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STATE OF
NEW YORK MORTGAGE
AGENCY

Ms. 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

NEW YORK STATE
HOUSING FINANCE
AGENCY

NEW YORK STATE
AFFORDABLE HOUSING
CORPORATION

STATE OF
NEW YORK MUNICIPAL
BOND BANK AGENCY

RE: RROF and Environmental Certification
CDBG-DR Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program
For 13 Counties

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT
FINANCING
CORPORATION

Dear Ms. Parker:

Attached is a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for the above-referenced program, rehabilitation of 1-4 unit residences in the following New York State counties:

County	FONSI/NOIRROF Published	Close of comment period	RROF Funds Amount
Saratoga	11/12/2013	11/28/2013	\$2,520,000.00
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Oneida	11/12/2013	11/28/2013	\$1,320,000.00
Sullivan	11/12/2013	11/28/2013	\$2,520,000.00
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Warren	11/20/2013	12/06/2013	\$840,000.00
Chemung	11/26/2013	12/11/2013	\$1,200,000.00
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This action does not meet criteria for Categorical Exclusion according to HUD environmental review regulations. Per 24 CFR Part 58.33, the combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF) for each of the counties included in these RROFs was

published on the date listed to next each county, above. Copies of the published notices and affidavits of publication are attached.

The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster from the impacts of Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. As a result, in accordance with HUD policy and as stated in the FONSI/NOIRROF, the comment periods for the FONSI/NOIRROF and the RROF were combined. NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) estimates that the final date for comments to HUD for each of the counties included in these RROFs is listed following the date of the FONSI in the chart above. HCR received no comments on the FONSI/NOIRROF.

On November 26, 2013, in response to previous RROFs submitted for 13 counties in the Housing Rehabilitation 1-4 Unit program, HCR received comments from Therese Fretwell, HUD Regional Environmental Officer for Regions 1 and 2. Ms. Fretwell's comments concerned the Tier 1 Environmental Assessments for the NY Rising Housing Rehabilitation 1-4 Unit and the Buyout/Acquisition programs. In response to Ms. Fretwell's comments, HCR has updated the Environmental Review Record (ERR) for each of the applicable counties to provide additional, county-specific detail.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, you may call me at (518) 473-4372 or send me an email at azamenick@nyshcr.org.

Sincerely,



Amy Zamenick
Certifying Officer, NYS Homes and Community
Renewal

Attachments

Cc by e-mail:

Jeffrey M. D'Agostino, Field Environmental Officer, Region II, HUD
Therese Fretwell, Regional Environmental Officer, Region II, HUD
Seth Diamond, Director, NYS Storm Recovery, HCR
Melvin Galloway, Director of Operations, NYS Storm Recovery, HCR
Heather Spitzberg, Director, Environmental Analysis Unit, HCR
Lori A. Shirley, Community Developer- Environmental Services, HCR

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CDBG-DR Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program

Request for Release of Funds- 13 Upstate Counties- 02/04/2014, Part 2 of 2*

*Part 1 of 2

1. Saratoga County
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8. Essex County
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13. Washington County

**NY Rising
CDBG-DR
Housing Rehab 1-4**

RROF

Essex County

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)

1. Program Title(s) New York State CDBG-DR Program	2. HUD/State Identification Number B-13-DS-36-0001	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s)	5. Name and address of responsible entity New York State Homes & Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal, Housing Trust Fund Corporation 38-40 State Street Albany, NY 12207	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Amy Zamenick, Esq. (518) 473-4372	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Office of Block Grant Assistance- Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division		

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

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Essex County	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Scattered sites within Essex County, NY
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

The activities associated with the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Essex County described herein will address unmet housing recovery needs of homeowners of 1-4 unit residential properties for which CDBG-DR funding shall be made available to Essex County residents eligible for the program. The Recreate NY Home Program activities to be funded by CDBG-DR have been designed to provide assistance for repairing property, reconstructing homes, and mitigating properties for future resilience. This program is anticipated to provide permanent, sustainable housing solutions that allow these residents to return to their neighborhoods, where possible.

The program may also provide reimbursements for homeowners of 1-4 unit residential properties that have started or completed Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene and/or Tropical Storm Lee-related rehabilitation work with personal resources, subject to restrictions in line with applicable laws, regulations, and the requirements of the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program.

This is the first tier of review in a two-tiered reviewed process. The specific addresses of home 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. No physical work will begin on properties until all levels of environmental review are complete and found to be in compliance.

CDBG-DR Funds: \$960,000.00

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:

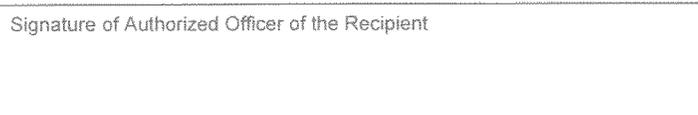
8. I am authorized to and do consent to assume the status of Federal official under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and each provision of law designated in the 24 CFR 58.5 list of NEPA-related authorities insofar as the provisions of these laws apply to the HUD responsibilities for environmental 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	Title of Certifying Officer
	Senior Attorney
	Date signed
X	2/4/14

Address of Certifying Officer
NYS Homes & Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

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)

PUBLIC NOTICE
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)
RECREATE NY HOME 1-4 UNIT REHABILITATION: ESSEX COUNTY, NY
BY NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION
NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 473-4732*

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: Amy Zamenick.

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

Per 24 CFR Part 58.33, the combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF) will be published simultaneously with the submission of the Request for Release of Funds (RROF). The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster resulting from the impacts of Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall on October 29, 2012. As a result, the comment periods for the FONSI/NOIRROF and the RROF have been combined.

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 Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Essex County.

The activities associated with the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Essex County described herein will address unmet housing recovery needs of homeowners and tenants of rental properties, for which CDBG-DR funding shall be made available to Essex County residents who qualify. The Recreate New York Home Project activities to be funded by CDBG-DR have been designed to provide assistance for repairing property, reconstructing homes, and mitigating properties for future resilience. This program is anticipated to provide permanent, sustainable housing solutions that allow these residents to return to their neighborhoods, where possible.

The program may also provide reimbursements for homeowners of 1-4 unit buildings that have started or completed Hurricane Irene-related rehabilitation work with personal resources, subject to restrictions in line with applicable laws, regulations, and the requirements of the Recreate NY 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program.

This is the first tier of review in a 2-tiered 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), HTFC 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. No physical work will 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 Work Sheet, 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.HCR.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, will have no significant adverse environmental or socioeconomic impacts, either direct, indirect, or cumulative. There will be no significant impact on the human environment, and the action will not negatively impact the quality of the environment. Therefore, HTFC has determined that the project, as proposed, is not an action that will 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 addresses:

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation
Care of Office of Community Renewal
NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
Contact: Amy Zamenick (518) 473-4732*

&

*Essex County Community Resource Department
7533 Court Street
Elizabethtown, NY 12932
Contact: Essex County Community Resource Department (518) 873-3452*

Further information may be requested at NYSCDBG_DR_ER@HCR.org or by calling HTFC at (518) 473-4732. 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 Thursday, December 5, 2013 at: NYSCDBG_DR_ER@HCR.org. Written comments may also be submitted at the following address, or by mail, in the proper format, to be received on or before Thursday, December 5, 2013:

*Ms. Amy Zamenick, Certifying Officer
Office of Community Renewal
New York State Department of Homes & Community Renewal*

38-40 State Street
Hampton Plaza
Albany, NY 12207

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Written notice of environmental clearance will 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 Wednesday, November 20, 2013, the HCR Certifying Officer will 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 Ms. Amy Zamenick, 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 will 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 will consider objections to the RROF and/or FONSI certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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:

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451 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410
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HCR Certifying Officer
November 20, 2013

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COUNTY OF HUDSON

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7233 Court Street
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Jeanette Calle
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
Phone: (202) 402-4249
Amy Zamenick
HCR Certifying Officer
November 20, 2013

ROBERTA LATIMORE being duly sworn, says that she is a principal clerk and a duly authorized designee of Daily News, L.P., publisher of the 'DAILY NEWS,' a daily and Sunday newspaper published in the City of New York and that the notice, of which the annexed is a copy, was published in said newspaper and online within the section of:

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On Nov. 20, 2013

Roberta Latimore

(Representative's signature)
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BEFORE ME THIS DATE

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Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires 9/17/2014

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8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Office of Block Grant Assistance- Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division		

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9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Warren County	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Scattered sites within Warren County, NY
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

The activities associated with the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Warren County described herein will address unmet housing recovery needs of homeowners of 1-4 unit residential properties for which CDBG-DR funding shall be made available to Warren County residents eligible for the program. The Recreate NY Home Program activities to be funded by CDBG-DR have been designed to provide assistance for repairing property, reconstructing homes, and mitigating properties for future resilience. This program is anticipated to provide permanent, sustainable housing solutions that allow these residents to return to their neighborhoods, where possible.

The program may also provide reimbursements for homeowners of 1-4 unit residential properties that have started or completed Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene and/or Tropical Storm Lee-related rehabilitation work with personal resources, subject to restrictions in line with applicable laws, regulations, and the requirements of the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program.

This is the first tier of review in a two-tiered reviewed process. The specific addresses of home 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. No physical work will begin on properties until all levels of environmental review are complete and found to be in compliance.

CDBG-DR Funds: \$840,000.00

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	Title of Certifying Officer
	Senior Attorney
	Date signed
	2/4/14

X
Address of Certifying Officer
NYS Homes & Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

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 I 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)

PUBLIC NOTICE
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)
RECREATE NY HOME 1-4 UNIT REHABILITATION: WARREN COUNTY, NY
BY NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION
NOVEMBER 20, 2013**

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 473-4732*

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: Amy Zamenick.

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

Per 24 CFR Part 58.33, the combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF) will be published simultaneously with the submission of the Request for Release of Funds (RROF). The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster resulting from the impacts of Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall on October 29, 2012. As a result, the comment periods for the FONSI/NOIRROF and the RROF have been combined.

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 Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Warren County.

The activities associated with the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Warren County described herein will address unmet housing recovery needs of homeowners and tenants of rental properties, for which CDBG-DR funding shall be made available to Warren County residents who qualify. The Recreate New York Home Project activities to be funded by CDBG-DR have been designed to provide assistance for repairing property, reconstructing homes, and mitigating properties for future resilience. This program is anticipated to provide permanent, sustainable housing solutions that allow these residents to return to their neighborhoods, where possible.

The program may also provide reimbursements for homeowners of 1-4 unit buildings that have started or completed Hurricane Irene-related rehabilitation work with personal resources, subject to restrictions in line with applicable laws, regulations, and the requirements of the Recreate NY 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program.

This is the first tier of review in a 2-tiered 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), HTFC 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. No physical work will 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 Work Sheet, 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.HCR.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, will have no significant adverse environmental or socioeconomic impacts, either direct, indirect, or cumulative. There will be no significant impact on the human environment, and the action will not negatively impact the quality of the environment. Therefore, HTFC has determined that the project, as proposed, is not an action that will 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 addresses:

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation
Care of Office of Community Renewal
NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
Contact: Amy Zamenick (518) 473-4732*

&

*Crandall Public Library
251 Glen Street
Glens Falls, NY 12801
Contact: Crandall Public Library (518) 792-6508*

Further information may be requested at NYSCDBG_DR_ER@HCR.org or by calling HTFC at (518) 473-4732. 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 Thursday, December 5, 2013 at: NYSCDBG_DR_ER@HCR.org. Written comments may also be submitted at the following address, or by mail, in the proper format, to be received on or before Thursday, December 5, 2013:

*Ms. Amy Zamenick, Certifying Officer
Office of Community Renewal
New York State Department of Homes & Community Renewal*

38-40 State Street
Hampton Plaza
Albany, NY 12207

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Written notice of environmental clearance will 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 Wednesday, November 20, 2013, the HCR Certifying Officer will 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 Ms. Amy Zamenick, 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 will 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 will consider objections to the RROF and/or FONSI certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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
Phone: (202) 402-4649

Amy Zamenick
HCR Certifying Officer
November 20, 2013

WARREN COUNTY AFFIDAVIT

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STATE OF NEW YORK:

County of Warren, ss:

Sabrina King being duly sworn,

says that (s)he is an authorized designee for Lee Enterprises, publishers of THE POST-STAR, a daily newspaper published in Glens Falls, Warren County, State of New York, and that the printed notice attached hereto was cut from the said POST-STAR. and that the said notice was published therein, namely

Notice of Intent

November 20th, 2013

Signed this 20th day of November, 2013

Sabrina King

Sworn to before me this 20th day of Nov, 2013



BRIAN J. CORCORAN
Notary Public - State of New York
No. 01CO6133976
Qualified in Saratoga County
My Commission Expires September 19, 2017

**NY Rising
CDBG-DR
Housing Rehab 1-4**

RROF

Chemung County

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)

1. Program Title(s) New York State CDBG-DR Program	2. HUD/State Identification Number B-13-DS-36-0001	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s)	5. Name and address of responsible entity New York State Homes & Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal, Housing Trust Fund Corporation 38-40 State Street Albany, NY 12207	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Amy Zamenick, Esq. (518) 473-4372	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Office of Block Grant Assistance- Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division		

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

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Chemung County	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Scattered sites within Chemung County, NY
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

The activities associated with the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Chemung County described herein will address unmet housing recovery needs of homeowners of 1-4 unit residential properties for which CDBG-DR funding shall be made available to Chemung County residents eligible for the program. The Recreate NY Home Program activities to be funded by CDBG-DR have been designed to provide assistance for repairing property, reconstructing homes, and mitigating properties for future resilience. This program is anticipated to provide permanent, sustainable housing solutions that allow these residents to return to their neighborhoods, where possible.

The program may also provide reimbursements for homeowners of 1-4 unit residential properties that have started or completed Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene and/or Tropical Storm Lee-related rehabilitation work with personal resources, subject to restrictions in line with applicable laws, regulations, and the requirements of the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program.

This is the first tier of review in a two-tiered reviewed process. The specific addresses of home 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. No physical work will begin on properties until all levels of environmental review are complete and found to be in compliance.

CDBG-DR Funds: \$1,200,000.00

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	Title of Certifying Officer Senior Attorney
 X Address of Certifying Officer	Date signed 2/4/14
	NYS Homes & Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

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
X	Date signed

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)

PUBLIC NOTICE
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)
RECREATE NY HOME 1-4 UNIT REHABILITATION: CHEMUNG COUNTY, NY
BY NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION
NOVEMBER 26, 2013**

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 473-4732*

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: Amy Zamenick.

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

Per 24 CFR Part 58.33, the combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF) will be published simultaneously with the submission of the Request for Release of Funds (RROF). The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster resulting from the impacts of Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall on October 29, 2012. As a result, the comment periods for the FONSI/NOIRROF and the RROF have been combined.

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 Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Chemung County.

The activities associated with the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Chemung County described herein will address unmet housing recovery needs of homeowners and tenants of rental properties, for which CDBG-DR funding shall be made available to Chemung County residents who qualify. The Recreate New York Home Project activities to be funded by CDBG-DR have been designed to provide assistance for repairing property, reconstructing homes, and mitigating properties for future resilience. This program is anticipated to provide permanent, sustainable housing solutions that allow these residents to return to their neighborhoods, where possible.

The program may also provide reimbursements for homeowners of 1-4 unit buildings that have started or completed Hurricane Irene-related rehabilitation work with personal resources, subject to restrictions in line with applicable laws, regulations, and the requirements of the Recreate NY 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program.

This is the first tier of review in a 2-tiered 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), HTFC 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. No physical work will 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 Work Sheet, 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.HCR.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, will have no significant adverse environmental or socioeconomic impacts, either direct, indirect, or cumulative. There will be no significant impact on the human environment, and the action will not negatively impact the quality of the environment. Therefore, HTFC has determined that the project, as proposed, is not an action that will 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
Care of Office of Community Renewal
NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
Contact: Amy Zamenick (518) 473-4732*

& Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM at the following address:

*Chemung County Planning Department
400 East Church Street
Elmira, NY 14901-2834
Contact: Chemung County Planning Department (607) 737-5510*

Further information may be requested at NYSCDBG_DR_ER@HCR.org or by calling HTFC at (518) 473-4732. 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 Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at: NYSCDBG_DR_ER@HCR.org. Written comments may also be submitted at the following address, or by mail, in the proper format, to be received on or before Wednesday, December 11, 2013:

*Ms. Amy Zamenick, Certifying Officer
Office of Community Renewal
New York State Department of Homes & Community Renewal
38-40 State Street
Hampton Plaza
Albany, NY 12207*

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Written notice of environmental clearance will 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 Tuesday, November 26, 2013, the HCR Certifying Officer will 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 Ms. Amy Zamenick, 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 will 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 will consider objections to the RROF and/or FONSI certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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
Phone: (202) 402-4649

Amy Zamenick
HCR Certifying Officer
November 26, 2013

Stacie Heath, being duly sworn, deposes and says she is the Principal Clerk of the Elmira Star-Gazette, Division of Gannett Newspaper Subsidiary, publishers of the Star-Gazette newspaper printed and published daily in Elmira, and of general circulation in said county, and that a NOTICE, of which the annexed is a printed copy, out from said newspaper, has been published in said newspaper on:

11/26/2013

Stacie Heath

Stacie Heath

Sworn to before me, the 26th day of November, 2013

Suzanne J Weston

Notary Public

SUZANNE J WESTON
 Notary Public - State of New York
 NO. 01WE4980512
 Qualified in Broome County
 My Commission Expires 4/22/2015

PUBLIC NOTICE
 COMBINED NOTICE
 OF FINDING OF
 NO SIGNIFICANT
 IMPACT (FONSI)
 AND NOTICE OF
 INTENT TO REQUEST
 RELEASE OF FUNDS
 (NOI/ROF)
 RECREATE MY
 HOME-4 UNIT

REHABILITATION
 CHEMUNG COUNTY,
 NY
 BY NEW YORK
 STATE HOUSING
 TRUST FUND
 CORPORATION
 NOVEMBER 25, 2013

New York State Housing
 Trust Fund Corporation
 (HTFC)
 38-40 State Street
 Albany, NY 12207
 (518) 473-4182

Name of Responsible
 Entity and Recipient:
 New York State Homes
 and Community Renewal
 (NYSR) 38-40 State Street,
 Hartford Plaza Albany, NY
 12207 in cooperation with
 New York State Housing
 Trust Fund Corporation
 (HTFC) of the same ad-
 dress. Contact: Amy
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The combined notice satis-
 fies two separate environmen-
 tal requirements for project
 activities to be undertaken:

Per 24 CFR Part 58.12, the
 combined Notice of Finding
 of No Significant Impact
 and Notice of Intent to Re-
 quest Release of Funds
 (FONSI/NOI/ROF) will be
 published simultaneously
 with the submission of the
 Request for Release of
 Funds (RRF). The funds
 are needed on an emer-
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 disaster resulting from the
 impacts of Hurricane Sou-
 dy, which made landfall on
 October 29, 2012. As a re-
 sult, the combined records
 for the FONSI/NOI/ROF
 and the RRF have been
 combined.

Project Description:
 HTFC intends to undertake
 the following project, funded
 by United States Depart-
 ment of Housing & Urban

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 compliance factors on a
 Tier 2 site-specific review
 unless all public participation
 concerns are known.

FINDING OF NO
 SIGNIFICANT
 IMPACT

A Tier 1 Environmental Re-
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 FONSI. A full copy of the
 ERR, including a completed
 National Environmental Pol-
 icy Act of 1969 (NEPA) En-
 vironmental Assessment
 Checklist (or Equivalent in
 Alaska), New York State
 Agency Report, 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.HCR.org/
 Programs/NYS-CDBG-
 DE-EnvironmentalReview.
 htm](http://www.HCR.org/Programs/NYS-CDBG-DE-EnvironmentalReview.htm)

HTFC re-certified that
 the ERR for the project
 complies fully with the
 requirements of 24 CFR
 environmental review
 regulations at 24 CFR Part
 58, et al.

HTFC has also determined
 that the project described
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 Albany, NY 12207

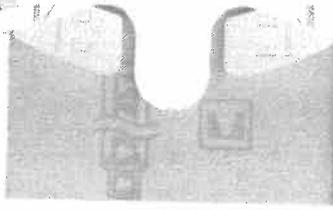
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REQUEST FOR
 RELEASE OF FUNDS

Within 60 days of environmen-
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On Tuesday, November 26,
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HCR certifies to HUD that
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Clinton County

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)

1. Program Title(s) New York State CDBG-DR Program	2. HUD/State Identification Number B-13-DS-36-0001	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s)	5. Name and address of responsible entity New York State Homes & Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal, Housing Trust Fund Corporation 38-40 State Street Albany, NY 12207	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Amy Zamenick, Esq. (518) 473-4372	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Office of Block Grant Assistance- Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division		

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

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Clinton County	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Scattered sites within Clinton County, NY
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11. Program Activity/Project Description

The activities associated with the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Clinton County described herein will address unmet housing recovery needs of homeowners of 1-4 unit residential properties for which CDBG-DR funding shall be made available to Clinton County residents eligible for the program. The Recreate NY Home Program activities to be funded by CDBG-DR have been designed to provide assistance for repairing property, reconstructing homes, and mitigating properties for future resilience. This program is anticipated to provide permanent, sustainable housing solutions that allow these residents to return to their neighborhoods, where possible.

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This is the first tier of review in a two-tiered reviewed process. The specific addresses of home 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. No physical work will begin on properties until all levels of environmental review are complete and found to be in compliance.

CDBG-DR Funds: \$120,000.00

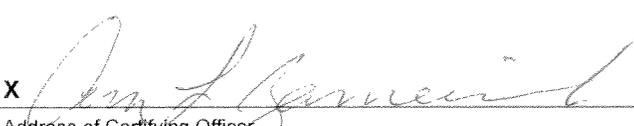
Part 2. Environmental Certification (to be completed by responsible entity)

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.
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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	Title of Certifying Officer
	Senior Attorney
	Date signed
X	2/4/14

Address of Certifying Officer
NYS Homes & Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

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
X	Date signed

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PUBLIC NOTICE
**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)
RECREATE NY HOME 1-4 UNIT REHABILITATION: CLINTON COUNTY, NY
BY NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION
NOVEMBER 26, 2013**

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 473-4732*

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: Amy Zamenick.

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

Per 24 CFR Part 58.33, the combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF) will be published simultaneously with the submission of the Request for Release of Funds (RROF). The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster resulting from the impacts of Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall on October 29, 2012. As a result, the comment periods for the FONSI/NOIRROF and the RROF have been combined.

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 Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Clinton County.

The activities associated with the Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Clinton County described herein will address unmet housing recovery needs of homeowners and tenants of rental properties, for which CDBG-DR funding shall be made available to Clinton County residents who qualify. The Recreate New York Home Project activities to be funded by CDBG-DR have been designed to provide assistance for repairing property, reconstructing homes, and mitigating properties for future resilience. This program is anticipated to provide permanent, sustainable housing solutions that allow these residents to return to their neighborhoods, where possible.

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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 Work Sheet, 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.HCR.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, will have no significant adverse environmental or socioeconomic impacts, either direct, indirect, or cumulative. There will be no significant impact on the human environment, and the action will not negatively impact the quality of the environment. Therefore, HTFC has determined that the project, as proposed, is not an action that will 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 addresses:

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation
Care of Office of Community Renewal
NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
Contact: Amy Zamenick (518) 473-4732*

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*Plattsburgh Public Library
19 Oak Street
Plattsburgh, NY 12901
Contact: Plattsburgh Public Library (518) 563-0921*

Further information may be requested at NYSCDBG_DR_ER@HCR.org or by calling HTFC at (518) 473-4732. 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 Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at: NYSCDBG_DR_ER@HCR.org. Written comments may also be submitted at the following address, or by mail, in the proper format, to be received on or before Wednesday, December 11, 2013:

Ms. Amy Zamenick, Certifying Officer

*Office of Community Renewal
New York State Department of Homes & Community Renewal
38-40 State Street
Hampton Plaza
Albany, NY 12207*

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Written notice of environmental clearance will 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 Tuesday, November 26, 2013, the HCR Certifying Officer will 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 Ms. Amy Zamenick, 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 will 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 will consider objections to the RROF and/or FONSI certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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
Clinton, DC 20410*

Phone: (202) 402-4649

Amy Zamenick
HCR Certifying Officer
November 26, 2013

State of New York
Clinton County, ss.:

PROSOURCE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC
9219 EAST RIVER ROAD NW
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55433

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Fulton County

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)

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

1. Program Title(s) New York State CDBG-DR Program	2. HUD/State Identification Number B-13-DS-36-0001	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s)	5. Name and address of responsible entity New York State Homes & Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal, Housing Trust Fund Corporation 38-40 State Street Albany, NY 12207	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Amy Zamenick, Esq. (518) 473-4372	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Office of Block Grant Assistance- Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division		

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

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Fulton County	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Scattered sites within Fulton County, NY
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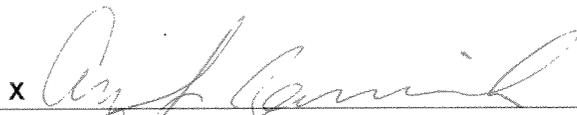
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Signature of Certifying Officer of the Responsible Entity	Title of Certifying Officer
	Senior Attorney
	Date signed
	2/4/14

X
Address of Certifying Officer
NYS Homes & Community Renewal, 38-40 State Street, Albany, NY 12207

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOIRROF)
RECREATE NY HOME 1-4 UNIT REHABILITATION: FULTON COUNTY, NY
BY NEW YORK STATE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION
NOVEMBER 26, 2013**

*New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC)
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
(518) 473-4732*

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: Amy Zamenick.

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Per 24 CFR Part 58.33, the combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIRROF) will be published simultaneously with the submission of the Request for Release of Funds (RROF). The funds are needed on an emergency basis due to a declared disaster resulting from the impacts of Hurricane Sandy, which made landfall on October 29, 2012. As a result, the comment periods for the FONSI/NOIRROF and the RROF have been combined.

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 Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Program for Fulton County.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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

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Care of Office of Community Renewal
NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal
38-40 State Street
Albany, NY 12207
Contact: Amy Zamenick (518) 473-4732*

&

*Fulton County Planning Department
1 East Montgomery Street
Johnstown, NY 12095
Contact: Fulton County Planning Department (518) 736-5660*

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(NOIRROF)
RECREATE NY
HOME 1-4 UNIT
REHABILITATION
FULTON COUNTY,
NY
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NOVEMBER 26, 2013
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James D. Cornell, being duly sworn, says that he is the Business Manager of THE LEADER-HERALD, a daily newspaper, printed and published in the City of Gloversville, County of Fulton, and State of New York; that the Report of Notice, a printed copy of which is hereunto annexed, was published in said newspaper as follows, viz: On:

November 26, 2013

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of November, 2013

John C.

Marion E. Barber
Notary Public, Fulton County, N.Y.

Notary Public
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Fulton County, State of New York
Commission Expires 9-16-14

**NY Rising
CDBG-DR
Housing Rehab 1-4**

RROF

Washington County

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.

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1. Program Title(s) New York State CDBG-DR Program	2. HUD/State Identification Number B-13-DS-36-0001	3. Recipient Identification Number (optional)
4. OMB Catalog Number(s)	5. Name and address of responsible entity New York State Homes & Community Renewal Office of Community Renewal, Housing Trust Fund Corporation 38-40 State Street Albany, NY 12207	
6. For information about this request, contact (name & phone number) Amy Zamenick, Esq. (518) 473-4372	7. Name and address of recipient (if different than responsible entity)	
8. HUD or State Agency and office unit to receive request Office of Block Grant Assistance- Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division		

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

9. Program Activity(ies)/Project Name(s) Recreate NY Home 1-4 Unit Rehabilitation Washington County	10. Location (Street address, city, county, State) Scattered sites within Washington County, NY
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CDBG-DR Funds: \$600,000.00

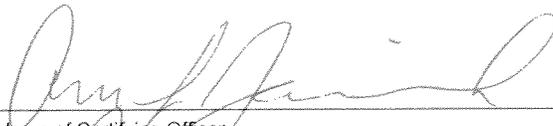
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With reference to the above Program Activity(ies)/Project(s), I, the undersigned officer of the responsible entity, certify that:

1. The responsible entity has fully carried out its responsibilities for environmental review, decision-making and action pertaining to the project(s) named above.
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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.
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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	Title of Certifying Officer
X 	Senior Attorney
	Date signed 2/4/14
Address of Certifying Officer	
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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
X	Date signed

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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RECREATE NY HOME 1-4 UNIT REHABILITATION: WASHINGTON COUNTY, NY
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NOVEMBER 26, 2013**

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November 26, 2013

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STATE OF NEW YORK:

County of Warren, ss:

Sabrina King being duly sworn,

says that (s)he is an authorized designee for Lee Enterprises, publishers of THE POST-STAR, a daily newspaper published in Glens Falls, Warren County, State of New York, and that the printed notice attached hereto was cut from the said POST-STAR. and that the said notice was published therein, namely

Notice of Intent

November 26th, 2013

Signed this 26th day of November, 2013

Sabrina King

Sworn to before me this 26th day of Nov, 2013

[Signature]

BRIAN J. CORCORAN
Notary Public - State of New York
No. 01C08133978
Qualified in Saratoga County
My Commission Expires September 19, 2017

