

Finding of No Significant Impact

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

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The City of New York - Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) intends to undertake the following new construction 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 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, 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 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 an EIS 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. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

Harlem West 117th Street (Manhattan)

The proposed project involves the development of 111 affordable rental units in a larger redevelopment project which would occupy a through-block site located at 23 West 116th Street between Fifth and Lenox avenues in Harlem. The larger redevelopment would consist of two twelve-story towers, including the proposed project, known as the North Tower, located on West 117th Street and a market-rate homeownership building (the South Tower) located on West 116th Street. All of the 111 units would be affordable to households earning up to 60% of AMI. In addition to affordable housing, the larger project would include 83 market-rate units, 25,000 square feet of retail space, 5,000 square feet of community facility space and approximately 66 parking spaces. The proposed project would be developed through HPD's **Low-income Rental Program**.

Prospero Hall - 110 East 118th Street (Manhattan)

The project involves the new construction of a six-story residential building containing a total of 87 units of supportive housing in the East Harlem neighborhood of Manhattan. The supportive housing units would be affordable to formerly homeless veterans referred by the New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and other low-income individuals. All units would be rented to households earning up to 60% of AMI. In addition to housing, there would be approximately 3,000 square feet of community facility space for social services and outdoor recreation space. The project would be developed through HPD's **Supportive Housing Loan Program**.

Knickerbocker Commons – 803 Knickerbocker Avenue (Brooklyn)

This proposed project involves the new construction of a six-story residential building containing 24 units of affordable housing in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn. Of the 24 units, six units would be rented to households earning up to 30% of AMI, five units would be rented to households earning up to 50% of AMI, 12 units would be rented to households earning up to 60% of AMI, and one unit would be set aside for a building superintendent. In addition to the residential units, the proposed project includes approximately 4,957 square feet of community facility space and a seven-space accessory parking lot. The project would be developed through HPD's **Low Income Rental Program**.

LESPMHA - 535-537 East 11th Street (Manhattan)

The proposed project involves the development of a new, eight-story residential building containing 46 units of supportive housing in the East Village neighborhood of Manhattan. Of the total 46 units, 45 units would be reserved for homeless individuals and low-income single adults earning up to 60% of AMI and one unit would be set aside for a building superintendent. In addition to the residential units, the building would include on-site social services and outdoor recreation space for building residents. The project would be developed through HPD's **Supportive Housing Loan Program**.

