



New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Hurricane Sandy
Community Development Block Grant
Form – 1 : No Historic Properties Affected (Version 1.1)



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Application ID #	0333-0019, 0333-0020, 0333-0021, 0333-0022		
Applicant Name:	McChesney; Volmer; Volmer; Volmer		
Street Address:	73 West Mae Avenue, 75 West Mae Avenue, 77 West Mae Avenue, and 79 West Mae Avenue		
Municipality:	Southampton Township	County:	Burlington
PAMS PIN:	0333_301_4; 0333_301_5; 0333_301_6; 0333_301_7		
Latitude:	39°58'45.99" N	Longitude:	74°43'26.88" W

Undertaking:	<input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Interior	<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Elevation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconstruction:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within Existing Footprint, plus 2 feet		<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Existing Footprint	

Property Description:	<p>Proposed project is part of the NJDEP Blue Acres Buyout (BAB) program. As part of a larger project within Southampton Township, NJDEP proposes to acquire the four subject properties on northern frontage of West Mae Avenue in Southampton Township, Burlington County. The properties are located along the flood-prone Rancocas Creek. Upon acquiring the properties, the BAB project will remove and dispose of all man-made features within the properties including dwellings, foundations, sheds, garages, fences, and driveways. The project will leave any existing wells and/or septic systems abandoned in place and will disconnect all utilities. The properties will experience limited grading, confined to the limits of past disturbance, and will be left in a stabilized condition that will support soil stability. Once cleared, the properties will be permanently preserved as open space and serve as a natural buffer against future storms and flood events.</p> <p>All project-related debris removal and demolition activities would be conducted in compliance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Low Impact Debris Removal Standards. These standards are outlined in Appendix G of the <i>Statewide Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Officer, the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, the Delaware Nation, the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Mohicans as a Result of Hurricane Sandy</i> (2015).</p> <p>The property at 73 West Mae Avenue consists of a one-story single-family dwelling with vinyl siding and a side-gabled roof clad with asphalt shingles. The property card indicates that the building was constructed in 1930, has vinyl windows and a concrete block foundation. According to the property owner, additions were made to the building circa 1965.</p> <p>75 West Mae Avenue contains a one-story single-family residence; it has an attached section that is 1-1/2 stories tall. The building is clad with vinyl siding and has gabled roofs clad with asphalt shingles. According to the property card, the building was built in 1930. It features replacement vinyl windows and a brick chimney. 75 West Mae Avenue building rests on a concrete block foundation (Field visit 2/14/20). The property also features a car port and a wooden shed.</p> <p>The property at 77 West Mae Avenue consists of a one-story single-family dwelling with aluminum siding and a side-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. The property card indicates that the building was constructed in 1930. It features replacement vinyl windows and a concrete block foundation (Field visit 2/14/20). The northern exposure contains a sunroom extension. This property also contains a wooden shed.</p> <p>The property at 79 West Mae Avenue consists of a one-story single-family dwelling with vinyl siding. It is cross gabled with asphalt shingles. According to the property card, the building was constructed in 1930; features replacement vinyl windows and a newer roof shingles. It also has a concrete block foundation, brick chimney, and a wooden deck (information from the field visit 2/14/20). A concrete block shed/garage is also located within the property.</p> <p>The buildings were likely constructed as seasonal cabins that were converted to year-long residences. They lack ornamentation and are simple in design and form; they are vernacular buildings and do not represent a specific architectural style as those referenced in the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO) <i>Guidelines for Architectural Survey</i>.</p> <p>The United States Department of Agriculture Soil Survey (websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov) maps one soil type within the property—Fluvaquents, loamy (FmhAt). Fluvaquents are poorly drained and frequently flooded; these soils are associated with toeslopes and the floodplain of creeks. The property is located within the floodplain of the North Branch of the Rancocas Creek. The North Branch of the Rancocas Creek is located to its immediate north. The topography within the property gradually declines from south to north ranging from an elevation of 28 to 19 feet above sea level, with the highest elevations being along the southern extent of the property.</p> <p>A search of NJ GeoWeb indicates that the property is not located within an archaeological site grid as defined by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO); the property is approximately 800 feet north, 1,400 feet northeast, and 1,600 feet west of three NJHPO-defined Archaeological Grids. The property is also 3,500 feet west of the Birmingham School, a property listed in the National and State Register of Historic Places (National Register/State Register). There are no known historic properties within the subject locations.</p> <p>Historic maps of Burlington County indicate that a historic forerunner to present-day Route 206 had been constructed by 1859 (Kuhn and Janney 1859). The 1859 <i>Wall Map of Burlington County</i> indicates that the properties were in the immediate vicinity of a tributary of the Rancocas Creek. Sporadic development was located south and west. Scott's 1876 <i>Combination Atlas of Burlington County</i> also indicates that the Rancocas Creek was located in the immediate vicinity; a rail line was also located to the south. There was no development within the properties. Late twentieth century topographic maps reflect that the area continued to be undeveloped. The 1930 historic aerial imagery</p>
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Architecture Reviewer	Niall Conway	Archaeology Reviewer	Tina Fortugno
Date Reviewed	4/2/2020		

Required Documentation: ☐ Historic Properties Map ☐ Soils Map ☐ USGS Quad ☐ Property Photos



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	<p>is difficult to read but suggests that the subject properties were extant. By 1951, the subject properties and West Mae Avenue were in place.</p> <p>Pedestrian reconnaissance of the properties was conducted to document existing conditions, identify buildings and features, and assess past disturbance. The main residence at 73 West Main Avenue is located in the north portion of the lot. An asphalt driveway and asphalt walkway lead to the dwelling. The building has a maintained grass lawn with ornamental plantings, statues, urns, lamp posts, and birdhouses. A chain link fence marks the northern boundary of the property. The buildings at 75, 77, and 79 West Mae Avenue are tightly clustered. An asphalt driveway leads into 75 West Mae Avenue. The shed and dwelling are located east of the driveway. A maintained shrub grass lawn with a septic tank fronts 75, 77, and 79 West Mae Avenue; the properties also share an asphalt and gravel driveway. A brick path leads to 79 West Mae Avenue. The rear yards of the properties front the North Branch of the Rancocas Creek. Both 75 and 79 West Mae Avenue have wooden porches which extend toward the creek. No other buildings or features were identified within the properties.</p> <p>A search of NJ GeoWeb indicates that the properties are not located with an archaeological site grid suggesting that they are not in the vicinity of a known archaeological site. The properties are also not located in proximity to any known historic properties or historic districts. The buildings are situated within the floodplain of the North Branch of the Rancocas Creek and are associated with frequent flooding and poorly drained soils. The historic map review found no evidence for development within the properties prior to the early to mid-twentieth century. Given the lack of proximate archaeological sites and the topographic and environmental setting of the properties, the area would not have been an attractive location for prehistoric settlement. There is little likelihood for prehistoric occupation within the floodplain of the creek. Given the lack of documented historic occupation of the properties, they also have little to no sensitivity for historic archaeological deposits. The proposed BAB program will restrict disturbance to areas of previous ground disturbance. Therefore, there is no potential for intact prehistoric or historic archaeological resources to be affected by the project.</p> <p>With respect to historic properties, the existing buildings do not meet eligibility criteria for listing in the National Register. None of the properties represent unique or distinct examples of an architectural style. In addition, the buildings feature modern intrusions including vinyl windows and additions. The background research did not associate the buildings with any important historic individuals or with any important historical events. As a result, the properties do not satisfy Criteria A or B. They do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction; do not represent the work of a master; nor do they possess high artistic values. As a result, they do not individually satisfy Criterion C. As there is no potential for intact archaeological deposits within the properties, they also fail to satisfy Criterion D. Therefore, no historic properties will be affected by the proposed BAB project.</p>
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There are no historic properties affected within the project's area of potential effects, pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1) for the following reason(s): [Check All That Apply]

Historic Architecture:	<input type="checkbox"/> Located in "Green Zone" (Areas determined by FEMA/HPO to have low potential for above-ground historic properties) <input type="checkbox"/> Not 48 Years of Age <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks Integrity of Materials/Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Within / In View of a National Register of Historic Places Listed / Eligible Historic District <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Building (per FEMA Definition) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other – Lacks Distinctive Characteristics That Make It Individually Eligible for Listing on NRHP
Archaeology:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Low Archaeological Potential: <input type="checkbox"/> Located on Barrier Island <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantially Conforms to the Original Footprint <input type="checkbox"/> Located on Disturbed Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Not Located within 500 Feet of Waterways and/or Wetlands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Located on Well-drained Soils <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Identified Within a Historic Property / Historic District

Public Consultation	Federally Recognized Tribes, Certified Local Governments, Historic Preservation Commissions, etc:
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☐ I concur with this finding,

☐ I do not concur with this finding for the following reason(s):

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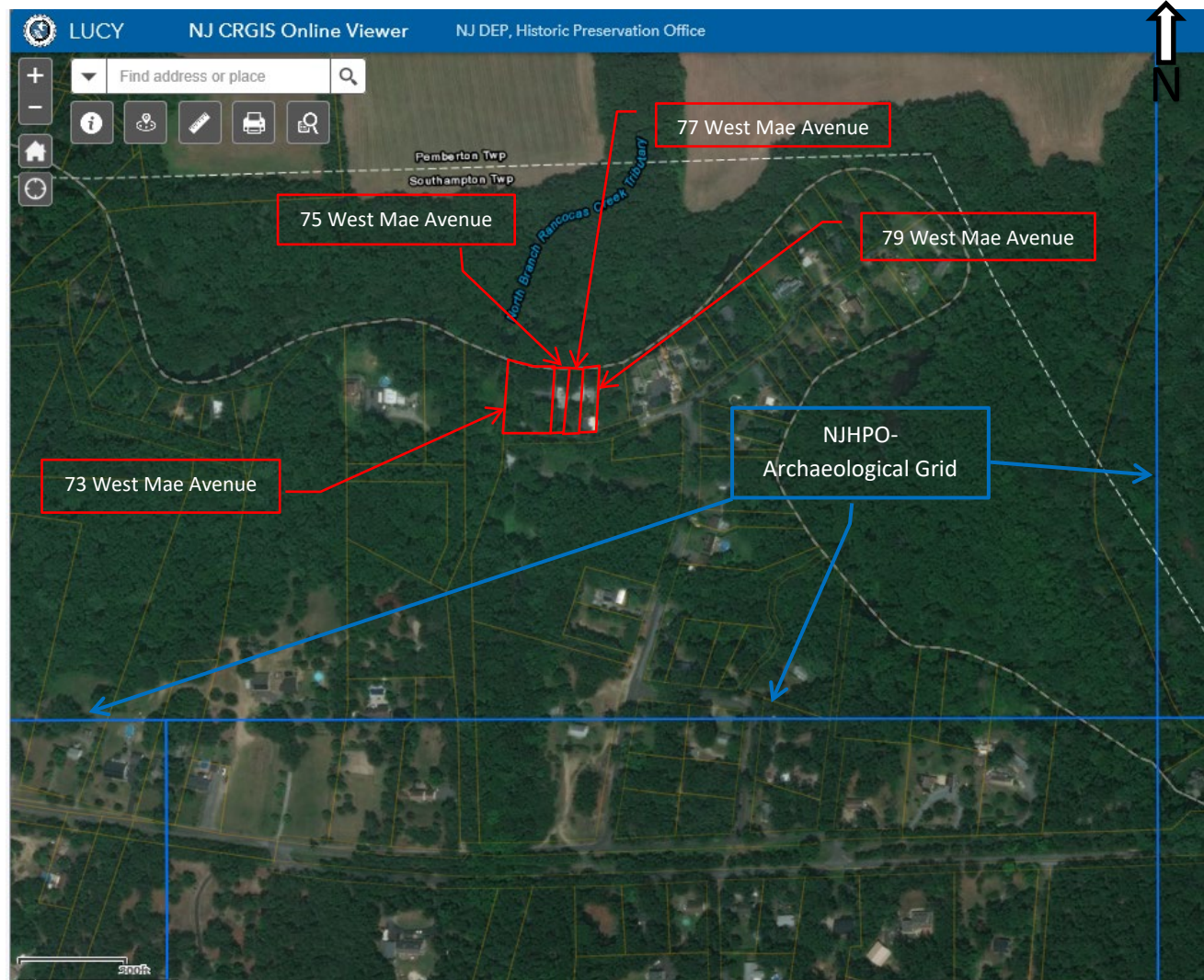
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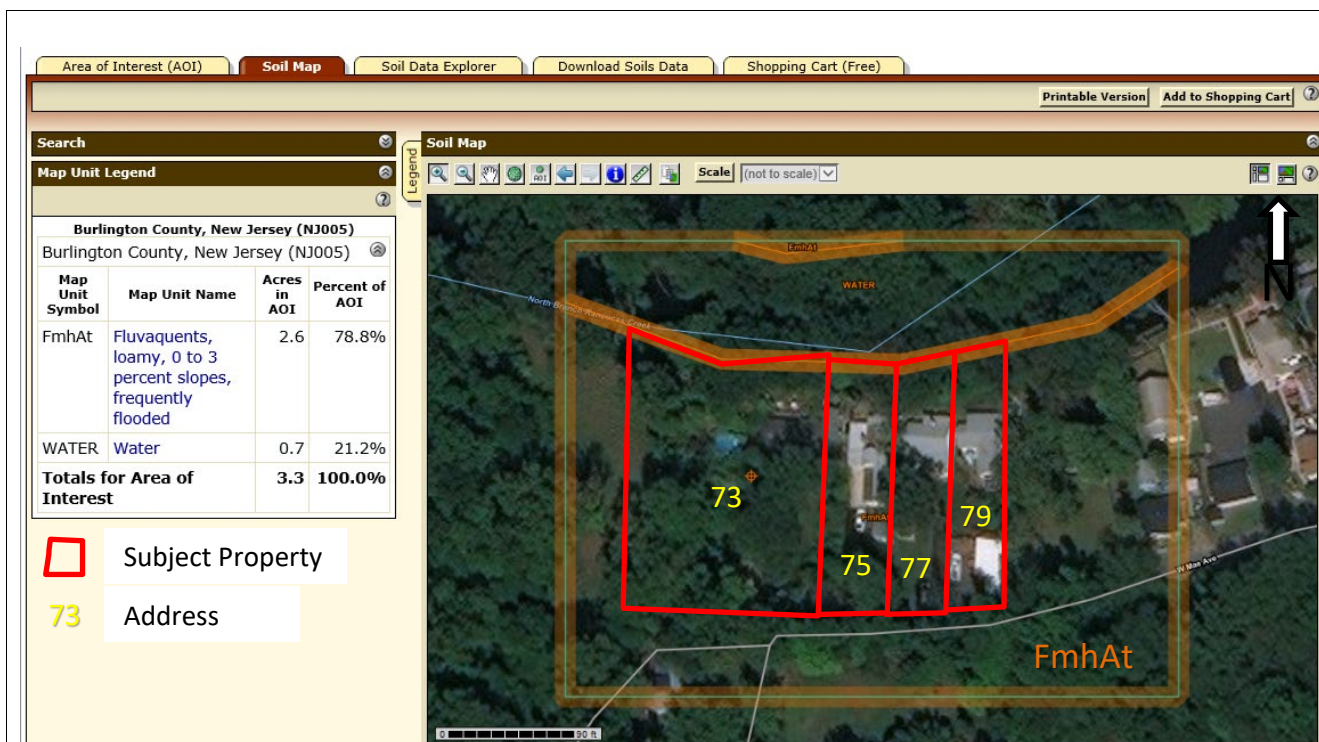
Historic Properties Map



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USGS Quadrangle: Pemberton, NJ



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Date:	4/2/2020
Direction:	North
Description:	View facing north, garage and southern exposure of 73 West Mae Avenue. Unable to gain access to property due to warning sign.



Date:	4/2/2020
Direction:	North
Description:	View facing north, southern exposure of 73 West Mae Avenue. Lawn ornaments and vegetation blocked most of the building's façade.





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Date:	2/14/2020
Direction:	Southeast
Description:	View facing southeast, northern exposure and rear yard of 73 West Mae Avenue.



Date:	2/14/2020
Direction:	North
Description:	View facing north, 75 West Mae Avenue.





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Date:	4/1/2020
Direction:	North
Description:	View facing north, western exposure of 75 West Mae Avenue.



Date:	4/1/2020
Direction:	South
Description:	View facing south, north exposure and rear of 75 West Mae Avenue.






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Date:	2/14/2020	
Direction:	North	
Description:	View facing north, western exposure of 75 West Mae Avenue.	



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Date:	4/2/2020	
Direction:	North	
Description:	View facing north, southern exposure of 77 West Mae Avenue.	

Date:	4/2/2020	
Direction:	North	
Description:	View facing north, shed of 77 West Mae Avenue.	



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Date:	4/2/2020
Direction:	North
Description:	View facing north, southern exposure of 79 West Mae Avenue.



Date:	4/1/2020
Direction:	North
Description:	View facing north, shed/garage in front yard of 79 West Mae Avenue (right).

