

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

July 21, 2009

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA)
Division of Housing & Community Resources
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:
These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the NJDCA

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 4, 2009 the NJDCA will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release funds under Title III, Division B of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, Public Law 110-289, for the following project funded by the HUD Office of Community Planning and Development.

The project is the “Neighborhood Stabilization Program” which is a program providing funding to municipalities/counties and for profit/non-profits for acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition and redevelopment of foreclosed, abandoned or vacant properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight in targeted areas. The target areas are within the following municipalities/counties/neighborhoods:

Hamilton Township (Mercer County) Hamilton West neighborhood,
Clementon Borough (Camden County) Old borough neighborhood,
Irvington Township (Essex County) East Ward neighborhood, Buena Vista Township (Atlantic County) Newtonville neighborhood, Burlington City (Burlington County) Historic Yorkshire neighborhood, Cumberland County: Millville, Vineland, Bridgeton and Commercial Township, City of Rahway (Union County) , Elizabeth City (Union County) Elizabethport and New Point Road neighborhoods, Newark City (Essex County) Clinton Hill West and Baxter Terrace neighborhoods, Plainfield City (Union County) 4th Ward neighborhood, Gloucester County: Woodbury NPP neighborhood and

Paulsboro Buck Street neighborhood, Camden City (Camden County) Fairview, Parkside, Waterfront South District, East Orange City (Essex County) Greater Princeton neighborhood, Asbury Park City (Monmouth County) Wide Side neighborhood, Jersey City (Hudson) Bergin Hill neighborhood, Orange City Township (Essex County) Central District neighborhood, Passaic City (Passaic County) Main Avenue-West neighborhood, Paterson City (Passaic County) 4th Ward District, Perth Amboy City (Middlesex County) Budapest neighborhood, Pleasantville City (Atlantic County) Mid-Town neighborhood, Roselle Borough (Union County) Chandler and Washington Avenue neighborhoods, Trenton City (Mercer County) Cadwalder neighborhood, Willingboro Township (Burlington County) Levitt Parkway East neighborhood, and Woodbine Borough (Cape May County) Downtown neighborhood.

Maps of the target areas are available for review as part of the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file.

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is requesting the release of \$51,470,620.00 in Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds.

A TIERED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

The activities proposed satisfy HUD's 24 CFR Part 58 regulations and the National Environmental Policy Act. In accordance with § 58.15, a tiered environmental review process has been performed. A Tiered review is a two-step environmental review process. Target areas have been identified and the following laws and authorities have been complied with pertaining to: Floodplains, Wetlands, Farmlands, Sole Source Aquifers, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Coastal Barriers and Coastal Zone protection. Furthermore, compliance with the following laws and authorities during the second step, site specific process has been complied with which includes: Historic Preservation, Air Quality, Pinelands, Highlands, National Flood Insurance, endangered species, environmental justice, land or building toxins and hazards. Copies of the compliance documentation worksheets are available at the address below.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, is on file at: The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA), Division of Housing & Community Resources, 101 South

Broad Street, PO Box 806, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0806, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The NJDCA has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at The William Ashby Building, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, New Jersey and may be examined or copied weekdays, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 806, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0806. All comments received by July 31, 2009 will be considered by the NJDCA prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification to HUD.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The NJDCA certifies to HUD that Paul A. Stridick, in his capacity as Division Director, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the NJDCA to utilize federal funds and implement the Program.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the NJDCA certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the NJDCA; (b) the NJDCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR

Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; 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 accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Kathleen Naymola, CPD Director, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, One Newark Center, Newark, NJ 07102.

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