

Agency Name: DCA

CDBG-DR Program: Atlantic City Resilience Program (ACRP)

Application ID Number: AC Bulkheads

DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF REVIEW

Applicant Name: City of Atlantic City Lower Chelsea Bulkhead

Business/Project Name:

Program Year:

Project Location: North Jackson Avenue, to North Trenton Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 08401

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

The Replacement of city-wide bulkheads, (referred to as the "project") is a flood resilience project designed to rehabilitate, repair, replace and build new bulkheads along the inner Thorofare waterway, connecting Absecon Bay in the north to Shelter Island Bay in the south. This project area is made up of several non-continuous runs, which make up all the publicly owned bulkhead.

The current bulkheads are in poor condition, having sustained damage during the flooding of Hurricane Sandy. The majority of the bulkhead is still standing; however, undermining is heavily impacting the east side of the bulkhead, and no longer providing protection from rising tides and flood waters. Small sections of the bulkheads are worn, broken through or otherwise breached.

The project will include the removal of the current wooden bulkhead/seawall and replacement with modern corrugated reinforced steel bulkheads or similar contingent on engineering. Work may be completed on both for barges in the Thorofare and by machinery on the land. Additionally, the project will create one (1) new section of bulkhead at the fifth section of approximately 90 feet along North Dover Road.

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:

☐ **Tier 2**

☐ **Exempt** from NEPA review requirements per 24 CFR 58.34(a)

☐ **Categorically Excluded NOT Subject To (CENST)** §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(b)

☐ **Categorically Excluded SUBJECT To (CEST)** §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.)

☐ **Adoption of FEMA**

☐ **Adoption of FHWA**

☐ **Adoption of UFWS**

☐ **Facilitated Review**

☐ **Memorandum of Referendum (MoR)**

☐ **Other**

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:

Determined by: *Judith Burton*

Reason for Initial Determination:

Major rehabilitation and new construction of bulkheads.

Judith Burton

Principal Name

3/18/2020

Completion Date for DLR