

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR
FLOODPLAIN -- RICHMOND COUNTY, NY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM

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NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITY IN A FLOODPLAIN

This is to give notice that New York State (NYS) Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) and New York City (NYC) Office of Management and Budget (OMB) have 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, to determine the potential effects that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for the Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) NY Rising and NYC Build It Back (BIB) Acquisition for Redevelopment Program Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383).

NYS has been allocated \$3.7 billion of CDBG-DR funds for acquisition, demolition, reconstruction, improvement, financing, and use of existing properties in the most impacted municipalities and counties. NYC has been allocated \$3.2 billion of CDBG-DR funds for storm recovery activities in NYC. A portion of the current allocation will be used for the acquisition and redevelopment of some of the worst damaged properties, including those that are the subject of this Notice. This Notice pertains to properties opting into the Acquisition for Redevelopment Program in Richmond County, NY.

There are approximately 5,300 acres of floodplain in Richmond County. The floodplains in the state are depicted on the FEMA Base Flood Elevation Map, which can be viewed at www.msc.fema.gov.

Under the Acquisition for Redevelopment Program, NYC will complete an applicant intake process through its BIB program and complete appraisals for the applicant properties. Eligible applicants from the BIB program will have established substantial property damage. Once NYC makes the eligibility determination, the applicant will be referred to NYS. Applicants will then go through the NY Rising application and eligibility determination process. NYS will then complete

a Tier 2 site-specific environmental assessment and Phase I ESAs for all properties that are determined to be eligible for the Acquisition for Redevelopment Program. NYS will purchase the property, complete all Phase II environmental testing and soil remediation as necessary for the project site, and secure the site in such a manner that the site will not adversely impact adjacent properties or property owners. Once the site has been secured, NYS will transfer the property to NYC's designated nonprofit agent for demolition, including any asbestos and hazardous materials survey and abatement, and redevelopment.

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.

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

A full copy of the Floodplain Management Plan (8-step process) can be viewed online at <http://www.nyshcr.org/Programs/NYS-HCR-CDBG-DR/EnvironmentalReview> or at the addresses listed below under public comments:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the floodplain management plan or a request for further information to Amy Zamenick, Certifying Officer, NYS Homes and Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Hampton Plaza, Albany, NY 12207 and/or Calvin Johnson, Assistant Director CDBG-DR, City of New York Office of Management and Budget, 255 Greenwich Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10007. Written comments may also be submitted via email to Amy Zamenick at NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org and/or Calvin Johnson at CDBGDR-Enviro@omb.nyc.gov. Please include "Richmond County Acquisition Floodplain Management Comments" in the subject line. All comments received by **Monday, April 7, 2014** will be considered by HCR and OMB.

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