

Finding of No Significant Impact

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

Date: January 4, 2012

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

HPD has determined that the environmental review record for the project identified below complies 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 new construction project and is maintained on file at HPD's Office of Development - Division of Environmental Planning & Implementation, 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.

It has been determined that the project 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 an EIS are as follows:

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

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 a site specific



environmental review for the project described below has been completed. The environmental review for the project was conducted prior to any obligation of funds.

Comments or objections to the obligation of HOME Program funds to the project 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. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

Maple Mesa Apartments – 601 E. 163rd Street and 232 E. 169th Street (Bronx)

The proposed project involves the new construction of two non-contiguous mixed-use buildings containing a total of 59 units of affordable housing in the Morrisania neighborhood of the Bronx. The proposed building located at 601 East 163rd Street would be 6 stories in height and would contain 25 dwelling units (DUs) and 2,000 square feet of community facility space. The building proposed for development at 232 East 169th Street would be 8 stories tall and would contain 34 DUs, 2,012 square feet of retail space and 2,700 square feet of community facility space. All 59 units would be affordable to households earning up to 60% of Area Median Income (AMI). An accessory 9-space parking lot accessed via a curb cut along E. 163rd Street would be provided at the 601 East 163rd Street site. The project would be developed through HPD's **Low-Income Rental Program**.

