

**DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF REVIEW**

**Applicant Name:** First Street Streetscape Improvements **Program Year:** 2014

**Project Location:** First Street between Marshall Street and Bloomfield Street, Hoboken, NJ

**Project Description** (*Attach additional descriptive information, as appropriate to the activity, including narrative, maps, photographs, site plans, budgets and other information.*):

The proposed streetscape project consists of two integrated efforts:

- Wayfinding and Business Information improvements
- Streetscape and Flood Protection improvements

The wayfinding and business information improvements will involve the installation of signs, gateways, and sidewalk kiosks within public right-of-ways to provide pedestrians with information and directions to businesses along the First Street retail corridor.


The streetscape and flood protection improvements will involve the repair and rehabilitation of existing sidewalks and curb ramps; construction of new curb "bump-outs"; construction of rain gardens and reconstruction of existing drainage features to improve stormwater management; replacement of street trees; and acquisition and installation of streetscape amenities such as benches, banners, bicycle racks, and solar trash and recycling compactors.

Proposed improvements would occur along an approximate 0.8-mile section of First Street (Hudson County Route 638) between Marshall Street and Bloomfield Street, encompassing approximately 12 city blocks.

The subject project has been reviewed pursuant to HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58, "Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities," and the following determination with respect to the project is made:

- Exempt** from NEPA review requirements per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(\_\_\_\_\_)
- Categorically Excluded NOT Subject** to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(b)(\_\_\_\_\_)
- Categorically Excluded SUBJECT** to §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(4)(i)  
(A Statutory Checklist for the §58.5 authorities is attached.)
- An **Environmental Assessment** (EA) is required to be performed. (An Environmental Assessment performed in accordance with subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 is attached.)
- An **Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS) is required to be performed.

The ERR (see §58.38) must contain all the environmental review documents, public notices and written determinations or environmental findings required by Part 58 as evidence of review, decision making and actions pertaining to a particular project. Include additional information including checklists, studies, analyses, and documentation as appropriate.

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| Deputy Program Director, Gannett Fleming, Inc.<br><b>Title</b> | July 18, 2014<br><b>Completion Date For DLR</b>  |