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NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

This is a Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds under the New York City Public Housing Preservation Trust (the “Trust”) Modernization & Preservation Program initiative. On behalf of the Trust, the New York City Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) intends to submit application(s) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) for the disposition of public housing property as authorized under Section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 as amended and implementing regulations at 24 C.F.R. Part 970 (“Section 18”), and in connection with a HUD Federal Monitoring Agreement between NYCHA, HUD, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (“SDNY”) (2019), associated with the proposed project, Bronx River Addition. The City of New York, acting through the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development (“NYC HPD”), is serving as the Responsible Entity (“RE”) for NYCHA pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) 24 C.F.R. Part 58.

Public Housing Preservation Trust - Bronx River Addition

Approval of the disposition of public housing property will facilitate the rehabilitation and preservation of Bronx River Addition (“the Project Site”) as long-term, project-based Section 8-assisted housing. Bronx River Addition is located in the Bronx in the City and State of New York; it is composed of two 6- and 14-story residential buildings containing 226 residential units for seniors. **Table 1** contains a complete list of addresses for buildings within the Project Site.

NYCHA intends to lease the Project Site to the Trust, a government agency created by the New York State Legislature in June 2022. This conveyance and associated federal funding will allow NYCHA to select a Design-Builder to conduct comprehensive building renovations. The Project Site will remain under NYCHA ownership and management. NYCHA’s disposition to the Trust would be effectuated via a 99-year ground lease. Federal funding would be accessed through the conversion from Section 9 subsidies to Section 8 Project-Based Vouchers (PBV). The Trust will also address environmental conditions, including lead-based hazards, asbestos, radon, mold, and leaks, at the Project Site.

Operating through the Trust, NYCHA seeks to identify resources and opportunities to significantly improve its public housing developments while preserving long-term affordability and maintaining strong residential rights in line with public housing protections. This includes maintaining the permanent affordability of homes and retaining residents’ rights and protections. Lastly, the Trust prohibits the permanent involuntary displacement of current residents due to unit and/or building renovations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments to NYC HPD within 7 days of this Notice. NYC HPD will consider all comments received by the end of the comment period before submitting the request for release of funds to HUD. After receiving the request for release of funds, HUD will also accept comments for 15 days.

The environmental review record established for the project is 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 environmental_review@hpd.nyc.gov, via mail addressed to Anthony Howard, Director of Environmental Planning at the above-referenced address, or by telephone at (212) 863-7248 from Monday through Friday, 9am-5pm, on or before the 7th day following the publication date of this notice. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION:

The Proposed Project is subject to the NEPA Categorically Excluded under HUD regulations pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58, Sections 58.35 (a)(1), (3), (5), and (6)

NYC HPD, through its Certifying Officer, Dina Levy, will certify in its request for release of funds to HUD that New York City 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 ensure that the responsibilities have been satisfied. NYC HPD approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and confirms the site-specific environmental reviews for the Proposed Project have been conducted prior to any obligation of funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS:

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the RE'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 objections are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of NYC HPD; (b) the RE 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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 emailed to NY_PH_Director@hud.gov in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Director, Office of Public Housing. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Table 1: Project Site Addresses

BUILDING#	STAIRHALL#	ADDRESS	ZIP CODE	RESIDENTIAL	BLOCK	LOT
11	011	1350 MANOR AVENUE	10472	YES	3866	31
11	011	1352 MANOR AVENUE	10472		3866	31
12	012	1630 EAST 174TH STREET	10472	YES	3868	33
12	012	1632 EAST 174TH STREET	10472		3868	33