

Finding of No Significant Impact

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

Date: November 22, 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.

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. No comments or objections received after this date will be considered by HPD.

Crossroads Plaza II: 501 Southern Blvd aka 500 Union Ave (Bronx)

The proposal involves the new construction of a 13-story mixed-use affordable housing building in the Mott Haven neighborhood of the Bronx. The proposed project would contain approximately 136 units of affordable housing. Of the total 136 units, 28 units would be reserved for households earning up to 40% of Area Median Income, 107 units would be reserved for households earning up to 60% of AMI, and one unit would be reserved for a building superintendent. In addition to the residential units, the proposed project would also include approximately 17,462 square feet of commercial space on the ground floor and landscaped recreation space, including a central plaza located to the west of the new building. The project would be developed through HPD's *Low Income Rental Program*.

Arthur Avenue Residence: 600 East 181st Street (Bronx)

The proposal involves the development of a 9-story supportive housing building in the East Tremont neighborhood of the Bronx. The proposed project would contain 107 units of affordable housing with supportive services for homeless and low-income individuals and families. Sixty-five units would be reserved for formerly homeless individuals and families and 42 units would be set aside for low-income individuals and families. The 42 low-income units would be reserved for households earning up to 60% of Area Median Income. In addition, the project would include a computer lab, courtyard and rear-yard garden space, offices for staff providing services to residents, 24-hour front desk security and an apartment for a building superintendent. Other potential sources of federal assistance may be provided through HUD's Project Based Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program. The proposed project would be developed through HPD's *Supportive Housing Loan Program*.

North Brooklyn Opportunities: 7 Stagg Street, 566 Graham Avenue, 40 Scholes Street, 198 Montrose Street and 44 Morgan Avenue (Brooklyn)

The scattered-site proposal involves the new construction of four, 4-story buildings and the rehabilitation of one existing residential building (44 Morgan Avenue) in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn. Overall, the proposed project would provide 28 units of affordable housing, including three ground-floor units reserved for mobility impaired individuals and two other units reserved for vision- or hearing-impaired individuals. All 28 units would be made rented to households earning up to 60% of Area Median Income. The project would be developed through HPD's *Low Income Rental Program*.

