (Notices), published March 5, 2013, November 18, 2013, and October 16, 2014, respectively, NYS 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 municipalities and counties. A portion of the current allocation will be used for the repair, rehabilitation, replacement, storm mitigation, and reimbursement for completed repairs to owners and renters of residential properties in Nassau and Suffolk Counties whose 5+ unit residential properties were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy. This Notice pertains to properties opting into the NY Rising Housing Recovery Program for 5+ Unit Residential Properties in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, NY.

There are approximately 104,368 acres of surface water and floodplain in Nassau County, and there are approximately 72,107 acres of surface water and floodplain in Suffolk County. Floodplains are delineated on the FEMA Base Flood Elevation Maps, which can be viewed at www.msc.fema.gov. The actual property addresses of applicants participating in this program will not be verified until applications for assistance are reviewed and determined eligible for the program. Maps for Suffolk and Nassau Counties indicating the general location of potential applicants within the floodplain can be viewed at <http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/environmental-docs>.

Eligible owners of residential properties with five or more units that sustained damage from Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy will be issued grant awards. These awards will fund activities necessary to restore storm-damaged multi-unit properties, including repairs, reimbursement, reconstruction, elevation, flood-proofing, and/or other mitigation activities within the disturbed area of the previously developed parcels in the floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people 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, adequate public notice is an important public education tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains facilitates and enhances 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 Floodplain Management Plan or a request for further information to Thomas King, Certifying Officer, NYS Homes and Community Renewal – Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery, 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1224, Albany, NY 12231. Written comments may also be submitted via email to Thomas King at NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org. Please include “Nassau and Suffolk Counties Floodplain Management Comments” in the subject line. All comments received by **December 11, 2014** will be considered by NYS HCR. For more information call (646) 417-4660 between the hours of 9am and 5pm.

Thomas J. King, NYS Homes and Community Renewal, Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery
Certifying Officer

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