

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-Assisted Projects

24 CFR Part 58

Responsible Entity: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Richard Constable III, Commissioner

Applicant Name: SRP0037818 – Amadeu Miranda; SRP0043170 – Angelica Mora; SRP0043519 – Medhat Awad; SRP0044222 – Charlie Harrison; and SRP0044458 – David Nguyen

Project Location: SRP0037818 – 3424 Winchester Avenue, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, Block 260, Lot 1; SRP0043170 – 2329 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, Block 280, Lot 50; SRP0043519 – 1516 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, Block 151, Lots 8 and 9; SRP0044222 – 49 North Trenton Avenue, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, Block 238, Lot 1; and SRP0044458 – 9 North Chelsea Avenue, Atlantic City, Atlantic County, New Jersey, Block 267, Lot 18

Conditions for Approval [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]: (List all mitigation and project modification measures required by the Responsible Entity to eliminate or minimize adverse environmental impacts. These conditions must be included in project contracts and other relevant documents as required. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.)

General

1. Acquire all required federal, state and local permits prior to commencement of construction and comply with all permit conditions.
2. If the scope of work of a proposed activity changes significantly, the application for funding must be revised and resubmitted for reevaluation under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Historic Preservation

3. The following conditions must be met for the proposed activity site SRP0043519:
 - a. All work must meet the *Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation*.
 - b. Plans must be submitted to the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office for review and approval prior to project implementation.
4. All activities must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act per the implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. Compliance with Section 106 is achieved through the procedures set forth in the Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Officer, the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the Delaware Nation, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohicans, as signed onto by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.
5. In the event that archeological deposits, including any Native American pottery, stone tools, bones, or human remains, are uncovered, the project shall be halted and the applicant shall stop all work immediately in the vicinity of the discovery and take reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to the finds. All archeological findings will be secured and access to the sensitive area restricted. The

applicant will inform FEMA immediately and FEMA will consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and Tribes and work in sensitive areas cannot resume until consultation is completed and appropriate measures have been taken to ensure that the project is in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Coastal Zone Management, Floodplain Management, and Flood Insurance

6. SRP0044222 is located within the mean high water line 150-foot buffer (see LRRP Atlantic County_CoastalZoneManagementActMaps). Although there is intervening development, the proposed activity site is more than three units, and therefore a permit-by-rule (PBR) is required. The following mitigation measure must also be met:
 - a. If the footprint of the structure is relocated on the property, it must be landward or parallel to the mean high water line of the footprint of the legally constructed residential development (existing structure), including accessory development such as sheds, garages, pools, and driveways. Further, the expansion may not result in an increased number of units, shall not result in additional impacts to special areas as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:7E-3 and must also meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:7E-3.25 and 3.26.
7. For each proposed activity site, if the footprint of the building is not increased by more than 300 square feet; the expansion or relocation of the lowest floor of the building is reconstructed or elevated to at least one foot above the flood hazard area design flood elevation; and the building is not expanded or relocated closer to any regulated water, within a floodway, or on a beach, dune or wetland, the project qualifies for FHA PBR N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.2(a)3 and Coastal PBR N.J.A.C. 7:7-7.2(a)8. If the building is to be relocated, it must be located in an area where previous disturbance occurred.
8. All proposed reconstruction, substantial improvements, and elevation activities in the 100-year floodplain must adhere to the most recent elevation requirements in accordance with the Flood Hazard Area Control Act rules (N.J.A.C. 7:13).
9. All structures funded by the LRRP, if in, or partially in, the 100-year floodplain shown on the effective FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, must be covered by flood insurance and the flood insurance must be maintained for the economic life of the structure [24 CFR 58.6(a)(1)].
10. No funding will be provided to any person who previously received federal flood disaster assistance conditioned on obtaining and maintaining flood insurance, but failed to obtain and maintain the insurance [24 CFR 58.6(b)].

Noise

11. During the temporary construction activities, outfit all equipment with operating mufflers.
12. During the temporary construction activities, comply with the applicable local noise ordinance.

Air Quality

Project activities must meet the regulatory requirements of New Jersey's Air Rules and Air Pollution Controls requirements (see LRRP Atlantic County_AirQualityMemo). In addition, the following must be met:

13. Use water or chemical dust suppressant in exposed areas to control dust.
14. Cover the load compartments of trucks hauling dust-generating materials.
15. Wash heavy trucks and construction vehicles before they leave the site.
16. Reduce vehicle speed on non-paved areas and keep paved areas clean.
17. Retrofit older equipment with pollution controls.

18. Establish and follow specified procedures for managing contaminated materials discovered or generated during construction.
19. Employ spill mitigation measures immediately upon a spill of fuel or other hazardous material.
20. Obtain an air pollution control permit to construct and a certificate to operate for all equipment subject to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c). Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Any commercial fuel combustion equipment rated with a maximum heat input of 1,000,000 British Thermal Units per hour or greater to the burning chamber (N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c)1);
 - b. Any stationary storage tank for volatile organic compounds with a capacity of 2,000 gallons and a vapor pressure of 0.02 pounds per square inch or greater (N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c)9);
 - c. Any tank, reservoir, container, or bin with capacity in excess of 2,000 cubic feet used for storage of solid particles (N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c)10); and
 - d. Any stationary reciprocating engine with a maximum rated power output of 37 kW or greater, used for generating electricity, not including emergency generators (N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c)21).(Note: One or two family dwellings and dwellings of six or less family units, one of which is owner occupied, are exempt pursuant to NJSA 26:2C-9.2.)
21. Minimize idling and ensure that all on-road vehicles and non-road construction equipment operated at or visiting the project site comply with the applicable smoke and “3-minute idling” limits (N.J.A.C. 7:27-14.3, 14.4, 15.3 and 15.8).
22. Ensure that all diesel on-road vehicles and non-road construction equipment used on or visiting the project site use ultra-low sulfur fuel (<15 ppm sulfur) in accordance with the federal Non-road Diesel Rule (40 CFR Parts 9, 69, 80, 86, 89, 94, 1039, 1051, 1065, 1068).
23. Operate, if possible, newer on-road diesel vehicles and non-road construction equipment equipped with tier 4 engines, or equipment equipped with an exhaust retrofit device.

Erosion and Drainage/Storm Water Runoff

24. Implement and maintain erosion and sedimentation control measures sufficient to prevent deposition of sediment and eroded soil.
25. Minimize soil compaction by minimizing project activities in vegetated areas, including lawns.

Transportation and Accessibility

26. Implement and maintain appropriate traffic control and access maintenance measures.

Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Disposal/Recycling

27. For SRP0044222, the property has been issued a “Conditional Clearance” by NJDEP. In order to maintain this “Conditional Clearance”, the following NJDEP documents must be reviewed prior to construction, and complied with during construction, to ensure potential hazardous conditions at the property are understood and mitigated (see LRRP Atlantic County_ToxicsConditionalClearance_SRP0044222):
 - a. Conditional Clearance Email
 - b. HUD Toxics Clearance Spreadsheet
 - c. Conditional Clearance Memo (aka. NJDEP VI Mitigation Techniques Guidance)
 - d. Free Product / Contaminant Discovery Guidance
28. All activities must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding asbestos, including but not limited to the following:

- a. National Emission Standard for Asbestos, standard for demolition and renovation, 40 CFR 61.145
 - b. National Emission Standard for Asbestos, standard for waste disposal for manufacturing, fabricating, demolition, and spraying operations, 40 CFR 61.150
 - c. NJAC 7:26-2.12—Generator requirements for disposal of asbestos containing waste materials
 - d. New Jersey Asbestos Control and Licensing Act, N.J.S.A. 34:5A-32 et seq.
29. Applicant must comply with all laws and regulations concerning the proper handling, removal and disposal of hazardous materials (e.g. asbestos, lead-based paint) or household waste (e.g. construction and demolition debris, pesticides/herbicides, white goods).
30. All activities must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding lead-based paint, including but not limited to HUD’s lead-based paint regulations in 24 CFR Part 35 Subparts B, H, and J.
31. All residential structures must be free of mold attributable to Superstorm Sandy.
32. Comply with all laws, regulations, and industry standards applicable to aboveground and underground storage tanks, including the New Jersey underground storage tank regulations at NJAC 7:14B.
33. Storage tanks below the base flood elevation must be watertight and must be anchored to resist floatation and lateral movement during a storm surge or other flood.
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FINDING:

Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.27]

(The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.)

Finding of Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2); 40 CFR 1508.27]

(The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.)

CERTIFICATIONS:

<u>Krista R. Goodin, AICP, CDM Smith</u>	<u><i>Krista R Goodin</i></u>	<u>January 26, 2015</u>
Preparer Name and Agency	Preparer Signature	Preparer Completion Date
<u>Richard Constable, III</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>_____</u>
RE Certifying Officer Name	RE Certifying Officer Signature	RE CO Signature Date

Funding Information:

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
B-13-DS-34-0001	Landlord Rental Repair Program	\$2,150,000

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:

The proposed project will be funded with a maximum total of up to \$2,150,000 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Landlord Rental Repair Program (LRRP) grant funds for 43 total units at five properties. The maximum LRRP funding is \$50,000 per damaged unit.

Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: (HUD and non-HUD funds)

The proposed project will be funded with a maximum total of up to \$2,150,000 in HUD CDBG-DR LRRP grant funds for 43 total units at five properties. Each applicant is responsible for any additional private monies (non-HUD funds) as necessary to complete each project. The maximum LRRP funds that each property is eligible for is listed in the table below.

Applicant ID	Address	City	# of Units	Maximum LRRP Funds
SRP0037818	3424 Winchester Avenue	Atlantic City	6	\$300,000
SRP0043170	2329 Atlantic Avenue	Atlantic City	9	\$450,000
SRP0043519	1516 Atlantic Avenue	Atlantic City	17	\$850,000
SRP0044222	49 North Trenton Avenue	Atlantic City	5	\$250,000
SRP0044458	9 North Chelsea Avenue	Atlantic City	6	\$300,000

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

The State of New Jersey was included in the HUD CDBG-DR program pursuant to the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013). On October 29, 2012, Superstorm Sandy made landfall over the New Jersey coast. The storm surge inundated and severely affected the State’s shoreline from Cape May to Raritan Bay, along the Hudson River, and on the estuaries connecting to Raritan Bay and Newark Bay. Other overland flooding, wind damage and an ensuing snowstorm further damaged these communities as well as other communities throughout New Jersey.

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs’ (NJDECA) proposed LRRP will restore or create multi-family rental housing developments of up to 25 units per property location. Often, this rental type is provided by a homeowner that has an extra unit that contributes rental income to the owner, or by landlords with fewer than 25 properties. The rental repair program will provide grants to existing and new owners of rental properties with 1 to 25 units requiring significant rehabilitation. The purpose of the proposed project is to assist rental property owners in Atlantic County rebuild their damaged properties. The proposed project will meet an urgent need to provide safe, decent and affordable rental housing.

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32, 40 CFR 1508.25]: (Include all contemplated actions that are logically either geographically or functionally a composite part of the project, regardless of the source of funding. As appropriate, attach maps, site plans, renderings, photographs, budgets, and other descriptive information.)

Project type: Reconstruction of multi-family rental properties with more than four units.

Project description: The proposed project would reconstruct five multi-family rental properties in Atlantic County, New Jersey. Reconstruction would include demolishing the existing buildings on the properties and constructing new buildings consisting of the same number of units. The properties are identified as the lots encompassing the following addresses: SRP0037818 – 3424 Winchester Avenue, Atlantic City; SRP0043170 – 2329 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City; SRP0043519 – 1516 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City; SRP0044222 – 49 North Trenton Avenue, Atlantic City; and SRP0044458 – 9 North Chelsea Avenue, Atlantic City. The details of each property are described below.

1. SRP0037818: The lot for this application contains a 4-story residential structure with a total of six units. The lot is 0.07 acres and the structure was built in 1935.
2. SRP0043170: The lot for this application contains a 3-story mixed-use structure with a total of nine units. Residential units are on the upper floors and one commercial unit is on the ground floor. The lot is 0.07 acres and the structure was built in 1930.
3. SRP0043519: The lots for this application contain a 5-story mixed-use structure with a total of 17 units. Residential units are on the upper floors and one commercial unit is on the ground floor. The lots are 0.15 acres and the structure was built circa 1900-1924.
4. SRP0044222: The lot for this application contains a 3-story residential structure with a total of 5 units. The lot is 0.08 acres and the structure was built in 1920.
5. SRP0044458: The lot for this application contains a 4-story residential structure with a total of 6 units. The lot is 0.1 acres and the structure was built in 1905.

The tax cards for the proposed activity sites are provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_TaxCards. The tax card search for SRP0043170 (2329 Atlantic Avenue) results in a tax card that lists a different address (2327 Atlantic Avenue). The tax card lists the same Block/Lot as SRP0043170 (Block 280, Lot 50) and a florist business. During the site inspection, the address posted on the building is 2327 Atlantic Avenue and the commercial unit on the ground floor is a florist. Also, the online NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1 viewer results in the same property during a search for the PAMS_PIN 0102_28_50.

The tax card search for SRP0043519 (1516 Atlantic Avenue, Block 151, Lot 8) results in a tax card with no address, zero square footage for a building and no description of a building. The online NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1 viewer shows this Block/Lot as a parcel sliver with no address associated with it. In a search in the online viewer, Block 151 and Lot 9 results in the subject property with an address of 1512 Atlantic Avenue. During the site inspection, the posted address on the subject property is 1516 Atlantic Avenue. Therefore, both tax cards for Block 151 and Lots 8 and 9 were included.

The general location map shows the general distribution of the proposed activity sites that are part of this environmental review and the site location maps show a more zoomed-in view of the proposed activity sites and their surrounding area (see LRRP Atlantic County_GeneralLocationMap and LRRP Atlantic

County_SiteLocationMaps).

Reconstruction is to assist owners of properties that were so severely damaged as a result of the storm that repair is not feasible or would not be cost effective. When applicable, the completed reconstructed structures will be built to the 2009 Residential International Code and will meet the energy efficiency guidelines of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)'s Energy STAR program.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]: (Describe the existing conditions of the project area and its surroundings, and the trends likely to continue in the absence of the project.)

The proposed activity sites are located in Atlantic City in Atlantic County on a long, narrow barrier island that separates the mainland from the Atlantic Ocean. The project areas are in mixed-use areas, with residential and commercial properties. The proposed activity sites are developed multi-family rental properties and vegetation is limited to minimal grass, scattered trees, and conventional landscaping. The rental properties that are part of this environmental review were damaged as a result of Superstorm Sandy in October 2012. The project areas are currently undergoing extensive efforts to recover from the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy. In the absence of the proposed project, the multi-family rental properties will remain damaged and will remain at risk for future flooding and damage.

PART I: STATUTORY CHECKLIST [24 CFR 50.4, 24 CFR 58.5]

DIRECTIONS – For each authority, check either Box “A” or “B” under “Status.”

“A box” The project is in compliance, either because: (1) the nature of the project does not implicate the authority under consideration, or (2) supporting information documents that project compliance has been achieved. In either case, information must be provided as to WHY the authority is not implicated, or HOW compliance is met; OR

“B box” The project requires an additional compliance step or action, including, but not limited to, consultation with or approval from an oversight agency, performance of a study or analysis, completion of remediation or mitigation measure, or obtaining of license or permit.

IMPORTANT: Compliance documentation consists of verifiable source documents and/or relevant base data. Appropriate documentation must be provided for each law or authority. Documents may be incorporated by reference into the ERR provided that each source document is identified and available for inspection by interested parties. Proprietary material and studies that are not otherwise generally available for public review shall be included in the ERR. Refer to HUD guidance for more information.

Statute, Authority, Executive Order, Regulation, or Policy cited at 24 CFR §50.4 & §58.5	STATUS		Compliance Documentation
	A	B	
<p>1. Air Quality [Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly sections 176(c) & (d), and 40 CFR 6, 51, 93]</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The proposed project is in compliance. The proposed project is located in Atlantic County, which is listed as being in nonattainment or maintenance for three National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) by the USEPA. Atlantic County is listed as being in moderate nonattainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard and in marginal nonattainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone standard. Atlantic City in Atlantic County is listed as being in maintenance of the carbon monoxide standard. The proposed activity sites are located within Atlantic City. NAAQS maps are provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_AirQualityMaps.</p> <p>In a memorandum dated January 23, 2014 from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Division of Air Quality, residential and commercial construction activities associated with CDBG-DR efforts are well below de minimus thresholds and are presumed to conform to the State Implementation Plan. The memorandum further states that compliance with the regulatory requirements of New Jersey’s Air Rules and the State’s Air Pollution Control requirements continue to remain in effect (see LRRP Atlantic County_AirQualityMemo).</p> <p>Sources: USEPA, Green Book, National Area and County-Level Multi-Pollutant Information, http://www.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/multipol.html; NJDEP, Bureau of Air Quality Planning, Attainment Areas Status, http://www.state.nj.us/dep/baqp/aas.html</p>

<p>2. Airport Hazards (Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones) [24 CFR 51D]</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>The proposed project is in compliance. The proposed project area, at its closest, is approximately eight miles from Atlantic City International Airport and approximately 91 miles from Newark Liberty International Airport. Lakehurst Naval Air Station is the only military airport of concern in New Jersey. The proposed project area, at its closest, is approximately 44 miles from this military airport. See LRRP Atlantic County_AirportHazardsMap.</p> <p>Sources: NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1; aerial imagery accessed in Google™ Earth Pro</p>
<p>3. Coastal Zone Management [Coastal Zone Management Act sections 307(c) & (d)]</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The proposed project is in compliance. All proposed activity sites are located within the Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA) zone (see LRRP Atlantic County_CoastalZoneManagementActMaps). In an email dated March 28, 2014 from Diane Dow of NJDEP, consultation with the NJDEP Department of Land Use Regulation (DLUR) for a jurisdictional determination is not required for LRRP projects. The email further states to condition the environmental review on the applicant meeting the requirements of permit-by-rule (PBR) N.J.A.C. 7:7-7.2(a)8 (see LRRP Atlantic County_DLURConsultationsGuidanceEmail).</p> <p>SRP0044222 is located within the mean high water line 150-foot buffer. Although there is intervening development, the proposed activity site is more than three units, and therefore a PBR is required. The following mitigation measure must also be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the footprint of the structure is relocated on the property, it must be landward or parallel to the mean high water line of the footprint of the legally constructed residential development (existing structure), including accessory development such as sheds, garages, pools, and driveways. Further, the expansion may not result in an increased number of units, shall not result in additional impacts to special areas as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:7E-3 and must also meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:7E-3.25 and 3.26. <p>Since all proposed activity sites are within the floodplain (see the Floodplain Management section), the proposed project is conditioned on the following: If the footprint of the building is not increased by more than 300 square feet; the expansion or relocation of the lowest floor of the building is reconstructed or elevated to at least one foot above the flood hazard area design flood elevation; and the building is not expanded or relocated closer to any regulated water, within a floodway, or on a beach, dune or wetland, the project qualifies for FHA PBR N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.2(a)3 and Coastal PBR N.J.A.C. 7:7-7.2(a)8. If the building is to be relocated, it must be located in an area where previous disturbance occurred.</p> <p>Source: NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1</p>
<p>4. Contamination and Toxic Substances [24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The proposed project is in compliance. The proposed activity sites may be within the 3,000-foot radius of a hazardous waste cleanup site, landfill, solid waste cleanup site or hazardous waste facility that handles hazardous materials or toxics substances, however, all sites that were determined by NJDEP to be “non-threatening” to the</p>

		<p>potential HUD project are not depicted as a hazardous site of concern on the NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1. Only sites determined to be “threatening” by the NJDEP are depicted on the tool.</p> <p>SRP0043519 is not within the 3,000-foot radius of a “threatening” site. SRP0037818, SRP0043170, SRP0044222, and SRP0044458 are within the 3,000-foot radius of a “threatening” site (see LRRP Atlantic County_ToxicHazardousandRadioactiveSubstancesMap). The “threatening” site for SRP0037818 is Parkway Auto Service Inc. (Site ID 23031). The “threatening” sites for SRP0043170 are 243 Texas Avenue (Site ID 64097) and 241 North Nevada Avenue (Site ID 221742). The “threatening” site for SRP0044222 is Parkway Auto Service Inc. (Site ID 23031). The “threatening” sites for SRP0044458 are Parkway Auto Service Inc. (Site ID 23031), 243 Texas Avenue (Site ID 64097) and 241 North Nevada Avenue (Site ID 221742).</p> <p>An email and spreadsheet provided by William Lindner of NJDEP on November 13, 2014, indicate that NJDEP has found the Parkway Auto Service Inc., 243 Texas Avenue, and 241 North Nevada Avenue sites to be in substantial compliance with NJDEP regulations, and that NJDEP therefore considers them under control and not a threat to the proposed activity sites of SRP0037818, SRP0043170 and SRP0044458 (see LRRP Atlantic County_ToxicsResponse).</p> <p>NJDEP issued a conditional clearance for SRP0044222. SRP0044222 may be impacted by groundwater contamination associated with Parkway Auto Service Inc., which may lead to vapor intrusion impacts to any structure on the proposed activity site. In order to maintain this “Conditional Clearance”, the following NJDEP documents must be reviewed prior to construction, and complied with during construction, to ensure potential hazardous conditions at the proposed activity site are understood and mitigated (see LRRP Atlantic County_ToxicsConditionalClearance_SRP0044222):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditional Clearance Email • HUD Toxics Clearance Spreadsheet • Conditional Clearance Memo (aka. NJDEP VI Mitigation Techniques Guidance) • Free Product / Contaminant Discovery Guidance <p>The proposed activity sites are not listed on a State or Federal hazardous waste sites database.</p> <p>Site reconnaissance, conducted by Sadat Associates on November 6, 2014, revealed no visible recognized environmental conditions (RECs) on or in the vicinity of the proposed activity sites. A photo log for each proposed activity site is provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_SiteInspectionPhotologs.</p> <p>Asbestos is of concern if a structure was constructed prior to 1980 and lead-based paint is of concern if a structure was constructed prior to 1978. Based on the age of construction, the structures on all sites may contain asbestos and lead-based paint (see LRRP Atlantic</p>
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<p>5. Endangered Species [Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR 402]</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The proposed project is in compliance. None of the proposed activity sites intersect with the red knot, piping plover, or bats threatened and endangered species layers (see LRRP Atlantic County_ThreatenedandEndangeredSpeciesMaps). SRP0043170 and SRP0043519 border the bats threatened and endangered species layer, but the bats threatened and endangered species layer is confined to the roadway width in these areas. SRP0037818, SRP0044222 and SRP0044458 display a “Yes” in their centroid attributes table for State Listed Endangered Species (see LRRP Atlantic County_ThreatenedandEndangeredSpeciesMaps).</p> <p>A request for a threatened and endangered species review was submitted to NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife Endangered and Nongame Species (ENSP). In an email response dated November 13, 2014, the ENSP concluded that the proposed activity sites (SRP0037818, SRP0044222 and SRP0044458) will not conflict with threatened or endangered species (see LRRP Atlantic County_ENSPResponse).</p> <p>A request for a Natural Heritage Program (NHP) database review was submitted to the NJDEP Office of Natural Lands Management. In a letter dated November 18, 2014, the NHP provided tables showing the data request search results. No rare plant species, ecological communities, rare wildlife species, or wildlife habitat were found to be present on any of the proposed activity sites. In the immediate vicinity (within ¼ mile), species based patches were found – specifically several bird species. The proposed project would not affect any of the identified offsite species because project impacts would be confined to the proposed activity sites. A copy of the letter is provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_NHPResponse.</p> <p>The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information, Planning, and Conservation System (IPaC) was consulted to obtain a preliminary USFWS species list for the proposed activity sites. Three species were listed: piping plover, red knot, and seabeach amaranth (see LRRP Atlantic County_USFWS_IPaC). There were also USFWS-listed migratory birds listed within the vicinity of the proposed activity sites. The proposed activity sites are developed multi-family properties and therefore, the proposed project is not anticipated to impact the three listed species or migratory birds. In addition, the NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1 did not show the piping plover or red</p>

		<p>knot near any of the proposed activity sites and the centroid attribute table for the proposed activity sites did not indicate the presence of any federal threatened and endangered species.</p> <p>Sources: NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1; USFWS, Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPaC) System, http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/</p>																														
<p>6. Environmental Justice [Executive Order 12898]</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The proposed project is in compliance. Below is a summary table of the percent minority and the percent poverty at and in the vicinity of each proposed activity site (see LRRP Atlantic County_EnvironmentalJusticeMaps):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="773 596 1528 831"> <thead> <tr> <th>Site</th> <th>% Minority (at site)</th> <th>% Minority (vicinity)</th> <th>% Poverty (at site)</th> <th>% Poverty (vicinity)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>SRP0037818</td> <td>40-100</td> <td>Varies</td> <td>20-30</td> <td>20-30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SRP0043170</td> <td>40-100</td> <td>Varies</td> <td>40-100</td> <td>40-100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SRP0043519</td> <td>40-100</td> <td>Varies</td> <td>40-100</td> <td>40-100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SRP0044222</td> <td>40-100</td> <td>Varies</td> <td>20-30</td> <td>20-30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SRP0044458</td> <td>40-100</td> <td>Varies</td> <td>30-40</td> <td>Varies</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>NJDEP issued a conditional clearance for SRP0044222 regarding contamination and toxic substances. SRP0044222 may be impacted by groundwater contamination associated with Parkway Auto Service Inc., which may lead to vapor intrusion impacts to any structure on the proposed activity site. In order to maintain this “Conditional Clearance”, the following NJDEP documents must be reviewed prior to construction, and complied with during construction, to ensure potential hazardous conditions at the proposed activity site are understood and mitigated (see LRRP Atlantic County_ToxicsConditionalClearance_SRP0044222):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditional Clearance Email • HUD Toxics Clearance Spreadsheet • Conditional Clearance Memo (aka. NJDEP VI Mitigation Techniques Guidance) • Free Product / Contaminant Discovery Guidance <p>The reconstruction efforts for SRP0044222 will not have an adverse impact to minority and low-income residents.</p> <p>As indicated by the other sections of this environmental assessment, the proposed project would have no significant adverse environmental impacts. The proposed project would therefore have no significant disproportionate adverse environmental impact on minority and low-income residents of the proposed project areas (see LRRP Atlantic County_EnvironmentalJusticeChecklist).</p> <p>Source: USEPA, EJView, http://epamap14.epa.gov/ejmap/entry.html</p>	Site	% Minority (at site)	% Minority (vicinity)	% Poverty (at site)	% Poverty (vicinity)	SRP0037818	40-100	Varies	20-30	20-30	SRP0043170	40-100	Varies	40-100	40-100	SRP0043519	40-100	Varies	40-100	40-100	SRP0044222	40-100	Varies	20-30	20-30	SRP0044458	40-100	Varies	30-40	Varies
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<p>7. Explosive and Flammable Operations [24 CFR 51C]</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The proposed project is in compliance. Per HUD guidance, in cases where disaster funds will be used to elevate, rehabilitate or reconstruct housing on a site where housing previously existed before the disaster, 24 CFR Part 51, Subpart C does not apply if the</p>																														

		<p>number of dwelling units on the site is not increased. The proposed project would not increase the number of dwelling units on any of the proposed activity sites.</p>
<p>8. Farmland Protection [Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly section 1504(b) & 1541; 7 CFR 658]</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The proposed project is in compliance. None of the proposed activity sites are on soils classified as prime farmland, farmland of statewide importance, or farmland of unique importance (see LRRP Atlantic County_FarmlandProtectionMap). The proposed activity sites are developed multi-family properties located in an urban area and are zoned for urban development. Therefore, there would be no effect on farmland.</p> <p>Source: NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1</p>
<p>9. Floodplain Management [24 CFR 55; Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a)]</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The proposed project is in compliance. All proposed activity sites are within the 100-year floodplain (A zone), as shown on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) (see LRRP Atlantic County_FloodplainManagementMap).</p> <p>The first six steps of the 8-step floodplain decision making process in 24 CFR 55.20 have been completed for the proposed project. No comments were received to the public notice published as part of Step 2 of the process. It was concluded that there is no practicable alternative to implementing the proposed project in the 100-year floodplain. Step 7 is the publication of a final floodplain notice, which will be combined with the Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds. The final public notice will be published in accordance with 24 CFR Part 55 for a minimum 7-day comment period. The notice shall state the reasons why the proposed project must be located in the floodplain, provide a list of alternatives considered, and all mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and preserve natural and beneficial floodplain values. All comments received during the comment period will be responded to and fully addressed prior to funds being committed to the proposed project, in compliance with Executive Order 11988 and 24 CFR Part 55. Step 8 is the implementation of the proposed project. Implementation of the proposed project may require additional local and state permits, which could place additional design modifications or mitigation requirements on the proposed project. A summary of the 8-step process is provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_8StepAnalysis.</p> <p>In an email dated March 24, 2014 from Diane Dow of NJDEP, a jurisdictional determination is not needed from the NJDEP DLUR if the proposed project clearly meets a PBR under the Flood Hazard Area Control Act (see LRRP Atlantic County_DLURConsultationsGuidanceEmail). Since the proposed project is also within a coastal zone (see the Coastal Zone Management section), the proposed project is conditioned on the following: If the footprint of the building is not increased by more than 300 square feet; the expansion or relocation of the lowest floor of the building is reconstructed or elevated to at least one foot above the flood hazard area design flood elevation; and the building is not</p>

		<p>expanded or relocated closer to any regulated water, within a floodway, or on a beach, dune or wetland, the project qualifies for FHA PBR N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.2(a)3 and Coastal PBR N.J.A.C. 7:7-7.2(a)8. If the building is to be relocated, it must be located in an area where previous disturbance occurred.</p> <p>Source: NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1</p>
<p>10. Historic Preservation [National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 & 110; 36 CFR 800]</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The proposed project is in compliance. Each proposed activity site and its Section 106 compliance is described below.</p> <p><u>SRP0037818</u> The proposed activity site is not in an historic property exemption zone (see LRRP Atlantic County_HistoricPreservationExemptionZoneMap). A Form 1 was completed by Robert W. Ball, RPA, a Secretary of Interior (SOI) qualified architect, and J. Howard Beverly, Jr., RPA, GISP, a SOI-qualified archaeologist, for the proposed activity site and submitted to the NJDEP Historic Preservation Office (HPO) requesting concurrence with a no historic properties affected finding. In a response received December 5, 2014, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with a no historic properties affected finding for the proposed activity site. A copy of the response is provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_SHPOResponses.</p> <p><u>SRP0043170</u> The proposed activity site is located within an historic property exemption zone (see LRRP Atlantic County_HistoricPreservationExemptionZoneMap), is located on a barrier island and is not located within an archaeological site grid with a known archaeological site. Therefore, the proposed activity site meets the Tier II programmatic allowance I. In an email dated November 12, 2014, J. Howard Beverly, Jr., RPA, GISP, a SOI-qualified archaeologist, confirmed the application of this programmatic allowance (see LRRP Atlantic County_SOI-QualifiedArchaeologistDetermination).</p> <p><u>SRP0043519</u> The proposed activity site is not in an historic property exemption zone (see LRRP Atlantic County_HistoricPreservationExemptionZoneMap). A Form 1 was completed by Robert W. Ball, RPA, a SOI-qualified architect, and J. Howard Beverly, Jr., RPA, GISP, a SOI-qualified archaeologist, for the proposed activity site and submitted to the NJDEP HPO requesting concurrence with a no historic properties affected finding. In a letter received December 15, 2014, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer provided consultation comments requesting a scope of work for the proposed activity site. Further research was conducted by the NJDEP HPO for the proposed activity site, and in a letter received January 15, 2015, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer determined that the proposed work for the site will not have an adverse effect provided that the following conditions are met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All work must meet the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

		<p>2. Plans must be submitted to the HPO for review and approval prior to project implementation. Copies of the responses are provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_SHPOResponses.</p> <p><u>SRP0044222</u> The proposed activity site is not in an historic property exemption zone (see LRRP Atlantic County_HistoricPreservationExemptionZoneMap). A Form 1 was completed by Robert W. Ball, RPA, a SOI-qualified architect, and J. Howard Beverly, Jr., RPA, GISP, a SOI-qualified archaeologist, for the proposed activity site and submitted to the NJDEP HPO requesting concurrence with a no historic properties affected finding. In a response received December 5, 2014, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer concurred with a no historic properties affected finding for the proposed activity site. A copy of the response is provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_SHPOResponses.</p> <p><u>SRP0044458</u> The proposed activity site is not in an historic property exemption zone (see LRRP Atlantic County_HistoricPreservationExemptionZoneMaps). A Form 1 was completed by Robert W. Ball, RPA, a SOI-qualified architect, and J. Howard Beverly, Jr., RPA, GISP, a SOI-qualified archaeologist, for the proposed activity site and submitted to the NJDEP HPO requesting concurrence with a no historic properties affected finding. In a letter received December 9, 2014, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer provided consultation comments requesting a scope of work for the proposed activity site. Further research was conducted by NJDEP HPO for the proposed activity site, and in a letter received January 7, 2015, the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer made a no historic properties affected finding for the proposed activity site. Copies of the responses are provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_SHPOResponses.</p> <p>Source: NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1</p>
<p>11. Noise Abatement and Control [Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR 51B]</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The proposed project is in compliance. Per HUD guidance, noise is not applicable for projects under the LRRP disaster recovery program that meet the requirements of 24 CFR 51.101(a)(3). The proposed project would not increase residential density and has the effect of restoring the multi-family properties as they existed prior to the disaster.</p> <p>Construction noise will be a temporary impact that will be controlled by best management practices (BMPs). Construction noise will be within applicable city, state and federal codes. Thus, construction noise is not expected to have an impact to the project or surrounding areas.</p>
<p>12. Sole Source Aquifers [Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR 149]</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>The proposed project is in compliance. The proposed activity sites are within the Coastal Plain sole source aquifer (see LRRP Atlantic County_SoleSourceAquiferMap). The proposed activity sites are serviced by existing public water through the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority and serviced by existing public sewer through the Atlantic City Public Works Department.</p>

		<p>According to a letter dated August 13, 1996 from the USEPA Region III, proposed projects that do not have the potential to create a significant hazard to public health by adversely impacting groundwater are considered exempt from a sole source aquifer review. The proposed project would reconstruct multi-family properties in a developed urban area. The proposed project would not adversely impact groundwater. A copy of the letter is provided as attachment LRRP Atlantic County_EPASoleSourceAquiferLetter.</p> <p>Sources: NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1; Atlantic City Public Works Department, http://www.cityofatlanticcity.org/deptdetails.aspx?dta=pw; Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority, http://www.acmua.org/</p>
<p>13. Wetland Protection [24 CFR 55, Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 & 5]</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The proposed project is in compliance. Mapped wetlands are not shown on or in the vicinity of any of the proposed activity sites (see LRRP Atlantic County_WetlandProtectionMaps). Site reconnaissance, conducted by Sadat Associates on November 6, 2014, revealed no evidence of unmapped wetlands on or in the vicinity of any of the proposed activity sites.</p> <p>Source: NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1</p>
<p>14. Wild and Scenic Rivers [Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) & (c); 36 CFR 297]</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <p>The proposed project is in compliance. The proposed activity sites are not located within ¼-mile of the stream bank of a designated wild and scenic river or within a one-mile radius of a designated wild and scenic river. The proposed project area, at its closest, is approximately 10 miles from the designated segment of the Great Egg Harbor River, approximately 68 miles from the designated segment of the Lower Delaware River, approximately 97 miles from the designated segment of the Musconetcong River, and approximately 120 miles from the designated segment of the Middle Delaware River (see LRRP Atlantic County_WildandScenicRiversMap).</p> <p>Sources: NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool 2.1; National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, Explore Designated Rivers, New Jersey http://www.rivers.gov/new-jersey.php</p>

PART II: ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

[24 CFR 58.40; 40 CFR 1508.8 & 1508.27]

For each impact category, evaluate the significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features, and resources of the project area. Enter relevant base data and credible, verifiable source documentation to support the finding. Note names, dates of contact, telephone numbers, and page references. Attach additional material as appropriate. **All conditions, attenuation, or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.**

Impact Codes:

- (1) no impact anticipated
- (2) potentially beneficial
- (3) potentially adverse- requires documentation
- (4) requires mitigation
- (5) significant/potentially significant adverse impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Impact Categories	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation, Source Documentation and Mitigation or Modification Required
Land Development		
Conformance with Comprehensive and Neighborhood Plans	1	The City of Atlantic City operates under an adopted master plan. The proposed project is consistent with the plan.
Land Use Compatibility and Conformance with Zoning	1	The reconstructed multi-family rental properties would be compatible with the existing surrounding urban development. Reconstructing damaged properties as they existed prior to Superstorm Sandy would conform to existing zoning.
Urban Design- Visual Quality and Scale	2	The proposed project would restore damaged multi-family rental properties as they existed prior to Superstorm Sandy. The proposed project would improve visual quality by reconstructing damaged properties.
Slope	1	The proposed project areas do not contain steep slopes and the proposed project would not create steep slopes. The stability of the proposed activity sites would not be a concern for the proposed project.
Erosion	4	The proposed project has the potential to cause erosion. BMPs must be implemented to minimize erosion and sedimentation (see Conditions for Approval and Required Mitigation and Project Modification Measures).
Soil Suitability	1	The proposed activity sites are developed multi-family properties located in an urban area. The soil has supported urban development in the past and therefore soil suitability is not a concern for the proposed project.
Hazards and Nuisances, Including Site Safety	1	The proposed project areas contain no unusual hazards, nuisances or safety concerns.

Drainage/Storm Water Runoff	4	The proposed project would create the potential for stormwater runoff to cause erosion and sedimentation. BMPs would be required to minimize erosion and sedimentation (see Conditions for Approval and Required Mitigation and Project Modification Measures).
Noise-Effects of Ambient Noise on Project & Contribution to Community Noise Levels	4	There would be temporary, unavoidable increases in noise levels at nearby residences during the reconstruction of structures. Noise impacts would be mitigated to the greatest extent feasible (see Conditions for Approval and Required Mitigation and Project Modification Measures). The completed project would generate minimal, typical residential noise. The noise in the proposed project areas would be consistent with what existed prior to Superstorm Sandy.
Energy Consumption	1	The proposed project would not consume a significant amount of energy, except for a typical amount during the construction phase. The proposed project would restore multi-family rental properties as they existed prior to Superstorm Sandy.
Socioeconomic Factors		
Demographic Character Changes	1	The proposed project would have no effect on the demographic character of the proposed project areas. The proposed project would restore multi-family rental properties as they existed prior to Superstorm Sandy.
Displacement	1	The proposed project would not displace any residents or businesses. The proposed project would restore multi-family rental properties as they existed prior to Superstorm Sandy.
Employment and Income Patterns	1	The proposed project would have no effect on employment and income patterns in the proposed project areas. The proposed project would restore multi-family rental properties as they existed prior to Superstorm Sandy.
Community Facilities and Services		
Educational Facilities	1	<p>The proposed project would not affect the demand for educational facilities or interfere with delivery of educational services. The nearest educational facility to each proposed activity site is listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRP0037818: Sovereign Avenue School at 111 North Sovereign Avenue, Atlantic City, 0.12 miles northeast [Kindergarten through 8th grade] • SRP0043170: Texas Avenue School at 2523 Arctic Avenue, Atlantic City, 0.19 miles northwest [Kindergarten through 8th grade] • SRP0043519: Atlantic City High School East Campus at 117 North Indiana Avenue, Atlantic City, 0.22 miles northwest [7th to 12th grade] • SRP0044222: Richmond Avenue School at 4115 Ventnor Avenue, Atlantic City, 0.25 miles southwest [Kindergarten through 8th grade] • SRP0044458: Brighton Avenue School at 30 North Brighton Avenue Atlantic City, 0.07 miles northeast [Kindergarten through 5th grade] <p>Source: Aerial imagery accessed in Google™ Earth Pro</p>

Commercial Facilities	1	<p>The proposed project would not affect the demand for commercial facilities or interfere with operation of commercial facilities. The proposed activity sites are located within mixed-use areas and are inclusive of, adjacent to or within the vicinity of restaurants, retail, and light commercial facilities.</p> <p>Source: Aerial imagery accessed in Google™ Earth Pro</p>
Health Care	1	<p>The proposed project would not affect the demand for health care or interfere with delivery of health care. The nearest hospital to the proposed activity sites is AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center located at 1925 Pacific Avenue, Atlantic City. It is located within 1.2 miles of the proposed activity sites.</p> <p>Source: Aerial imagery accessed in Google™ Earth Pro</p>
Social Services	1	<p>The proposed project would not affect the demand for social services or interfere with delivery of social services. Local social services located within 1.7 miles of the proposed activity sites are provided through the City Hall of Atlantic City located at 1301 Bacharach Boulevard, Atlantic City.</p> <p>Sources: Google™ Maps; City of Atlantic City, http://www.cityofatlanticcity.org/index.aspx</p>
Solid Waste Disposal/Recycling	1	<p>The proposed project would generate construction and demolition debris, but would not increase long-term generation of solid waste. Asbestos is of concern if a structure was constructed prior to 1980 and lead-based paint is of concern if a structure was constructed prior to 1978. Based on the age of construction, the structures on all sites may contain asbestos and lead-based paint (see LRRP Atlantic County_Tax Cards and LRRP Atlantic County_SHPOResponses). These hazardous materials, as well as construction and demolition debris, must be handled and disposed of in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations (see Conditions for Approval and Required Mitigation and Project Modification Measures).</p> <p>The proposed activity sites are currently provided solid waste disposal/recycling services through the Atlantic County Utilities Authority.</p> <p>Source: Atlantic County Utilities Authority, http://www.acua.com/</p>
Waste Water/Sanitary Sewers	1	<p>The proposed project would not affect the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal system. The proposed activity sites are serviced by existing public sewer through the Atlantic City Public Works Department.</p> <p>Source: Atlantic City Public Works Department, http://www.cityofatlanticcity.org/deptdetails.aspx?dta=pw</p>

<p>Water Supply</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>The proposed project would not consume an unusual quantity of water and would not affect the water supply system. The proposed activity sites are serviced by existing public water through the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority.</p> <p>Source: Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority, http://www.acmua.org/</p>
<p>Public Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police • Fire • Emergency Medical 	<p>1</p>	<p>The proposed project would not affect the demand for public safety services such as police, fire, and emergency medical or interfere with delivery of these services. The proposed activity sites are in Atlantic City, which is served by the Atlantic City Police Department, Atlantic City Fire Department, and Office of Emergency Management and Emergency Services, all located at 2715 Atlantic Avenue. The public safety services located nearest to each proposed activity site are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRP0037818 – Atlantic City Police and Fire Departments are 0.22 miles northeast, Atlantic City Fire Station No. 6 is 0.22 miles southwest, Atlantic County Sheriff is 1.7 miles northeast • SRP0043170 – Atlantic City Police and Fire Departments are 0.14 miles southwest, Atlantic City Fire Station No. 2 is 0.24 miles northeast, Atlantic County Sheriff is 0.43 miles northeast • SRP0043519 – Atlantic City Police and Fire Departments are 0.23 miles southeast, Atlantic City Fire Station No. 2 is 0.07 miles northwest, Atlantic County Sheriff is 0.06 miles northeast • SRP0044222: Atlantic City Police and Fire Departments are 0.31 miles northeast, Atlantic City Fire Station No. 6 is 0.13 miles southwest, Atlantic County Sheriff is 1.83 miles northeast • SRP0044458: Atlantic City Police and Fire Departments are 0.21 miles northeast, Atlantic City Fire Station No. 6 is 0.68 miles southwest, Atlantic County Sheriff is 1.39 miles northeast <p>Sources: Google™ Maps; City of Atlantic City, http://www.cityofatlanticcity.org/index.aspx</p>
<p>Parks, Open Space & Recreation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Space • Recreation 	<p>1</p>	<p>The proposed activity sites are located near the beach that runs along the Atlantic Ocean coastline for the length of Atlantic County. The beach, area bays, Atlantic City boardwalk and the Atlantic Ocean provide many recreational opportunities. The nearest park to each proposed activity site is listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRP0037818: O’Donnell Memorial Park, 0.2 miles southwest • SRP0043170: Light House Park, 0.18 miles northeast • SRP0043519: Brown Park, 0.14 miles northwest • SRP0044222: O’Donnell Memorial Park, 0.09 miles southeast • SRP0044458: O’Donnell Memorial Park, 0.17 miles southwest <p>Source: Google™ Maps</p>

Cultural Facilities	1	<p>The proposed project would not affect any cultural facilities. The closest cultural facilities to each proposed activity site are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SRP0037818: Atlantic City Free Public Library, 0.75 miles northeast; Dante Hall Theater, 0.7 miles northeast; Atlantic City Historical Museum, 1.04 miles northeast • SRP0043170: Carnegie Center, 0.45 miles northeast; Atlantic City Free Public Library, 0.39 miles northwest; and Atlantic City Historical Museum, 0.68 miles northeast • SRP0043519: Atlantic City Free Public Library, 0.1 miles northeast; Carnegie Center, 0.14 miles southwest; Atlantic City Historical Museum, 0.77 miles southeast • SRP0044222: Atlantic City Free Public Library, 1.7 miles northeast; Dante Hall Theater, 0.9 miles northeast; Atlantic City Historical Museum, 2.3 miles northeast • SRP0044458: Atlantic City Free Public Library, 1.2 miles northeast; Dante Hall Theater, 0.5 miles northeast; Atlantic City Historical Museum, 1.8 miles northeast <p>Sources: Google™ Maps; Carnegie Center, http://inraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=257&pageID=16; Dante Hall Theater, http://inraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=257&pageID=1; Atlantic City Free Public Library, http://acfpl.org/; Atlantic City Historical Museum, http://www.atlanticcityexperience.org</p>
Transportation & Accessibility	4	<p>The proposed project would not create a significant additional demand for transportation services or interfere with the overall transportation network. The proposed activity sites are in a developed urban area sufficiently served by existing roads.</p> <p>Construction activities would increase traffic by construction equipment and worker commuting; however, this will be minimal and short-term. BMPs will be employed to prevent impeding traffic flow by construction equipment (see Conditions for Approval and Required Mitigation and Project Modification Measures).</p>
Natural Features		
Water Resources	1	The proposed project would not involve significant water withdrawals and would not have a significant effect on water resources.
Surface Water	1	The proposed activity sites are not located on or near surface water bodies. The closest surface water bodies are the Lakes Bay Thorofares and the Atlantic Ocean, each less than 0.5 miles from the sites. The proposed project would have no effect on surface water features because the proposed actions would be confined to the proposed activity sites.
Unique Natural Features & Agricultural Lands	1	The proposed activity sites are in a developed urban area and the proposed project would not affect agricultural lands. There are no unique natural features on or in the vicinity of the proposed activity sites.
Vegetation and Wildlife	1	The proposed activity sites are developed multi-family rental properties located in an urban area. Vegetation is limited to grass, scattered trees, and conventional landscaping. No significant vegetation or wildlife would be affected by the proposed project.

PART III: 58.6 CHECKLIST [24 CFR 50.4, 24 CFR 58.6]

1. AIRPORT RUNWAY CLEAR ZONES AND CLEAR ZONES NOTIFICATION [24 CFR Part 51.303(a)(3)]

Does the project involve the sale or acquisition of property located within a Civil Airport Runway Clear Zone or a Military Airfield Clear Zone?

No. Cite or attach Source Documentation:

The proposed project is in compliance. The proposed project area, at its closest, is approximately eight miles from Atlantic City International Airport and approximately 91 miles from Newark Liberty International Airport. Lakehurst Naval Air Station is the only military airport of concern in New Jersey. The proposed project area, at its closest, is approximately 44 miles from this military airport. See LRRP Atlantic County_AirportHazardsMap.

[Project complies with 24 CFR 51.303(a)(3).]

Yes. Notice must be provided to the buyer. The notice must advise the buyer that the property is in a Runway Clear Zone or Clear Zone, what the implications of such a location are, and that there is a possibility that the property may, at a later date, be acquired by the airport operator. The buyer must sign a statement acknowledging receipt of this information, and a copy of the signed notice must be maintained in the ERR.

2. COASTAL BARRIERS RESOURCES ACT [Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (16 USC 3501)]

Is the project located in a coastal barrier resource area?

No. Cite or attach Source Documentation:

The proposed project is in compliance. All proposed activity sites are located outside a coastal barrier resource area (see LRRP Atlantic County_CoastalBarrierResourcesMaps).

[Proceed with project.]

Yes. Federal assistance may not be used in such an area.

3. FLOOD DISASTER PROTECTION ACT [Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 (42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a)]

Does the project involve acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of structures located in a FEMA-identified Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)?

No. Cite or attach Source Documentation:

[Proceed with project.]

Yes. Cite or attach Source Documentation:

The proposed project involves the reconstruction of multi-family properties. All proposed activity sites are within the 100-year floodplain (A zone) as shown on FEMA preliminary FIRMs (see LRRP Atlantic County_FloodplainManagementMaps and the Floodplain Management section in Part 1: Statutory Checklist above).

Is the community participating in the National Insurance Program (or has less than one year passed since

FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards)?

Yes. Flood Insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program must be obtained. If HUD assistance is provided as a grant, insurance must be maintained for the economic life of the project and in the amount of the total project cost (or up to the maximum allowable coverage, whichever is less). If HUD assistance is provided as a loan, insurance must be maintained for the term of the loan and in the amount of the loan (or up to the maximum allowable coverage, whichever is less). A copy of the flood insurance policy declaration must be kept on file in the ERR.

No. Federal assistance may not be used in the Special Flood Hazard Area.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions

Additional Studies Performed: (List the reports, studies, or analyses performed for this assessment, and attach studies or summaries.)

No additional studies were performed.

Field Inspection (Date and completed by):

Field inspections were completed for the proposed project on November 6, 2014 by Sadat Associates.

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Lists of Permits Required:

This environmental review is conditioned on the applicants meeting the requirements of FHA PBR N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.2(a)3 and Coastal PBR N.J.A.C. 7:7-7.2(a)8. This does not alleviate the requirement of the applicants obtaining all required federal, state, and local permits before beginning construction.

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]:

A public notice of the intent to consider doing the proposed project in the 100-year floodplain was published in the Press of Atlantic City on November 28, 2014 and a Spanish translation of the notice was

published in the Reporte Hispano on November 28, 2014. The 15-day comment period ended on December 13, 2014 and no comments were received related to this notice. A combined public notice for the proposed project (Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact, Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds, and Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in the 100-year Floodplain) will be published in the Press of Atlantic City and a Spanish translation of the notice will be published in the Reporte Hispano. Any substantive comments received will be addressed and incorporated into the final environmental assessment document.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

The proposed project would not contribute to adverse cumulative impacts on environmental resources. The proposed project would reconstruct multi-family rental properties. Reconstruction will have a cumulative benefit in the area by restoring these properties as they existed prior to Superstorm Sandy. The elevation requirement for the reconstructed structures will provide greater protection against damage from future storms. Atlantic County is currently undergoing extensive efforts to recover from the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy in October 2012, and the proposed LRRP is a part of those efforts. Cumulatively, these activities may have temporary impacts on the floodplain, air quality, noise, and traffic during the implementation phase of these recovery efforts, but these activities will have the long-term benefit of restoring the way of life for New Jersey residents.

Project Alternatives Considered [24 CFR 58.40(e), 40 CFR 1508.9]: (As appropriate, identify other reasonable courses of action that were considered and not selected, such as other sites, design modifications, or other uses of the subject site. Describe the benefits and adverse impacts to the human environment for each alternative and the reasons for rejecting it.)

Other than the no action alternative, no other alternatives were considered, as they would not serve to meet the dual purpose of helping the property owner rebuild, and to rebuild in such a way as to better withstand the next major storm event.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]:

The no action alternative would avoid the short-term construction impacts, but leaving the multi-family rental buildings in a damaged state would leave the buildings vulnerable to further damage and would not help in the restoration of New Jersey's storm-impacted communities. The no action alternative would neither address the State's need for safe, decent, and affordable housing, nor would it require buildings within the floodplain to be elevated to the highest standard for flood protection. Therefore, the no action alternative was rejected.

Summary Statement of Findings and Conclusions:

The proposed project would address the need to provide safe, decent and affordable rental housing in Atlantic County. The proposed project is in compliance with all applicable statutory authorities and would have no significant impact on the environment. Mitigation measures to minimize any potential adverse environmental impacts and to ensure that the proposed project is in compliance with the statutory authorities are identified in the Required Mitigation and Project Modification Measures section below and the Conditions for Approval section at the beginning of this environmental assessment.

Required Mitigation and Project Modification Measures: [24 CFR 58.40(d), 40 CFR 1505.2(c), 40 CFR 1508.20] (Recommend feasible ways in which the proposal or its external factors should be modified in order to minimize adverse environmental impacts and restore or enhance environmental quality.)

General

1. Acquire all required federal, state and local permits prior to commencement of construction and comply with all permit conditions.
2. If the scope of work of a proposed activity changes significantly, the application for funding must be revised and resubmitted for reevaluation under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Historic Preservation

3. The following conditions must be met for the proposed activity site SRP0043519:
 - a. All work must meet the *Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation*.
 - b. Plans must be submitted to the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office for review and approval prior to project implementation.
4. All activities must comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act per the implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800. Compliance with Section 106 is achieved through the procedures set forth in the Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Officer, the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the Delaware Nation, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohicans, as signed onto by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.
5. In the event that archeological deposits, including any Native American pottery, stone tools, bones, or human remains, are uncovered, the project shall be halted and the applicant shall stop all work immediately in the vicinity of the discovery and take reasonable measures to avoid or minimize harm to the finds. All archeological findings will be secured and access to the sensitive area restricted. The applicant will inform FEMA immediately and FEMA will consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) or Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and Tribes and work in sensitive areas cannot resume until consultation is completed and appropriate measures have been taken to ensure that the project is in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Coastal Zone Management, Floodplain Management, and Flood Insurance

6. SRP0044222 is located within the mean high water line 150-foot buffer (see LRRP Atlantic County_CoastalZoneManagementActMaps). Although there is intervening development, the proposed activity site is more than three units, and therefore a permit-by-rule (PBR) is required. The following mitigation measure must also be met:
 - a. If the footprint of the structure is relocated on the property, it must be landward or parallel to the mean high water line of the footprint of the legally constructed residential development (existing structure), including accessory development such as sheds, garages, pools, and driveways. Further, the expansion may not result in an increased number of units, shall not result in additional impacts to special areas as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:7E-3 and must also meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:7E-3.25 and 3.26.
7. For each proposed activity site, if the footprint of the building is not increased by more than 300 square feet; the expansion or relocation of the lowest floor of the building is reconstructed or

elevated to at least one foot above the flood hazard area design flood elevation; and the building is not expanded or relocated closer to any regulated water, within a floodway, or on a beach, dune or wetland, the project qualifies for FHA PBR N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.2(a)3 and Coastal PBR N.J.A.C. 7:7-7.2(a)8. If the building is to be relocated, it must be located in an area where previous disturbance occurred.

8. All proposed reconstruction, substantial improvements, and elevation activities in the 100-year floodplain must adhere to the most recent elevation requirements in accordance with the Flood Hazard Area Control Act rules (N.J.A.C. 7:13).
9. All structures funded by the LRRP, if in, or partially in, the 100-year floodplain shown on the effective FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, must be covered by flood insurance and the flood insurance must be maintained for the economic life of the structure [24 CFR 58.6(a)(1)].
10. No funding will be provided to any person who previously received federal flood disaster assistance conditioned on obtaining and maintaining flood insurance, but failed to obtain and maintain the insurance [24 CFR 58.6(b)].

Noise

11. During the temporary construction activities, outfit all equipment with operating mufflers.
12. During the temporary construction activities, comply with the applicable local noise ordinance.

Air Quality

Project activities must meet the regulatory requirements of New Jersey's Air Rules and Air Pollution Controls requirements (see LRRP Atlantic County_AirQualityMemo). In addition, the following must be met:

13. Use water or chemical dust suppressant in exposed areas to control dust.
14. Cover the load compartments of trucks hauling dust-generating materials.
15. Wash heavy trucks and construction vehicles before they leave the site.
16. Reduce vehicle speed on non-paved areas and keep paved areas clean.
17. Retrofit older equipment with pollution controls.
18. Establish and follow specified procedures for managing contaminated materials discovered or generated during construction.
19. Employ spill mitigation measures immediately upon a spill of fuel or other hazardous material.
20. Obtain an air pollution control permit to construct and a certificate to operate for all equipment subject to N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c). Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. Any commercial fuel combustion equipment rated with a maximum heat input of 1,000,000 British Thermal Units per hour or greater to the burning chamber (N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c)1);
 - b. Any stationary storage tank for volatile organic compounds with a capacity of 2,000 gallons and a vapor pressure of 0.02 pounds per square inch or greater (N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c)9);
 - c. Any tank, reservoir, container, or bin with capacity in excess of 2,000 cubic feet used for storage of solid particles (N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c)10); and
 - d. Any stationary reciprocating engine with a maximum rated power output of 37 kW or greater, used for generating electricity, not including emergency generators (N.J.A.C. 7:27-8.2(c)21).(Note: One or two family dwellings and dwellings of six or less family units, one of which is owner occupied, are exempt pursuant to NJSA 26:2C-9.2.)
21. Minimize idling and ensure that all on-road vehicles and non-road construction equipment operated at or visiting the project site comply with the applicable smoke and "3-minute idling" limits (N.J.A.C. 7:27-14.3, 14.4, 15.3 and 15.8).

22. Ensure that all diesel on-road vehicles and non-road construction equipment used on or visiting the project site use ultra-low sulfur fuel (<15 ppm sulfur) in accordance with the federal Non-road Diesel Rule (40 CFR Parts 9, 69, 80, 86, 89, 94, 1039, 1051, 1065, 1068).
23. Operate, if possible, newer on-road diesel vehicles and non-road construction equipment equipped with tier 4 engines, or equipment equipped with an exhaust retrofit device.

Erosion and Drainage/Storm Water Runoff

24. Implement and maintain erosion and sedimentation control measures sufficient to prevent deposition of sediment and eroded soil.
25. Minimize soil compaction by minimizing project activities in vegetated areas, including lawns.

Transportation and Accessibility

26. Implement and maintain appropriate traffic control and access maintenance measures.

Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste Disposal/Recycling

27. For SRP0044222, the property has been issued a “Conditional Clearance” by NJDEP. In order to maintain this “Conditional Clearance”, the following NJDEP documents must be reviewed prior to construction, and complied with during construction, to ensure potential hazardous conditions at the property are understood and mitigated (see LRRP Atlantic County_ToxicsConditionalClearance_SRP0044222:
 - a. Conditional Clearance Email
 - b. HUD Toxics Clearance Spreadsheet
 - c. Conditional Clearance Memo (aka. NJDEP VI Mitigation Techniques Guidance)
 - d. Free Product / Contaminant Discovery Guidance
28. All activities must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding asbestos, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. National Emission Standard for Asbestos, standard for demolition and renovation, 40 CFR 61.145
 - b. National Emission Standard for Asbestos, standard for waste disposal for manufacturing, fabricating, demolition, and spraying operations, 40 CFR 61.150
 - c. NJAC 7:26-2.12—Generator requirements for disposal of asbestos containing waste materials
 - d. New Jersey Asbestos Control and Licensing Act, N.J.S.A. 34:5A-32 et seq.
29. Applicant must comply with all laws and regulations concerning the proper handling, removal and disposal of hazardous materials (e.g. asbestos, lead-based paint) or household waste (e.g. construction and demolition debris, pesticides/herbicides, white goods).
30. All activities must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding lead-based paint, including but not limited to HUD’s lead-based paint regulations in 24 CFR Part 35 Subparts B, H, and J.
31. All residential structures must be free of mold attributable to Superstorm Sandy.
32. Comply with all laws, regulations, and industry standards applicable to aboveground and underground storage tanks, including the New Jersey underground storage tank regulations at NJAC 7:14B.
33. Storage tanks below the base flood elevation must be watertight and must be anchored to resist floatation and lateral movement during a storm surge or other flood.