Introduction:

This analysis describes the decision-making process performed for the Stronger New Jersey Business Loan (SBL) Program application involving proposed improvements to the Thundering Surf Waterpark and Adventure Golf facility in Beach Haven Borough, Ocean County to comply with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management as required by HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 55.

The proposed improvements would include:

- demolition of the existing miniature golf course;
- construction of a new, three-level miniature golf course;
- construction of a new eight-lane racer slide;
- replacement of the existing multi-level play structure; and
- replacement of the existing wooden support structure for the water park with a new galvanized steel support structure.

Proposed actions would not expand the overall footprint of the park but only affect the internal layout of individual park components.

The proposed improvement of this existing visitor attraction is critical in re-establishing the local economy that was adversely impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Superstorm Sandy damaged approximately 195 businesses in Beach Haven Borough[1]. The SBL Program provides loans to allow businesses to rebuild and expand which, in turn, creates jobs and helps strengthen the post-Sandy economic recovery.

Analysis:

Under HUD regulations, this project consists of a "substantial improvement" to a nonresidential structure and is therefore not exempt from the requirements of 24 CFR 55.20 (24 CFR 55.12). The proposed project is considered a "substantial improvement" [24 CFR 55.2(b)(10)(i)] because the rehabilitation cost is more than 50% of the 2015 assessed value of the property:

HUD funding:	$2,671,200.00
Assessed property value:	$3,152,700.00
HUD funding/percentage of improvement:	85%

As a substantial improvement, the project is subject to the HUD floodplain management decision-making process at 24 CFR Part 55.20, which contains eight steps including public notice and an examination of practicable alternatives.

[1] New Jersey Spotlight, March 15, 2013. Interactive Map: Assessing Damage from Superstorm Sandy, source data provided by NJ DCA. http://www.njspotlight.com/stories/13/03/14/assessing-damage-from-superstorm-sandy/

Step 1: Determine whether the action is located in a 100-year floodplain (or a 500-year floodplain for critical actions).

The proposed project is the improvement of the Thundering Surf Waterpark and Adventure Golf facility located at 300 Taylor Avenue, Beach Haven Borough, Ocean County. Actions proposed would consist of the replacement of the existing golf course with a new, multi-level structure, construction of a new race slide attraction, erection of a new multi-level play structure in place of the existing apparatus, and placement of new steel supports for the water park attraction. The proposed project would not expand the overall footprint of the park but only affect the internal layout of individual park components.

The entire 1.86 acre parcel is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area "AE" zone floodplain (i.e. the 100-year floodplain) as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Panel 603 of 660, Map Number 34029C0603G, revised January 30, 2015. The site and corresponding flood hazard area are depicted on project floodplain mapping (see Exhibit 1) and the acreage is documented in the public notices published for the proposed action (see Exhibit 2). Areas designated as a Special Flood Hazard Area are those subject to inundation by the 1% annual chance flood (e.g., a 100-year flood), also known as the base flood. The preliminary base flood elevation determined for the property is 8.0 feet.

(Note: the floodplain map and legend using the NJDEP HUD Environmental Review Tool depicts the floodplain zone as "A", which is a generalized category that includes FEMA-designated zone "AE" and other non-coastal 100-year floodplain areas. The "V" zone includes the designated "VE" zones and other coastal 100-year floodplain areas).

Under HUD regulations, this proposed project is considered a substantial improvement involving new construction, and therefore is not exempt from the requirements of 24 CFR 55.20 (24 CFR 55.12). An evaluation of direct and indirect impacts associated with construction, occupancy, and modification of the floodplain is required.

As the proposed project would not increase the footprint of the facility or change impervious coverage, renovation of the existing facility represents no change from pre-Sandy conditions and would not increase floodplain occupancy. Construction of the proposed action would not result in significant adverse impacts to flood levels, flood risk, or the flow of flood waters on the project site or surrounding areas.

Step 2: Notify the public for early review of the proposal and involve the affected and interested public in the decision making process.

An early public notice of proposed activity within the 100-year floodplain was published by DEP on July 17, 2015.

The notice (see Exhibit 2) was published in the Star Ledger and Reporte Hispano newspapers and posted on the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Sandy Recovery website at *http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review*.

The notice was also directly transmitted to representatives of the following agencies for review and comment:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Park Service
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)
- NJDEP, Division of Land Use Regulation
- Beach Haven Borough, Emergency Management Department

The notice requested comments from the public concerning floodplain and natural resource impacts of the proposed economic revitalization project. The notice also indicated that the NJDEP would evaluate the proposed action for potential direct and indirect impacts associated with floodplain development and, where practicable, would design or modify the proposed action to minimize potential adverse impacts to lives, property, and natural values within the floodplain. The required 15 calendar days were allowed for public comments and comments were accepted either electronically *http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/* or via written correspondence.

No individual or agency comments were received from the early notice concerning the proposed project (see Exhibit 2).

Step 3: Identify and evaluate practicable alternatives.

Several alternatives to the proposed action within the 100-year floodplain were considered:

Alternative 1: Relocate the Proposed Action Outside of the 100-year floodplain

The purpose of this project is to improve the Thundering Surf Waterpark and Adventure Golf facility to aid in the revitalization of the tourism industry in Beach Haven Borough and the broader Long Beach Island community.

Due to its geography and physical shape as part of a barrier island, much of Beach Haven Borough is within the 100-year floodplain. A GIS analysis using the latest FEMA Preliminary Work Map mapping (see Exhibit 3) was performed to further characterize land parcels and floodplain designations in Beach Haven Borough:

- Approximately 80% of parcels within the borough are classified as being entirely or partially within the 100-year floodplain (Zones “AE” and “VE”).
- Approximately 11% of parcels within the borough are classified as being entirely or partially outside the 100-year floodplain but susceptible to the 0.2 percent annual chance flood hazard (i.e. the 500-year flood).
- Approximately 9% of parcels in the borough are classified as being entirely or partially outside the 100-year floodplain and 500-year floodplain, identified as Zone “X”. Most of these parcels are oceanfront/oceanside parcels located along a narrow swath of land east of Atlantic Avenue that is protected from coastal flooding by existing dunes.

No areas outside of the 100-year or 500-year floodplain are located in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project; therefore relocating the proposed project to another available nearby parcel would not necessarily avoid floodplain effects.

Analysis of land parcels outside of the 100 year and 500 year flood hazard areas in Beach Haven indicate that there are few areas of similar size (1.86 acres) where it would be feasible to relocate the subject facility. Even if relocation were feasible, any such relocation would involve acquisition of and displacement of multiple existing residential and/or commercial properties (see Exhibit 4). Relocation of the proposed project to a parcel outside of the 100 year and 500 year floodplain in Beach Haven, even if an adequate parcel(s) was available, would likely be cost prohibitive as these areas generally consist of prime oceanfront and oceanside properties.

Alternative 2: No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose

A no action alternative was considered and rejected because the no action alternative would not address the need for revitalization of the tourism industry vital to the economy of Beach Haven Borough and the broader Long Beach Island community.

Superstorm Sandy had a widespread and lasting impact on New Jersey's business sector and particularly affected small businesses. The storm caused substantial damage to commercial property and caused short- and long-term business operations losses. Loans available through the Stronger NJ program are intended to assist businesses that suffered physical damage as a result of Superstorm Sandy as well as spur economic revitalization by providing funding for expansion, and business relocation into storm-impacted areas.

Statewide, tourism accounts for approximately 10% of total employment and almost 7% of the state's economic output. Tourism is the major component of the local economy. In Ocean County, direct tourism sales were $4.3 million in 2014. Employment in the tourism industry (including direct and indirect/induced employment) in Ocean County was 36,584—accounting for an estimated 15.2% of total county employment. State and local tax receipts attributed to tourism were $434.5 million for Ocean County in 2014, accounting for an estimated 9.4% of total state tourism income[2].

In Beach Haven Borough, approximately 65% of employment in the borough is comprised of jobs in three tourism-related industry sectors—the Arts, Entertainment & Recreation sector (96 jobs, 15.9%); the Accommodations and Food Services sector (185 jobs, 30.7%); and the Retail Sales (111 jobs, 18.4%) sector[3]. Revitalization of business in tourism-related industry sectors is vital to the recovery of the local and regional economy.

The Stronger NJ Business Loan (SBL) Program is available to businesses looking to expand within storm-impacted communities to provide a positive impact to the local economy through capital investment or the creation or retention of jobs. Thundering Surf Waterpark and Adventure Golf is a major tourism and local entertainment venue and an important component of the local tourism sector.

The No Action Alternative would not provide these benefits, and no other alternative action that serves the same purpose but is located outside of the floodplain has been identified.

[2] New Jersey Division of Travel and Tourism, The Economic Impact of Tourism in New Jersey, 2014, Prepared by Tourism Economics, Inc.

[3] U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics, Work Area Profile Analysis, 2012 data

Step 4: Identify Potential Direct and Indirect Impacts Associated with Floodplain Development.

Renovation of the existing facility within the floodplain represents no change from pre-Sandy conditions and would not increase floodplain occupancy. No increase in footprint or impervious surface coverage would occur.

Overall, construction of the proposed action would not result in significant adverse impacts to flood levels, flood risk, or the flow of flood waters on the project site or surrounding areas. Therefore, the proposed project would be compliant with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (44 CFR § 59) and Executive Order 11988 on Floodplain Management (42 FR 26951).

Step 5: Where practicable, design or modify the proposed action to minimize the potential adverse impacts to lives, property, and natural values within the floodplain and to restore, and preserve the values of the floodplain.

As noted in Step 4, the proposed project would have no significant effect on flood levels or the threat of damage to adjacent properties. No specific mitigation techniques are proposed. Much of the existing facility is elevated (see Exhibit 5) above the base flood elevation.

Beach Haven Borough is a member of the National Flood Insurance Program and structures located within the flood zone must comply with the local flood ordinance. HUD requires loan projects [Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4106)] located in the floodplain to maintain flood insurance for the term of the loan and in the amount of the loan (or up to the maximum allowable coverage, whichever is less).

Step 6: Reevaluate the Alternatives.

The proposed project is viewed as the most practicable alternative by avoiding significant adverse impacts to the floodplain in the local vicinity while helping to meet the community's need for revitalization of its tourism industry. The project, as proposed, would minimize potential hazards to human safety, health, and welfare.

Alternative 1 (*Relocate the Proposed Action Outside of the 100-year floodplain*) would not necessarily avoid or further minimize impacts to the floodplain due to the extent of the floodplain within Beach Haven, and would generate additional impacts through residential or commercial displacements.

Alternative 2 (*No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose*) would not meet the intent of the state's SBL program nor the direct need for local economic revitalization. The no action alternative also remains impracticable because it will not satisfy the need for post-Sandy economic revitalization within this substantially impacted community. While other businesses within the borough could be eligible under the SBL program, the vast majority of those businesses also reside in the flood hazard area so funding of other actions would be unlikely to avoid floodplain development.

Step 7: Determination of No Practicable Alternative

It is our determination that there is no practicable alternative to locating the project in the flood zone. This is due to: 1) the need to revitalize the local community and tourism sector through enhancement of key recreational attractions; 2) the lack of alternative and comparable locations outside of a flood

hazard area; and 3) the limited scope of the proposed project related to impacts on human health, public property, and floodplain values.

A 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 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 or 24 CFR Part 55."

Step 8: Implement the Proposed Action

The DCA will ensure that the project is constructed as proposed to ensure no adverse floodplain impacts. Implementation of the proposed action may require additional local, state and federal permits, (including New Jersey Coastal Area Facility Review Act (CAFRA), New Jersey Waterfront Development Act, New Jersey Flood Hazard Area Control Act and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act permits) which could place additional design modifications or mitigation requirements on the project.

The applicant is required to obtain all required federal, state, and county/local permits prior to commencement of construction and comply with all permit conditions.

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 (NEPA).

Exhibit 1: Floodplain Map

Exhibit 2: Early Notice and Public Review

EARLY NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

July 17, 2015:

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups & Individuals

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Project Description:
Application ID number: SBL621290- Thundering Surf Waterpark and Adventure Golf.
The proposed project is located at 300 Taylor Avenue, Beach Haven, New Jersey 08008.

The purpose of the proposed action is to update and renovate a portion of the Thundering Surf Water Park and Adventure Golf Course at 300 Taylor Avenue in Beach Haven Borough, New Jersey. Project work would include: demolition of the existing miniature golf course; construction of a new, three-level miniature golf course; construction of a new eight-lane racer slide; replacement of the existing multi-level play structure; and replacement of the existing wooden support structure for the water park with a new galvanized steel support structure. Proposed actions would not expand the overall footprint of the park, only affect the internal layout of individual park components. The entire 1.86 acre parcel is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area “AE” zone floodplain (i.e. the 100-year floodplain) as shown on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Panel 603 of 660, Map Number 34029C0603G, revised January 30, 2015.

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. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public education tool. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks 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 DCA on or before August 3, 2015, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later. DCA encourages electronic submittal of comments at http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/. In the alternative, comments may be submitted on paper to: Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800.

Commissioner Charles A. Richman
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

AVISO ANTICIPADO Y EXPLICACIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA PROPUESTA DE ACTIVIDAD EN UNA PLANICIE ALUVIAL DE 100 AÑOS

17 de julio del 2015

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Descripción del Proyecto
Número de Identificación de la Aplicación: SBL621290- Thundering Surf Waterpark and Adventure Golf
El proyecto propuesto está ubicado en 300 Taylor Avenue, Beach Haven, Nueva Jersey 08008.

El objetivo de la acción propuesta es actualizar y renovar una parte del Thundering Surf Water Park and Adventure Golf Course ubicado en el 300 Taylor Avenue en Beach Haven Borough, New Jersey. El trabajo del proyecto incluiría: demolición del actual campo de minigolf; la construcción de un nuevo campo de minigolf de tres niveles; construcción de un nuevo tobogán de agua de ocho carriles; sustitución de la actual estructura de juego multi-nivel; y la sustitución de la estructura de soporte de madera existente para el parque acuático con una nueva estructura de soporte de acero galvanizado. Las acciones propuestas no ampliarían el área global del parque, sólo afectan a la distribución interna de los componentes individuales del parque. Toda la parcela 1.86 acres está ubicado en Zona Especial con Peligro de Inundación "AE", zona de inundación (es decir, planicie aluvial de 100 años), tal como se indica en el Mapa de Tasas de Seguro de Inundación (FIRM) de la Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA), Panel 603 de 660, mapa Número 34029C0603G, revisado el 30 de enero 2015.

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segundo lugar, un adecuado programa de notificación pública puede ser una herramienta importante de educación pública. Se insta a proporcionar comentarios que ofrezcan métodos alternativos para servir el mismo propósito del proyecto, y métodos para minimizar y mitigar los impactos. La difusión de información y solicitud de comentarios públicos sobre las planicies aluviales y humedales puede facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos asociados con la ocupación y modificación de estas áreas especiales. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de justicia, cuando el gobierno federal determina que participará en las acciones que se realizarán en lugares dentro de planicies aluviales y humedales, se debe informar a quienes puedan quedar expuestos a un riesgo mayor o continuó.

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Comisionado Charles A. Richman
Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de New Jersey

OF A PROPOSED
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Project Description:

Application ID number: SBL621290-Thundering Surf Waterpark and Adventure Golf.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COUNTY OF ESSEX } SS

Tamikia Ramey

Being duly sworn, according to law, on his/her oath sayeth that he/she is CLERK of the Star-Ledger, in the County of Essex, and that the notice, of which the attached is a copy, was published in said paper on the 17 day of July, 2015 and continued therin for _____ successively, at least once in each _____ for 1 Day

Tamikia Ramey

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of July, 2015

NOTARY PUBLIC of NEW JERSEY

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Commissioner Charles A. Richman
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
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July 17, 2015

This letter is our sworn affidavit that advertisements ordered by Craig Shirk (Environmental Scientist/Planner; Gannett Fleming, Inc) for the following public announcements:

SBL621290

was published in Spanish in the July 17, 2015 edition of Reporte Hispano, New Jersey's only Hispanic newspaper with statewide coverage.

Sincerely,

Cara Marcano
Reporte Hispano
609 933 1400

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17 de julio del 2015

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Comisionado Charles A. Richman
Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de New Jersey

NOTIFICACIÓN DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS
CONDADO DE OCEAN

17 de julio del 2015

Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de Nueva Jersey
101 South Broad Street
PO Box 800
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

Este aviso está relacionado con la asistencia Federal proporcionada en respuesta a la declaración de desastre hecha por el Presidente a causa de la Supertormenta Sandy. Este aviso deberá satisfacer los requisitos de procedimiento para actividades que serán efectuadas por el Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios (DCA) de Nueva Jersey.
De acuerdo con 24 CFR 58.33, la Notificación de Intención de Solicitud de Liberación de Fondos (NOI- RROF), serán publicados simultáneamente con la presentación de la Solicitud de Liberación de Fondos (RROF). Los fondos se necesitan con carácter de emergencia debido a un desastre declarado por el impacto de la súper tormenta Sandy, que tocó tierra el 29 de octubre de 2012. Por lo tanto, los periodos para comentarios sobre NOI-RROF y RROF se han combinado. Los comentarios pueden presentarse al DCA y las objeciones al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de Estados Unidos para asegurar que reciban plena consideración.
SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS
En o alrededor del 27 de julio del 2015, el DCA presentará una solicitud ante el HUD para la liberación de fondos federales bajo el Programa de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad (CDBG) de acuerdo con la Ley de Asignaciones de Asistencia para Catástrofes del 2013 (Ley Pública 113-2, aprobada el 29 de enero del 2013) para Programa de Préstamos para Negocios Nueva Jersey Más Fuerte (SBL). DCA prevé financiar el proyecto usando aproximadamente $129,367.00 de los fondos del SBL.

DESCRIPCIÓN DEL PROYECTO
Número de Identificación de la Aplicación: SBL618121
Título del proyecto: Black Dog Café Deli
Ubicación: 2205 South Bay Avenue, Beach Haven, NJ 08008
El total del costo estimado del proyecto es $129,367.00.

El propósito de esta solicitud de subvención es la de proporcionar financiación para la renovación del Black Dog Café Deli, ubicado en el 2205 South Bay Avenue en Beach Haven, Nueva Jersey, a su estado original antes de la tormenta. El edificio actual es una construcción de dos pisos, con una estructura de marco de madera. Las actividades del proyecto incluyen la adquisición de nuevo mobiliario (sillas para interior / exterior, letreros, armarios, encimeras, ventiladores y equipos de aire acondicionado) y exterior (techo, ventanas, entradas, colocación de letreros, y paisajismo) y en el interior (baño, cocina, paneles de yeso, líneas eléctricas y de gas) y trabajos de renovación. No se proponen cambios estructurales en el edificio existente. El proyecto propuesto no implicaría un cambio en la base de la estructura o área de cobertura impermeable. Los fondos de CDBG para esta acción son fundamentales para el restablecimiento de empresas locales y oportunidades de empleo que fueron afectadas por la Supertormenta Sandy.
La Entidad Responsable, el DCA, ha determinado que el proyecto propuesto es Excluido Categóricamente Sujeto a las autoridades del §58.5 de acuerdo a 24 CFR 58.35(a). Como tal, se ha completado una Lista Legal para determinar si el proyecto es conforme a las autoridades citadas en 24 CFR§58.5.
Información adicional del proyecto se encuentra en el Registro de Revisión Ambiental en el archivo del Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de Nueva Jersey, Sandy Recovery Division, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. El documento está disponible para su revisión y puede ser examinado o copiado durante la semana de 9AM a 5PM o puede ser revisado a través de la Internet en: http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/.
COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO
Cualquier individuo, grupo o agencia en desacuerdo con esta determinación o que desee comentar sobre este proyecto puede presentar comentarios por escritos a: Stacy Bonnaffons, Comisionada Adjunta de la División de Recuperación de Sandy, Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de Nueva Jersey, 101 South Broad Street, P.O. Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 o en línea en http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery/review/ y también a Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Directora Interina de División, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Todos los comentarios recibidos hasta el 27 de julio de 2015, o siete (7) días de la fecha de esta publicación, lo que ocurra más tarde, serán considerados por DCA. Los comentarios deben especificar a cuál notificación se está refiriendo.
CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL
DCA certifica a HUD que Charles A. Richman, en su capacidad como Comisionado de DCA, da su consentimiento a aceptar la jurisdicción de los juzgados federales si se toma alguna acción para aplicar responsabilidades con relación al proceso de revisión ambiental y que estas responsabilidades hayan sido satisfechas. La aprobación de HUD sobre la certificación cumple con las responsabilidades que le imputa la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental y de leyes y autoridades relacionadas, y autoriza a DCA utilizar fondos del programa CDBG-DR.
OBJECIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS
HUD aceptará objeciones a su liberación de fondos y certificación de DCA por un período de siete (7) días después de la fecha anticipada de presentación o el recibo efectivo de la solicitud (lo que haya ocurrido más tarde) sólo bajo las siguientes condiciones: (a) la certificación no fue ejecutada por el Oficial de Certificación del DCA; (b) DCA ha omitido algún paso o dejado de tomar una decisión o dictamen requerido por las regulaciones de HUD 24 CFR Parte 58; (c) el beneficiario de la subvención ha comprometido fondos o incurrido en gastos no autorizados por 24 CFR Parte 58 antes de la aprobación de una liberación de fondos por parte de HUD; o (d) otra agencia federal, actuando de conformidad con 40 CFR Parte 1504, ha presentado un dictamen por escrito de que el proyecto no es satisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las oposiciones deben ser preparadas y presentadas de conformidad con los procedimientos requeridos (24 CFR Parte 58.76) y se dirigirá a Tennille Smith Parker, DRS, Directora Interina de División, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Las personas en desacuerdo deben ponerse en contacto con HUD para verificar el último día del periodo para presentar oposiciones.

Comisionado Charles A. Richman
Departamento de Asuntos Comunitarios de Nueva Jersey

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For all public comments please email stacy.bonnaffons@dca.nj.gov

The federal government requires that all construction work done in Sandy recovery programs funded with CDBG Disaster Recovery dollars must be reviewed in a tiered environmental assessment to ensure projects undertaken will have no significant impact on the environment. Therefore, no construction work can begin on properties until all levels of environmental review have been complete and found to be in compliance. Public notices about the environmental review records for recovery projects are published in English and Spanish in statewide and regional newspapers in New Jersey.

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with a project's environmental review determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments within a set public comment period to:

Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner
Sandy Recovery Division
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
101 South Broad Street
PO Box 800
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

Public comments may also be submitted via email by clicking on the email address in the box at the top of this webpage. When submitting a public comment, please be sure to reference the project name and location in the comment.

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451 Seventh Street SW
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Projects Currently in the Public Comment Period:

Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation, and Mitigation (RREM) Program

Proposed project is located at 1 Anchorage Drive, Middle Township, NJ 08247 (Cape May County).
Public Comment Period: July 3, 2015 through July 20, 2015

Proposed project is located at 83A Carr Avenue, Keansburg NJ (Monmouth County)
Public Comment Period: July 17, 2015 through July 27, 2015

Proposed project is located at 719 Somerset St Franklin Twp. NJ (Somerset County)
Public Comment Period: July 17, 2015 through July 27, 2015

Stronger NJ Business Loan Program Projects

Proposed project is located at 300 Taylor Avenue, Beach Haven NJ (Ocean County)
Public Comment Period: July 17, 2015 through August 3, 2015

Craig Shirk

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Cc: Robert Greene (Robert.Greene@icfi.com); Chris Pettit (Chris.Pettit@icfi.com); Nick Malmi (Nick.Malmi@icfi.com); Steven Sherman (Steven.Sherman@icfi.com)
Subject: Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain - SBL621290
Attachments: SBL621290 Floodplain Map.pdf; SBL621290 Early Floodplain Notice.pdf

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), on behalf the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), is assisting with the Environmental Review portion of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Superstorm Sandy Community Development Block Grant Disaster Relief Assistance Funding Program for the following programs — Neighborhood and Community Revitalization (NCR), Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP), Landlord Rental Repair Program (LRRP), Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM), and Stronger NJ Business Loan (SBL) — and is thereby obligated to follow Executive Order (EO) 11988, Floodplain Management and HUD regulations found in 24 CFR § 55.20 prior to conducting any activities affecting the floodplain. This early notice of a proposed activity in a floodplain is being provided in fulfillment of the aforementioned EO and regulations.

Using current data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) as well as preliminary FIRM data provided by NJDEP, it has been determined that the proposed action identified below is considered a "substantial improvement" of a non-residential structure and is situated within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

Application ID: SBL621290
Location: 300 Taylor Avenue
Municipality: Beach Haven
County: Ocean
FIRM Panel #: 603
Map Number: 34029C0603G
Effective Date: 01/31/2015
Zone: AE

Attached is the "Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain" for the proposed project published on July 17, 2015 in The Star Ledger and Reporte Hispano newspapers. A map of the project location in relation to the Special Flood Hazard Area zone is also attached for your reference.

Comments concerning this application and the effect of this project upon the floodplain are requested on or before August 3, 2015.

Please direct comments:

- via email to stacy.bonnaffons@dca.nj.gov
- or via mail to the following address:

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Attention: Stacy Bonnaffons, Assistant Commissioner, Sandy Recovery Division
101 South Broad Street, PO Box 800
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Best regards,
Craig Shirk

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Cc: Caulfield, David; Pettit, Chris; Malmi, Nick; Sherman, Steven
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Hi Robert,

DCA Communications has received no public comments for the project listed below. Thanks.

Lisa

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Good afternoon Robert,

Assistant Commissioner Stacy Bonnaffons has not received any public comments on the application named below. Thank you.

Do have a great day.

Best regards,
Deonna

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Lisa and Deonna,

Please confirm that no public comments were received for SBL621290.

Thank you,

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Exhibit 3: Beach Haven Floodplain Context

Exhibit 4: Beach Haven Non-Floodplain Land Use Context

Exhibit 5: Facility Photos

Front entrance

Northwest elevation

Southeast elevation

Southwest elevation