

Agency Name: DCA

CDBG-DR Program: Blue Acres Acquisition Program

Application ID Number: BA_Linden

DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF REVIEW

Applicant Name: Multiple Applicants Program Year: 2014

Project Location: Multiple Locations, City of Linden, Union County, New Jersey

Project Description (*Attach additional descriptive information, as appropriate to the activity, including narrative, maps, photographs, site plans, budgets and other information.*):

The proposed project would acquire 43 residential properties in the City of Linden in Union County on a voluntary basis and demolish, remove, and dispose of all man-made features on the properties, such as dwellings, foundations, sheds, garages, fences, and driveways. The properties would be graded and left in a stabilized condition (i.e., grass growth covering the property). The acquired properties would be permanently preserved as open space and serve as natural buffers against future storms and floods.

The subject project has been reviewed pursuant to HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58, "Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities," and the following determination with respect to the project is made:

- Exempt** from NEPA review requirements per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(____)
- Categorically Excluded NOT Subject** to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(____)
- Categorically Excluded SUBJECT** to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(____) (A Statutory Checklist for the §58.5 authorities is attached.)
- An **Environmental Assessment** (EA) is required to be performed. (An Environmental Assessment performed in accordance with subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 is attached.)
- An **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS) is required to be performed.

The ERR (see §58.38) must contain all the environmental review documents, public notices and written determinations or environmental findings required by Part 58 as evidence of review, decision making and actions pertaining to a particular project. Include additional information including checklists, studies, analyses and documentation as appropriate.

<u>Patrick Dunn</u> Preparer Name	 Signature
<u>Planner</u> Title	<u>August 12, 2014</u> Completion Date For DLR