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October 6, 2014

Tennille S. Parker  
Acting Director  
Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division  
Office of Block Grant Assistance  
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development  
451 7th Street, SW, Room 7272  
Washington, DC 20410

*RE: RROF and Environmental Certification for CDBG-DR NY Rising Housing Program for Residential Properties with Five or More Units in Saratoga County, New York.*

Dear Ms. Parker:

Attached is a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for the above-referenced program- NY Rising Housing Program for residential properties with five or more units in Saratoga County. Responses to comments from the Environmental Protection Agency have been incorporated into the Environmental Assessment.

Pursuant to 24 CFR Section 58.33, the combined Notice of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF) were published on October 2, 2014 (see attached copy of public notice and affidavit of publication).

The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to declared disasters and as a result, in accordance with HUD policy and as stated in the FONSI/NOIRROF, the comment periods for the FONSI/NOIRROF were combined. The comment period will end on October 17, 2014. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at (518) 486-7512 or send me an email at [Thomas.King@stormrecovery.ny.gov](mailto:Thomas.King@stormrecovery.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

Thomas J. King, Esq.  
Certifying Officer  
Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
Housing Trust Fund Corporation

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# Request for Release of Funds and Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Community Planning and Development

OMB No. 2506-0087  
(exp. 10/31/2014)

This form is to be used by Responsible Entities and Recipients (as defined in 24 CFR 58.2) when requesting the release of funds, and requesting the authority to use such funds, for HUD programs identified by statutes that provide for the assumption of the environmental review responsibility by units of general local government and States. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 36 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

## Part 1. Program Description and Request for Release of Funds (to be completed by Responsible Entity)

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| 1. Program Title(s)<br><b>New York State CDBG-DR Program</b>   | 2. HUD/State Identification Number<br><b>B-13-DS-36-0001</b>  | 3. Recipient Identification Number (optional) |
| 4. OMB Catalog Number(s)   | 5. Name and address of responsible entity<br>New York State Homes & Community Renewal<br>Housing Trust Fund Corporation<br>38-20 State Street<br>Albany, NY 12207 |   |
| 6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number)<br><b>Thomas J. King, Esq. (518) 486-7512</b>                                   | 7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)   |   |
| 8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request<br><b>Office of Block Grant Assistance - Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division</b> |   |   |

**The recipient(s) of assistance under the program(s) listed above requests the release of funds and removal of environmental grant conditions governing the use of the assistance for the following**

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| 9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s)<br><b>NY Rising Housing Program, Five Plus Unit Residential Properties, Saratoga County, NY</b> | 10. Location (Street address, city, county, State)<br><b>Scattered sites within Saratoga County, NY</b> |
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### 11. Program Activity/Project Description

The activities associated with the NY Rising Housing Program for residential properties with five or more units in Saratoga County described herein will address unmet recovery needs of qualified homeowners and tenants for which CDBG-DR funding shall be made available. NY Rising Housing Program for residential properties with five or more units will provide assistance to repair, rehabilitate and reconstruct residential structures damaged by a federally-declared disaster, replace non-luxury appliances, mitigate health hazards, complete structural, electrical, and/or mechanical elevation, secure fuel tanks, and other resiliency measures. The program may also provide reimbursements to eligible applicants that have started or completed storm-related work with personal resources, subject to restrictions in line with applicable laws, regulations, and program requirements.

This is the first tier of review in a two-tiered review process. The specific addresses of homes are not known at this time because the participating property owner identification process is ongoing. Therefore, under 24 CFR Part 58.15 (Tiering) and 24 CFR Part 58.32 (Project Aggregation), the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation will use a tiered approach, and once specific sites are determined, each site will be reviewed in compliance with the instructions established in the Tier 1 review.

CDBG-DR Funds: \$1,760,000.00

**Part 2. Environmental Certification** (to be completed by responsible entity)

With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
2. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the environmental procedures, permit requirements and statutory obligations of the laws cited in 24 CFR 58.5; and also agrees to comply with the authorities in 24 CFR 58.6 and applicable State and local laws.
3. The responsible entity has assumed responsibility for and complied with and will continue to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and its implementing regulations 36 CFR 800, including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations, and the public.
4. After considering the type and degree of environmental effects identified by the environmental review completed for the proposed project described in Part 1 of this request, I have found that the proposal did  did not  require the preparation and dissemination of an environmental impact statement.
5. The responsible entity has disseminated and/or published in the manner prescribed by 24 CFR 58.43 and 58.55 a notice to the public in accordance with 24 CFR 58.70 and as evidenced by the attached copy (copies) or evidence of posting and mailing procedure.
6. The dates for all statutory and regulatory time periods for review, comment or other action are in compliance with procedures and requirements of 24 CFR Part 58.
7. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b), the responsible entity will advise the recipient (if different from the responsible entity) of any special environmental conditions that must be adhered to in carrying out the project.

As the duly designated certifying official of the responsible entity, I also certify that:

8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action that have been assumed by the responsible entity.
9. I am authorized to and do accept, on behalf of the recipient personally, the jurisdiction of the Federal courts for the enforcement of all these responsibilities, in my capacity as certifying officer of the responsible entity.

Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity

*Thomas J. King*

X

Title of Certifying Officer

**Certifying Officer**

Date signed

10/6/2014

Address of Certifying Officer

**99 Washington Avenue Suite 1010 Albany, New York 12231**

**Part 3. To be completed when the Recipient is not the Responsible Entity**

The recipient requests the release of funds for the programs and activities identified in Part 1 and agrees to abide by the special conditions, procedures and requirements of the environmental review and to advise the responsible entity of any proposed change in the scope of the project or any change in environmental conditions in accordance with 24 CFR 58.71(b).

Signature of Authorized Officer of the Recipient

Title of Authorized Officer

Date signed

X

**Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)



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October 2, 2014

## MEMORANDUM

**RE: COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF) NY RISING HOUSING RECOVERY PROGRAM FOR 5+ UNIT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES: SARATOGA COUNTY, NY BY NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION**

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)*  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207  
(518) 486-7512

**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 New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC), of the same address. Contact: Thomas King.

This combined notice satisfies two separate procedural requirements for project activities to be undertaken.

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**Project Description:** HTFC intends to undertake the following project, funded by United States Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) 2013 Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under the NY Rising Housing Recovery Program for 5+ Unit Residential Properties in Saratoga County.

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The program may also provide reimbursements for owners of five or more unit buildings and owners and renters of individual units in five or more unit buildings that have started or completed storm-related rehabilitation work with personal resources, subject to restrictions in line with applicable laws, regulations, and the program requirements.

This is the first tier of review in a 2-tiered process. The specific addresses of 5+ unit residential properties are not known at this time because the participating property owner identification process is ongoing. Therefore, under 24 CFR Part 58.15 (Tiering) and 24 CFR Part 58.32 (Project Aggregation), HTFC would use a tiered approach and once specific sites are determined, each site would be reviewed in compliance with the instructions established in the Tier 1 Review. No physical work would begin on properties until all levels of environmental review are complete and found to be in compliance. Tier 1 review addresses specific environmental factors for which compliance has been documented, regardless of specific site locations. It prevents repeating the same compliance factors on a Tier 2 site-specific basis, once all participating homeowners are known.

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

A Tier 1 Environmental Review Record (ERR) was established and is maintained on file. The ERR is incorporated by reference into this FONSI. A full copy of the ERR, including a completed National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) Environmental Assessment Checklist, an Environmental Assessment Worksheet, and area map, is available for public inspection during normal business hours in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 at the offices listed below or at <http://www.nyshcr.org/Programs/NYS-CDBG-DR/EnvironmentalReview.htm>.

HTFC has determined that the ERR for the project identified herein complies with the requirements of HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, et al.

HTFC has also determined that the project described herein, as proposed, would have no significant adverse environmental or socioeconomic impacts, either direct, indirect, or cumulative. There would be no significant impact on the human environment, and the action would not negatively impact the quality of the environment. Therefore, HTFC has determined that the project, as proposed, is not an action that would result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Moreover, the project does not require an Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA.

**Public Review:** Public viewing of the ERR is available on the internet and is also available in person Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the following address:

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation  
NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207  
Contact: Thomas King (518) 486-7512*

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Monday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (closed on Monday from mid-September to mid-June), Tuesday to Thursday 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM at the following address:

*Ballston Spa Public Library  
21 Milton Avenue  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020  
Contact: Andrea Simmons (518) 885-5022*

Further information may be requested at [NYSCDBG\\_DR\\_ER@nyshcr.org](mailto:NYSCDBG_DR_ER@nyshcr.org) or by calling HTFC at (518) 486-7512. 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency having jurisdiction, and to the HUD Field Office, and is being published in newspapers of general circulation in the affected community.

### **Public Comments on FONSI/Findings and NOIRROF**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on this project. Those wishing to comment should specify in their comments which distinct part(s) of this Combined Notice they intend their comments to address. Comments should be submitted via email, in the proper format, on or before October 17, 2014 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 October 17, 2014.

*Thomas King  
Certifying Officer  
Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010  
Albany, NY 12231*

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

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

Written notice of environmental clearance would 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 October 2, 2014, the HCR Certifying Officer would submit this 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 State CDBG-DR program.

HCR certifies to HUD that Thomas King, acting in 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 reviews, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Moreover, HCR certifies that a Tier 1 environmental review for the project described herein has been completed and that additional Tier 2 site-specific review would occur once the specific sites are identified. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows HTFC/HCR to use CDBG-DR funds.

**Objections to Release of Funds** - HUD would consider objections to the RROF and/or FONSI certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). 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;
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- (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) 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 writing in accordance with the required procedures and format (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

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U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development  
451 7th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20410  
Phone: (202) 402-4649*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas King", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Thomas King  
HCR Certifying Officer  
October 2, 2014

**AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

**STATE OF NEW YORK,**  
Saratoga County, ss:  
City of Saratoga Springs.

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**ONCE DAILY** for **ONE DAY**

To wit: on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2014

Brea Beck

Sworn to before me this  
2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2014

[Signature]  
Notary Public

BREA A. BECK  
Notary Public, State of New York  
125607322  
1115 1/2 In Antisauget County  
Commission Expires April 01, 2018

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND**  
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**ADOPTIONS**

**ADOPT: Looking for little brother or sister to love and cherish forever!**

**Contact my Mom or Dad (Robin and Neil) at: 866-303-0668, [www.rnadopt.info](http://www.rnadopt.info) or [robin.neil.lucy@gmail.com](mailto:robin.neil.lucy@gmail.com)**

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The program may also provide reimbursements for owners of five or more unit buildings and owners and renters of individual units in five or more unit buildings that have started or completed storm-related rehabilitation work with personal resources, subject to restrictions in line with applicable laws, regulations, and the program requirements.

This is the first tier of review in a 2-tiered process. The specific addresses of 5+ unit residential properties are not known at this time because the participating property owner identification process is ongoing. Therefore, under 24 CFR Part 58.15 (Tiering) and 24 CFR Part 58.32 (Project Aggregation), HTFC would use a tiered approach and once specific sites are determined, each site would be reviewed in compliance with the instructions established in the Tier 1 Review. No physical work would begin on properties until all levels of environmental review are complete and found to be in compliance. Tier 1 review addresses specific environmental factors for which compliance has been documented, regardless of specific site locations. It prevents repeating the same compliance factors on a Tier 2 site-specific basis, once all participating homeowners are known.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

A Tier 1 Environmental Review Record (ERR) was established and is maintained on file. The ERR is incorporated by reference into this FONSI. A full copy of the ERR, including a completed National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) Environmental Assessment Checklist, an Environmental Assessment Worksheet, and area map, is available for public inspection during normal business hours in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 at the offices listed below or at <http://www.nysshr.org/Programs/NYS-CDBG-DR/EnvironmentalReview.htm>.

HTFC has determined that the ERR for the project identified herein complies with the requirements of HUD environmental review regulations at 24 CFR Part 58, et al.

HTFC has also determined that the project described herein, as proposed, would have no significant adverse environmental or socioeconomic impacts, either direct, indirect, or cumulative. There would be no significant impact on the human environment, and the action would not negatively impact the quality of the environment. Therefore, HTFC has determined that the project, as proposed, is not an action that would result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Moreover, the project does not require an Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA.

**Public Review:** Public viewing of the ERR is available on the internet and is also available in person Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the following address:

New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation  
NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal  
38-40 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207  
Contact: Thomas King (518) 486-7512

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Monday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (closed on Monday from mid-September to mid-June), Tuesday to Thursday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Friday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and Saturday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the following address:

Ballston Spa Public Library  
21 Milton Avenue  
Ballston Spa, NY 12020  
Contact: Andrea Simmons (518) 885-5022

Further information may be requested at [NYS-CDBG\\_DR\\_ER@nysshr.org](mailto:NYS-CDBG_DR_ER@nysshr.org) or by calling HTFC at (518) 486-7512. 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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency having jurisdiction, and to the HUD Field Office, and is being published in newspapers of general circulation in the affected community.

**Public Comments on FONSI/Findings and NOIRROF**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on this project. Those wishing to comment should specify in their comments which distinct part(s) of this Combined Notice they intend their comments to address. Comments should be submitted via email, in the proper format, on or before October 17, 2014 at: [NYS-CDBG\\_DR\\_ER@nysshr.org](mailto:NYS-CDBG_DR_ER@nysshr.org). Written comments may also be submitted at the following address, or by mail, in the proper format, to be received on or before October 17, 2014.

Thomas King  
Certifying Officer  
Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
99 Washington Avenue, Suite 1010  
Albany, NY 12231

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

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Written notice of environmental clearance would 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 October 2, 2014, the HCR Certifying Officer would submit this 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 State CDBG-DR program. HCR certifies to HUD that Thomas King, acting in 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 reviews, decision-making, and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Moreover, HCR certifies that a Tier 1 environmental review for the project described herein has been completed and that additional Tier 2 site-specific review would occur once the specific sites are identified. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows HTFC/HCR to use CDBG-DR funds.

Objections to Release of Funds - HUD would consider objections to the RRF and/or FONSI certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later). 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 or failed to make a step, 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) 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 writing in accordance with the required procedures and format (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

Tennille Smith Parker  
Acting Director/Assistant 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  
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**Sound asleep**

By FRANK STEWART  
Tribune Content Agency

Cy the Cynic, whose laziness is legendary, says that if a day had 24 hours and 30 minutes, people might get enough sleep.

Cy took a nap as today's East, and it cost a vulnerable game. Against four hearts, West led his singleton club. He intended to win the first trump, put Cy in with a diamond and get a club ruff.

South won with the ace and saw what West was up to. So South took dummy's three spades to discard a diamond and continued nonchalantly with the deuce of spades. Cy signaled with a high diamond — and South threw his last diamond, a loser on a loser. West won, but Cy could no longer gain the lead, and South lost only to the A-K of trumps, making his game.

**COMMENTS**

Cy was snoozing on defense (but not after the deal; West's comments were loud enough to wake him up). If Cy is alert, he will see that he can lose nothing by ruffing the fourth spade with his lowly deuce of trumps.

South has no counter. Whether he discards or overruffs, he loses four tricks.

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold: ♠ J 10 7 5 ♥ A K 6 ♦ A Q 10 8 6 ♣ 5. You open one diamond, your partner responds one

heart, you bid one spade and he tries two clubs. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Partner's two clubs is forcing and suggests a good hand, and you have a promising hand in support of hearts. Offer encouragement with a jump to three hearts. You would take a two-heart preference with a lesser hand such as J 10 7 5, K 6, A K J 6 2, 5 2 or J 10 7 5, 6 4 2, A K J 6 2, K.

West dealer  
E-W vulnerable

**NORTH**  
♠ A K Q 2  
♥ J 7 5 4  
♦ 4  
♣ K Q 8 2

**WEST**  
♠ J 10 7 5  
♥ A K 6  
♦ A Q 10 8 6  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♠ 9 8 3  
♥ 2  
♦ K J 9 7 3  
♣ J 7 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ 6 4  
♥ Q 10 9 8 3  
♦ 5 2  
♣ A 10 9 3

West North East South  
1 ♦ 4 ♥ 3 ♦ All Pass 3 ♣

**Opening lead — ♣ 5**

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**UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle**

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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E C A T C I V O N A V I Y I E  
X V E T R E V E R U S G Q T R  
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Wednesday's unlisted clue: UNITED

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: — NAVRATILOVA

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