

Agency Name EDA

CDBG-DR Program NCR

Application ID Number NCR39808

DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF REVIEW

Applicant Name: Brigantine Borough Program Year: 2014

Project Location: 10th Street through Vernon Place Beach Crossings, Brigantine, Atlantic County,
New Jersey


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

See attached page

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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<u>Environmental Scientist</u> Title	<u>December 8, 2014</u> Completion Date For DLR

Project Description:

Brigantine City is a barrier island community located just north of Absecon Island which includes four communities: Longport, Margate, Ventnor and Atlantic City. The City has seen its ratable base reduced since Superstorm Sandy and many homes and infrastructure has been damaged. Over 1,100 homeowners in the City of Brigantine have provided the City with Letters of Interest to elevate their homes. In addition, the City well over 200 repetitive loss properties. Both Businesses and homes were damaged by Superstorm Sandy.

This NJEDA grant project is a Recreation, Cultural and Park Land Amenities Project in a US Census designated Low and Moderate Income Neighborhood. The project includes dune path restoration to include ten walkways from Vernon Place to 10th Street South inclusive. The scope will include the installation of gravel and split rail fencing to delineate the path and protect the dune system. This work will provide easier ADA accessible paths for the general public as well as fortify the dune system for greater protection from coastal storms. In addition, drainage improvements will be completed at 4th Street South and the beach. The scope includes the installation of perforated pipe and inlets. All work will be completed on City owned property and design work can be completed quickly by the City Engineer, hence this project can meet the June 31, 2015 deadline.

This NCR application meets the Priority Criteria since the planned improvements are located in or adjacent to Census Tract 101.02, Block 1; a low and moderate income neighborhood and it meets the National Objective of Low and Moderate Income Area Benefit.

This project will help the City of Brigantine by improving the recreational amenities and associated infrastructure in a low and moderate income neighborhood, potentially creating low and moderate income jobs to complete the identified improvements, and enhancing the "quality of life". The enhancements at the beachfront will provide for better access for all including handicapped individuals. The planned improvements will have a direct impact on the lives of those who live in this low and moderate income neighborhood as well as the entire community of Brigantine. Without these improvements, blight can occur in the neighborhood because of its susceptibility to flooding and the public beaches will be less assessable. As is the case whenever needed open space and associated infrastructure improvements occur, the neighborhood will be enhanced and these will be a better potential that the values of the properties and the resulting ratables will increase.