

COMBINED PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A
FLOODPLAIN**

May 26, 2026

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
101 South Broad Street
PO Box 800
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 11, 2026, the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant, Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR), Resilient Communities Program (RCP) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Manville RC 100027 Joint OEM/DPW Buildings Relocation for the purpose of hazard mitigation and resilience in the Borough of Manville, Somerset County, New Jersey.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The DCA has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. The records are available for review and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Samuel Viavattine, Deputy Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 823, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800. Comments may also be submitted via email at DRM.EHPComments@dca.nj.gov. All comments received by June 11, 2026, or fifteen (15) days from the actual date of publication, whichever is later, will be considered by DCA. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The DCA certifies to HUD that Samuel Viavattine in his capacity as Deputy Commissioner consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Borough of Manville to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the DCA's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the DCA; (b) the DCA has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Gerilee Bennett, ODR, Acting Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Samuel Viavattine, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Community Affairs