

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK - OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

This is to give notice that the City of New York's Mayor's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that the following proposed action under the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development's (HPD) Demolition Program and under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant #B-20-MC-36-0104 is located in the 100-year floodplain. This also gives notice that OMB and HPD will identify and evaluate feasible alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The proposed project is located at 630 Midland Avenue, Staten Island (Richmond County), New York (Block 3875, Lot 26). The subject property is a 17,200-square-foot, two-unit detached brick and frame commercial structure that includes three stories and a basement. The top floor structure exhibits significant signs of fire and water damage and the front awning has partially collapsed. The Supreme Court of the State of New York has found sufficient reason to order the building's demolition, which would include the removal of asbestos-containing materials, hand-demolition of the structure, removal of the foundation, grading the property, replacing the sidewalk, and the safe disposal of all debris in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations.

The building sits on an 8,480-square-foot lot (approximately .19 acres) on the eastern corner of Midland Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. According to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel #3604970329F, the entire site is in the 100-year floodplain. The surrounding community of Midland Beach is a developed, mixed-use area situated in a 100-year floodplain bounded approximately by Miller Field on the south, Seaview Avenue on the north, Hylan Boulevard/Husson Street on the west, and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk and Beach on the east.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. As this project is to demolish an existing hazardous structure that threatens the community's health and safety, alternative sites cannot be considered. However, commenters may offer methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will

participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by OMB at the following address on or before May 12, 2021: CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov or City of New York Mayor's Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Julie Freeman, Director of Community Development, 255 Greenwich Street, 8th Floor, New York, New York 10007.

Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). During to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ERR will only be made available to the public for review electronically. Please submit your request to CDBGComments@omb.nyc.gov.

City of New York: Bill de Blasio, Mayor.
 Jacques Jiha, Ph.D., Director, Mayor's Office of Management and Budget

Date: April 27, 2021.