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**Cc:** [Theresa Albanese](#); [Craig Shirk](#); [Rock, Kenneth](#)  
**Subject:** RE: DEP Sandy Recovery - CDBG-DR Neighborhood Community Revitalization Program - need for Air Quality Clearance  
**Date:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 11:39:30 AM

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Good Morning Kristen,

The Bureau of Air Quality Planning (BAQP) did a General Conformity Applicability Analysis for US HUD's Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) for the Tier 1 Environmental Assessments. The direct emissions associated with this action were assumed to be from land-based mobile sources that would be used during the reconstruction and rehabilitation activities. The sources that were assumed to be included in the analysis were: plate compactors, loaders, backhoes, cranes, tractors and excavators. It was assumed that there were no or minimal indirect emissions associated with this action. Therefore, the streetscape projects listed below and other similar projects that are part of US HUD's CDBG-DR, were included in the General Conformity Applicability Analysis. The emission estimates for the CDBG-DR were below the de minimis levels for ozone and PM 2.5 in Federal General Conformity regulation (40 CFR 93.153(b)(1) Applicability), therefore the CDBG-DR was presumed to conform and a conformity determination was not required.

I hope this information is helpful. Thanks, Angela

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Good Morning Angela:

I just wanted to follow up with you on this email and our phone conversation yesterday. My understanding is there is letter that covers mobile source pollution that would cover the CDBG-DR streetscape projects. Could you please send that letter and an email stating that no adverse effects on air quality are expected from proposed streetscape projects?

Thank you and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kristen

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**Importance:** High

Ms. Skowronek,

The DEP Sandy Recovery Environmental Review Program has determined that certain projects proposed for CDBG funding do not comply with the January 23, 2014 Revised General Conformity letter (*attached*) by the Division of Air Quality regarding CDBG projects under the Sandy Disaster Relief program.

The projects at question are public streetscape projects which generally consist of street and sidewalk reconstruction and the addition of amenities such as lighting, landscaping, street trees, and benches/bicycle racks. Six of these projects are described below and maps showing the location and extent of improvements are attached.

I am writing as a DEP Environmental Assessment Field (EAF) contractor supporting the CDBG-DR program to seek your review and finding regarding potential air quality impacts and mitigation measures necessary for these projects to comply with 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.5, 40 CFR Part 93 and applicable NJ state regulations. To complete required environmental reviews, DEP is requesting that your division provide either 1) an updated General Conformity letter to include streetscapes and other similar public projects or 2) your concurrence, with any necessary mitigation, that these projects would comply with the New Jersey SIP and that no adverse air quality impacts would occur with the implementation of these actions.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. Please let me know if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

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### **NCR34997 – Neptune, Monmouth County**

The project proposes removal and replacement of existing broken concrete sidewalk with streetscaping/landscaping improvements; including the installation of brick pavers, new concrete sidewalk, 47 street trees and associated treewells and grates, and 34 decorative street lights along a 1,500-foot section of West Lake Avenue. The project also proposes a mill and hot mix asphalt overlay of the roadway within the project limits; and the installation of 24 trash receptacles, 7 recycling receptacles, 11 benches, 2 bicycle racks, and traffic striping and signage. The proposed project would not include any façade improvements nor would it increase existing impervious surface coverage.

### **NCR39441 – Long Branch, Monmouth County**

The project includes: drainage repair; inlet repair; lighting; installation and repair of pavers between sidewalk and curb; installation of tree grates at the base of existing street trees; additional street trees where needed; and paver crosswalks with ADA compliant concrete handicap ramps for improved pedestrian safety. Approximately 1,500 linear feet of Brighton Avenue would be restored and upgraded as part of this proposed project. No net change in impervious surface coverage would occur and the project does not include any building or façade improvements.

### **NCR39448 – Margate, Atlantic County**

Proposed streetscape improvements would occur along Ventnor Avenue at the following locations: Douglas Avenue to Essex Avenue (north side); Essex Avenue to Exeter Avenue (north side); Benson Avenue to Decatur Avenue (north side); and Adams Avenue to Jefferson Avenue (north side). The proposed improvements include replacing the sidewalk and driveways with decorative brick pavers and installing street lighting, landscaping, and street furniture. Streetlights, each consisting of a single lamp and hanging floral baskets, will provide lighting for pedestrians. Street trees with tree grates will be installed along the curb line. Also, handicapped ramps at the corners of Ventnor Avenue will be checked for ADA compliance and they will be replaced if needed. Project activities and ground disturbance would be limited to the public right-of-way and existing impervious surfaces. No façade or signage improvements are proposed

### **NCR39449 – Belmar, Monmouth County**

The proposed project improvements include installation of pavers; repair and replacement of sidewalk and curb; inclusion of 28 street/pedestrian lights; planting/replanting of 50 shade trees; installation of detectable warning surfaces, and new paver sidewalk along a 5-block section of the borough. Excavation will be limited to tree planting, installation of wiring for lighting, curb, crosswalk and sidewalk replacement. No net change in impervious coverage would occur and no building or façade improvements would be undertaken.

### **NCR39451 – Oceanport, Monmouth County**

This streetscape improvement project is located along East Main Street from Lake Avenue county bridge over Oceanport Creek. The proposed project involves the construction of sidewalks, crosswalks and curbing; installation of new pedestrian lighting and traffic signs; and related site (roadway milling) and electrical work. Funding would also support survey, final design and administration costs. Conceptual plans indicate milling of 3,360 square yards of pavement to approximately 2 inches and the repaving and striping of the milled pavement, the installation of 1,250 feet of Belgian block curb, 9,400 square feet of paver walkway, 2 inlets with bicycle grates, 11 light poles, and 8 pedestrian crosswalks and traffic signs. Project activities will involve a minimum of ground disturbance.

### **NCR39452 – Sea Bright, Monmouth County**

The proposed streetscape project will consist of improvements along an approximately 10-block area of the borough: new concrete sidewalk with paver borders; curbing, decorative street light poles and fixtures, new street trees with decorative tree grates, bicycle racks, new street signs, and traffic controls including markings, striping and detectable warning surfaces. Excavation will only be required where necessary to repair or replace curbs, sidewalks, street trees, street lights, and crosswalks. There will be no construction activity on privately owned property, the only construction work will occur on publicly owned property. There will be no facade or commercial signage work. There would be no change in impervious surface coverage with the implementation of the proposed project.

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