

Agency Name: DCA

CDBG-DR Program: Blue Acres (BA)

Application ID Number: BA-Southampton Township

DETERMINATION OF LEVEL OF REVIEW

Applicant Name: Southampton Township

Business/Project Name: BA-Southampton Township

Program Year:

Project Location: Multiple, Southampton, New Jersey, 08088

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

The NJDEP Super Storm Sandy Blue Acres Buyout Program (SBABP) will buy out up to fifty-two (52) properties in the community of Southampton Township, Burlington County in order to demolish the damaged structures and open up the floodplain. The proposed project would acquire residential properties on a voluntary basis and demolish, remove, and dispose of all man-made features on the properties, such as dwellings, foundations, sheds, garages, fences, and driveways. Wells and septic systems would be abandoned in place and all utilities would be disconnected. The properties would be graded and left in a stabilized condition (i.e., grass growth covering the property). The acquired properties would be permanently preserved as open space and serve as natural buffers against future storms and floods.

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:

- ☐ Tier 2
- ☐ Exempt from NEPA review requirements per 24 CFR 58.34(a)
- ☐ Categorically Excluded NOT Subject To (CENST) §58.5 authorities per 24 CFR 58.35(b)
- ☐ Categorically Excluded SUBJECT To (CEST) §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.)
- ☐ Adoption of FEMA
- ☐ Adoption of FHWA
- ☐ Adoption of UFWS
- ☐ Facilitated Review
- ☐ Memorandum of Referendum (MoR)
- ☐ Other

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:

Determined by: *Tonya House*

Reason for Initial Determination:

The proposed projects' activities are not covered under 58.35 (a).

Tonya House

Principal Name

2/28/2020

Completion Date for DLR