

**NEW YORK CITY OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (NYC OMB)
COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF)
THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN (NYBG) WORKER'S OPERATIONS
CENTER PROJECT**

COMBINED PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI RROF),
NOTICE OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENT AND,
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

This notice shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the New York Botanical Garden (NYBG).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 5, 2026 the City of New York (the City) will submit, on behalf of the NYBG, a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) funds authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) to undertake an activity known as the Worker's Operations Center project. Through this project, the NYBG proposes to use \$2,000,000 in federally-appropriated CPF funds, administered by HUD, to reconstruct its Workers' Operations Center.

The project would involve demolition of the Operations Department's existing base, located within the Lower Maintenance Building, and construction of an upgraded, modernized, and optimized building to meet the Department's daily work needs and support NYBG's increasing visitation. The upper and lower maintenance yards would be connected via a new vehicular service ramp. Parking areas within the maintenance yards would be formalized with parking stalls demarcated. Improvements to the existing grading along the NYBG perimeter fence along with the clearing and grubbing of landscaping along the fence are proposed. Lastly, utility infrastructure would be upgraded to serve the maintenance yards (stormwater, sanitary, potable water service). Ten geothermal wells are proposed in the lower maintenance yard.

SECTION 106 AGREEMENT

The Lower Maintenance Building is considered a contributing resource to the NYBG, which is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and is a National Historic Landmark. As such, demolition of the Lower Maintenance Building would result in an Adverse Effect to the building itself, and the NYBG. A report was prepared to analyze potential alternatives to the project. The report recommended moving forward with the proposed project, as it would best meet current and future needs of the site and most closely align with the NYBG's long-term institutional goals of sustainability and accessibility. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be executed between NYBG, NYC OMB, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(c), to ensure the undertaking is in compliance with the Section 106 process, and to document measures which minimize or mitigate adverse effects to historic resources. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d) and 36

CFR 800.6(a)(4), the Alternatives Analysis, MOA, and all other information listed under 36 CFR 800.11(e) will be made available upon request. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Juliet Jacobs, Environmental Unit Head (Community Development), New York City Office of Management and Budget, at 255 Greenwich Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10007, or by email to CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget (NYC OMB) is the Responsible Entity for this project and 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request, by mail or email, to the addresses listed above.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the NYC OMB at the above address or via email to CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov. All comments received by May 4, 2026, will be considered by NYC OMB prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice is being addressed.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

NYC OMB certifies to HUD that the City and Juliet Jacobs, in her capacity as Certifying Officer, 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 NYBG to use CPF Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and NYC OMB's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 NYC OMB; (b) NYC OMB 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 or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities 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, Sec.

