

## **Finding of No Significant Impact**

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

Date: August 30, 2013

The City of New York - Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) intends to undertake the following projects funded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program). The projects are described at the bottom of this notice.

HPD has determined that the environmental review records for the projects identified below comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 58 of HUD Environmental Review regulations. Written notice providing environmental clearance will be required prior to the removal of the limitation on commitment of federal funding in accordance with the regulations found at 24 CFR 58.22.

The HOME Program in New York City is administered by HPD. An environmental review record was established for each project and is maintained on file at HPD's Office of Development, located at 100 Gold Street, New York, New York 10038. A project's environmental assessment (EA) may be obtained from HPD. Requests for project-specific EAs may be sent to [nepa\\_env@hpd.nyc.gov](mailto:nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov).

It has been determined that the projects described below would not constitute actions significantly affecting the quality of the environment and, accordingly HPD has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The reasons for the decision not to prepare EISs are as follows:

1. There are no significant adverse physical impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with the projects.
2. There are no significant adverse social impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with the projects.
3. There are no significant adverse economic impacts, either direct or indirect, associated with the projects.

The City of New York has certified to HUD in its Request for Release of Funds that the City and HPD's Commissioner, in his official capacity as certifying officer for HOME Program funds, consents to accept jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HPD has certified that site-specific environmental reviews for the projects described below have been completed. The environmental reviews were conducted prior to any obligation of funds.

Comments or objections to the obligation of HOME Program funds to the projects identified below must be submitted to HPD no later than 18 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be submitted electronically to [nepa\\_env@hpd.nyc.gov](mailto:nepa_env@hpd.nyc.gov). No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

**Norwood Terrace – 3349 Webster Avenue (Bronx)**

The proposal involves the development of a new, 8-story residential building that would contain 115 units of affordable and supportive housing. Of the 115 units, 56 units would be affordable to households earning up to 60% of Area Median Income (AMI), 58 units would be studio supportive housing units for persons with psychiatric disabilities, and one unit would be set aside for a building superintendent. In addition, the building would provide on-site social services for the supportive housing tenants and an approximately 8-space parking lot accessible from Webster Avenue. Other potential sources of federal assistance may include funding from HUD's Project Based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program. The project would be developed through HPD's *Supportive Housing Loan Program*.

**The Heights - 150th Street, 1772 Amsterdam Avenue, 369 Edgecombe Avenue, and 801 St. Nicholas Avenue (Manhattan)**

The project involves the rehabilitation of three residential buildings in the Hamilton Heights/Sugar Hill neighborhood of Manhattan. The three buildings currently contain a total of 58 dwelling units. Following rehabilitation activities, which would include upgrading and reconfiguration of interior spaces, exterior masonry repairs, and replacement of utilities, roofs and other building elements, there would be approximately 67 affordable dwelling units between the three buildings. No changes to the buildings' overall floor area, height, or footprint are proposed in connection with construction activity. The project would be developed through HPD's *Multifamily Preservation Loan Program*.

