

City of New York – Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard Designated Floodplain

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined the following proposed action is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and HPD will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

438-444 Beach 67th Street DLAC Residences

The proposed project is located at 438-444 Beach 67th Street (Block 16040; Lots 18, 20, and 22) in Queens, Queens County, New York. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA) in which HPD uses the 2080 Future Floodplain informed by New York City (NYC) Climate Resiliency Design Guidelines (CRDG) and the NYC Panel on Climate Change ("NPCC"). HPD intends to provide construction financing made available through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Section 8 Project-Based vouchers (PBVs) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Project-Based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program, to be allocated by HPD or NYCHA, funding through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) allocated by New York City Office of Management (NYC OMB) and/or Mortgage Insurance from HUD's Risk Sharing program, to be allocated by the New York City Housing Development Corporation, in connection with the above-referenced project. The proposed project includes the development of one nine-story residential building containing approximately 83 units of senior affordable housing. The site is approximately 12,000 square feet (0.28 acres) and is located in the 2080s Future Floodplain. Given the existing coastal urban fabric surroundings and context, the proposed project would not adversely impact the natural function or beneficial value of the floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

The environmental review record established for the project are on file at HPD, Office of Development, Environmental Planning Unit, 100 Gold Street, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10038. Comments and/or objections to the obligation of funds for the aforementioned project must be submitted to HPD

electronically via email to nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov, via mail addressed to Anthony Howard, Director of Environmental Planning at the above-referenced address, or by telephone at (212)863-7106 from Monday through Friday 9am-5pm on or before the 15th day following the publication date of this notice. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.