

Agency Name New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA)

CDBG-DR Program Stronger New Jersey Neighborhood and Community Revitalization Program

Application ID Number NCR39567

DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF REVIEW

Applicant Name: NCR39567

Program Year: 2

Project Location: Multiple Addresses along Sadowski Parkway and Front Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey


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

The proposed project, repairs and new improvements to a public facility with no change in land use, consists of approximately 47.87 acres which has been separated into Area 1 (38.49 acres) and Area 2 (9.38 acres) for ease of review purposes. Area 1 will include a beachfront, fishing piers, a public park and esplanade, and five tennis courts. Repairs and improvements to Area 1 will include refurbishing the boat ramp and installing a new rack for kayaks and canoes near Second Street as well as a new installation of six volleyball courts and bleachers on the beach. A new public restroom will be constructed on the park area adjacent from the beach in addition to two seasonal open beach wash-down stations installed at the ramps. Other improvements include four drinking fountains and five new tennis courts to replace five of the existing courts. Bayview Park comprises Area 2. Bayview Park improvements include terracing the park to mitigate future erosion, installing ADA access ramps, and reconstructing a 6' wide and 6" thick sidewalk on Front Street. New curbs, striping, signage, and landscaping with drip irrigation will be installed. Damaged public lighting will be replaced. A Tideflex valve will be installed on a pipe discharging into the Staten Island Sound which will prevent water from entering during high tide or storm surges. Based on historical imagery and historical records, URS assesses that piers and jetties were first constructed in Areas 1 and 2 in 1931 and the parks, tennis courts, and the marina were added in 1940. These areas were not developed prior to that time. A bicycle path in the park area adjacent to the beach will be installed, but will be considered future work at the proposed project site, will be funded through separate sources, and will not be a part of this proposed project. While the exact location of the proposed ten foot wide two-way bicycle path has yet to be determined, it is expected to span the entire length of Areas 1 and 2 as well as the land between the two, effectively connecting both portions of the project site. The final product will result in a new and improved waterfront. The improvements will greatly increase attraction to the new amenities and will become a protection for waterfront communities.

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)(____)
(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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