# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

October 3, 2024 City of Moorhead 500 Center Ave Moorhead, MN 56560 218-299-5375

On or about October 11, 2024 the City of Moorhead will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended(PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as Slum/Blight Removal consisting of the demolition and removal of an uninhabitable structure at 1018 3 Avenue North in Moorhead. Estimated funding will be \$50,000.

The activities proposed have been determined to have no significant impact on the human environment. Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Moorhead, 500 Center Avenue Moorhead, MN, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 am to 4:30 pm. The ERR can also be viewed at cityofmoorhead.com search for Community Development Block Grant.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Moorhead, Governmental Affairs, 500 Center Ave Moorhead, MN 56560. All comments received by October 10, 2024 will be considered by the City of Moorhead prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Moorhead certifies to HUD/State that Lisa Bode in her capacity as Director of Governmental Affairs, 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 City of Moorhead to use program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Moorhead 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 City of Moorhead; (b) the City of Moorhead 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 HUD Minneapolis office at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Paul D. Wellstone Federal Building; 212 3rd Avenue South, Suite 150; Minneapolis, MN 55401. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director, City of Moorhead

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 Seventh Street, SW Washington, DC 20410 www.hud.gov

espanol.hud.gov

# Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5 Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)

# **Project Information**

Project Name: Slum/Blig	ht-Remvoal-1018-3-Ave-North-Moorhead
HEROS Number: 9000000	010415819
	MOORHEAD, ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT MOORHEAD MN 56560
State / Local Identifier:	
RE Preparer: Tanya Kunza	a
Certifying Office r:	
Grant Recipient (if differer ity):	nt than Responsible Ent
Point of Contact:	
Consultant (if applicabl e):	
Point of Contact:	
<b>Project Location:</b> 1018 3r	d Ave N, Moorhead, MN 56560
<b>Additional Location Inform</b> N/A	nation:
Direct Comments to:	

#### Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

Cass Clay Community Land Trust(CCCLT) has title to home 1018 3 Ave North in Moorhead MN. This home in its current state is causing slum and blight in the residential neighborhood in which it is located. This home is beyond being able to rehabilitate, CCCLT purchased this slum and blight home in order to find assistance with getting it demolished and then be able to build a new low to moderate income family home. This home in its current state is unsafe and causing a hazard for the neighborhood. The home is located in a residential neighborhood in which neighbors have voiced complaints and concerns of this property. The city of Moorhead is working the CCCLT on getting this home demoed and removed. The plan is to utilize CDBG funds to demolish and remove this blighted home for the neighborhood in order for the CCCLT to build an "infill" home that will be purchased by a low to moderate income family and remain perpetually affordable for future families as the land is with the land trust.

Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description: City of Moorhead Property Information - Print.pdf

Level of Environmental Review Determination:

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at 58.5:

#### **Determination:**

	This categorically excluded activity/project converts to <b>EXEMPT</b> per Section 58.34(a)(12), because it does not require any mitigation for compliance with any listed statutes or authorities, nor requires any formal permit or license; <b>Funds may be committed and drawn down after certification of this part</b> for this (now) EXEMPT project; OR
<b>√</b>	This categorically excluded activity/project cannot convert to Exempt status because one or more statutes or authorities listed at Section 58.5 requires formal consultation or mitigation. Complete consultation/mitigation protocol requirements, <b>publish NOI/RROF</b> and obtain "Authority to Use Grant Funds" (HUD 7015.16) per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before committing or drawing down any funds; OR
	This project is not categorically excluded OR, if originally categorically excluded, is now subject to a full Environmental Assessment according to Part 58 Subpart E due to extraordinary circumstances (Section 58.35(c)).

#### **Approval Documents:**

7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer on:

**7015.16** certified by Authorizing Officer on:

# **Funding Information**

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
B23-MC-27-0004	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)	\$50,000.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded, Assisted or Insured Amount:

\$50,000.00

Estimated Total Project Cost:

\$50,000.00

# Compliance with 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5 and §58.6 Laws and Authorities

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determination (See Appendix A for source determinations)
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORD	DERS, AND REGULATIO	DNS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.6
Airport Hazards	☐ Yes ☑ No	
Clear Zones and Accident Potential		
Zones; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D		
Coastal Barrier Resources Act	☐ Yes ☑ No	This project is not located in a CBRS
Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as		Unit. Therefore, this project has no
amended by the Coastal Barrier		potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in
Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC		compliance with the Coastal Barrier
3501]		Resources Act.
Flood Insurance	☐ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description the
Flood Disaster Protection Act of		project includes no activities that would
1973 and National Flood Insurance		require further evaluation under this
Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-		section. The project does not require
4128 and 42 USC 5154a]		flood insurance or is excepted from

		flood insurance. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with Flood Insurance requirements.
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORD	DERS, AND REGULATIO	ONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.5
Air Quality Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	☐ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.
Coastal Zone Management Act Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	☐ Yes ☑ No	This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.
Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]	□ Yes ☑ No	On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. The project is exempt from radon consideration. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.
Endangered Species Act Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	□ Yes ☑ No	This project will have No Effect on listed species based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards Above-Ground Tanks)[24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	□ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of	☐ Yes ☑ No	This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural

1981, particularly sections 1504(b)		use. The project is in compliance with		
and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658		the Farmland Protection Policy Act.		
Floodplain Management	☐ Yes ☑ No	This project does not occur in the		
Executive Order 11988, particularly		FFRMS floodplain. The project is in		
section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55		compliance with Executive Orders		
		11988 and 13690.		
Historic Preservation	☐ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description the		
National Historic Preservation Act of		project has No Potential to Cause		
1966, particularly sections 106 and		Effects. The project is in compliance		
110; 36 CFR Part 800		with Section 106.		
Noise Abatement and Control	☐ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description, this		
Noise Control Act of 1972, as		project includes no activities that would		
amended by the Quiet Communities		require further evaluation under HUD's		
Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart		noise regulation. The project is in		
В		compliance with HUD's Noise		
		regulation.		
Sole Source Aquifers	☐ Yes ☑ No	The project is not located on a sole		
Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as		source aquifer area. The project is in		
amended, particularly section		compliance with Sole Source Aquifer		
1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149		requirements.		
Wetlands Protection	☐ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description this		
Executive Order 11990, particularly		project includes no activities that would		
sections 2 and 5		require further evaluation under this		
		section. The project is in compliance		
		with Executive Order 11990.		
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	☐ Yes ☑ No	This project is not within proximity of a		
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968,		NWSRS river. The project is in		
particularly section 7(b) and (c)		compliance with the Wild and Scenic		
		Rivers Act.		
HUD HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS				
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE				
Environmental Justice	☐ Yes ☑ No	No adverse environmental impacts were		
Executive Order 12898		identified in the project's total		
		environmental review. The project is in		
		compliance with Executive Order 12898.		

# Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]:

Summarized below are all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements and other relevant documents.

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The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition	Comments on Completed Measures	Mitigation Plan	Complete
	To have a professional remove all	N/A		
	waste from the building prior to			
	demolition			

#### **Project Mitigation Plan**

Cass Clay Community Land Trust will obtain bids for abatement and removal of hazardous waste from the property prior to demolition. The bids and selected lowest contractor will be provided to the City of Moorhead prior to executing an agreement for removal. Cass Clay Community Land Trust will provide all required documentation and receipts to the City once removal of materials is completed.

Supporting documentation on completed measures

#### **APPENDIX A: Related Federal Laws and Authorities**

# **Airport Hazards**

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General policy	Legislation	Regulation
It is HUD's policy to apply standards to		24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D
prevent incompatible development		
around civil airports and military airfields.		

1. To ensure compatible land use development, you must determine your site's proximity to civil and military airports. Is your project within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?

✓ No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload the map showing that the site is not within the applicable distances to a military or civilian airport below

Yes

**Screen Summary Compliance Determination** 

**Supporting documentation** 

Distance to Airport.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

#### **Coastal Barrier Resources**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD financial assistance may not be	Coastal Barrier Resources Act	
used for most activities in units of the	(CBRA) of 1982, as amended by	
Coastal Barrier Resources System	the Coastal Barrier Improvement	
(CBRS). See 16 USC 3504 for limitations	Act of 1990 (16 USC 3501)	
on federal expenditures affecting the		
CBRS.		

1.	Is the	project	located	in a	<b>CBRS</b>	Unit?
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√ No

Document and upload map and documentation below.

Yes

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

# **Supporting documentation**

coastal barrier map.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

#### Flood Insurance

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Certain types of federal financial assistance may not be	Flood Disaster	24 CFR 50.4(b)(1)
used in floodplains unless the community participates	Protection Act of 1973	and 24 CFR 58.6(a)
in National Flood Insurance Program and flood	as amended (42 USC	and (b); 24 CFR
insurance is both obtained and maintained.	4001-4128)	55.1(b).

- 1. Does this project involve <u>financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property?</u>
  - ✓ No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

4. While flood insurance is not mandatory for this project, HUD strongly recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Will flood insurance be required as a mitigation measure or condition?

Yes

✓ No

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with Flood Insurance requirements.

#### **Supporting documentation**

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

# **Air Quality**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Clean Air Act is administered	Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401 et	40 CFR Parts 6, 51
by the U.S. Environmental	seq.) as amended particularly	and 93
Protection Agency (EPA), which	Section 176(c) and (d) (42 USC	
sets national standards on	7506(c) and (d))	
ambient pollutants. In addition,		
the Clean Air Act is administered		
by States, which must develop		
State Implementation Plans (SIPs)		
to regulate their state air quality.		
Projects funded by HUD must		
demonstrate that they conform		
to the appropriate SIP.		

1. Does your project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units?

Yes

✓ No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

#### **Screen Summary**

# **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

**Coastal Zone Management Act** 

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Federal assistance to applicant	Coastal Zone Management	15 CFR Part 930
agencies for activities affecting	Act (16 USC 1451-1464),	
any coastal use or resource is	particularly section 307(c)	
granted only when such	and (d) (16 USC 1456(c) and	
activities are consistent with	(d))	
federally approved State		
Coastal Zone Management Act		
Plans.		

# 1. Is the project located in, or does it affect, a Coastal Zone as defined in your state Coastal Management Plan?

Yes

✓ No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

coastal barrier map(1).pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

#### **Contamination and Toxic Substances**

General Requirements	Legislation	Regulations
It is HUD policy that all properties that are being		24 CFR
proposed for use in HUD programs be free of		58.5(i)(2)
hazardous materials, contamination, toxic		24 CFR
chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances,		50.3(i)
where a hazard could affect the health and safety of		
the occupants or conflict with the intended		
utilization of the property.		
Reference		
https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/site-contamination		

1. Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances\* (excluding radon) found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property? (Were any recognized environmental conditions or RECs identified in a Phase I ESA and confirmed in a Phase II ESA?)

Provide a map or other documentation of absence or presence of contamination\*\* and explain evaluation of site contamination in the Screen Summary at the bottom of this screen.

✓ No

Explain:

A Phase 1 was conducted and no REC's were identified. There was a consideration of the removal of hazadous wastes at the site and must be removed before demolition.

Yes

✓ Check here if an ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) report was utilized. [Note: HUD regulations does not require an ASTM Phase I ESA report for single family homes]

<sup>\*</sup> This question covers the presence of radioactive substances excluding radon. Radon is addressed in the Radon Exempt Question.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Utilize EPA's Enviromapper, NEPAssist, or state/tribal databases to identify nearby dumps, junk yards, landfills, hazardous waste sites, and industrial sites, including EPA National Priorities List Sites (Superfund sites), CERCLA or state-equivalent sites, RCRA Corrective Action sites with release(s) or suspected release(s) requiring clean-up action and/or further investigation.

Additional supporting documentation may include other inspections and reports.

2. Evaluate the building(s) for radon. Do all buildings meet any of the exemptions\* from having to consider radon in the contamination analysis listed in CPD Notice CPD-23-103?

✓ Yes

Explain:

Exempt because it is a demolition project

No

- \* Notes:
- Buildings with no enclosed areas having ground contact.
- Buildings containing crawlspaces, utility tunnels, or parking garages would not be exempt, however buildings built on piers would be exempt, provided that there is open air between the lowest floor of the building and the ground.
- Buildings that are not residential and will not be occupied for more than 4 hours per day.
- Buildings with existing radon mitigation systems document radon levels are below 4 pCi/L with test results dated within two years of submitting the application for HUD assistance and document the system includes an ongoing maintenance plan that includes periodic testing to ensure the system continues to meet the current EPA recommended levels. If the project does not require an application, document test results dated within two years of the date the environmental review is certified. Refer to program office guidance to ensure compliance with program requirements.
- Buildings tested within five years of the submission of application for HUD assistance: test results document indoor radon levels are below current the EPA's recommended action levels of 4.0 pCi/L. For buildings with test data older than five years, any new environmental review must include a consideration of radon using one of the methods in Section A below.

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#### **Compliance Determination**

On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. The project is exempt from radon consideration. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.

#### Supporting documentation

B2407396 Phase I ESA FINAL.pdf

# Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

# **Endangered Species**

General requirements	ESA Legislation	Regulations
Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA)	The Endangered	50 CFR Part
mandates that federal agencies ensure that	Species Act of 1973	402
actions that they authorize, fund, or carry out	(16 U.S.C. 1531 et	
shall not jeopardize the continued existence of	seq.); particularly	
federally listed plants and animals or result in	section 7 (16 USC	
the adverse modification or destruction of	1536).	
designated critical habitat. Where their actions		
may affect resources protected by the ESA,		
agencies must consult with the Fish and Wildlife		
Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries		
Service ("FWS" and "NMFS" or "the Services").		

# 1. Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to affect specifies or habitats?

No, the project will have No Effect due to the nature of the activities involved in the project.

✓ No, the project will have No Effect based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office

Explain your determination:

No effect based determination letter

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

Yes, the activities involved in the project have the potential to affect species and/or habitats.

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project will have No Effect on listed species based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

# **Supporting documentation**

endagered species letter.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

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**Explosive and Flammable Hazards** 

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD-assisted projects must meet	N/A	24 CFR Part 51
Acceptable Separation Distance (ASD)		Subpart C
requirements to protect them from		
explosive and flammable hazards.		

1.	Is the proposed HUD-assisted project itself the development of a hazardous facility (a
facility	that mainly stores, handles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as
bulk fu	el storage facilities and refineries)?

✓	No
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2.	Does this project include any of the following activities: development, construction,
rehabil	itation that will increase residential densities, or conversion?

✓	No
	NO

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.

#### **Supporting documentation**

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

#### **Farmlands Protection**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Farmland Protection	Farmland Protection Policy	7 CFR Part 658
Policy Act (FPPA) discourages	Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201	
federal activities that would	et seq.)	
convert farmland to		
nonagricultural purposes.		

1. Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?

Yes



If your project includes new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, explain how you determined that agricultural land would not be converted:

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload all documents used to make your determination below.

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

#### Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes



# Floodplain Management

General Requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11988,	Executive Order 11988	24 CFR 55
Floodplain Management,	* Executive Order 13690	
requires Federal activities to	* 42 USC 4001-4128	
avoid impacts to floodplains	* 42 USC 5154a	
and to avoid direct and	* only applies to screen 2047	
indirect support of floodplain	and not 2046	
development to the extent		
practicable.		

# 1. Does this project meet an exemption at 24 CFR 55.12 from compliance with HUD's floodplain management regulations in Part 55?

Yes

- (a) HUD-assisted activities described in 24 CFR 58.34 and 58.35(b).
- (b) HUD-assisted activities described in 24 CFR 50.19, except as otherwise indicated in § 50.19.
- (c) The approval of financial assistance for restoring and preserving the natural and beneficial functions and values of floodplains and wetlands, including through acquisition of such floodplain and wetland property, where a permanent covenant or comparable restriction is place on the property's continued use for flood control, wetland projection, open space, or park land, but only if:
- (1) The property is cleared of all existing buildings and walled structures; and
- (2) The property is cleared of related improvements except those which:
- (i) Are directly related to flood control, wetland protection, open space, or park land (including playgrounds and recreation areas);
- (ii) Do not modify existing wetland areas or involve fill, paving, or other ground disturbance beyond minimal trails or paths; and
- (iii) Are designed to be compatible with the beneficial floodplain or wetland function of the property.
- (d) An action involving a repossession, receivership, foreclosure, or similar acquisition of property to protect or enforce HUD's financial interests under previously approved loans, grants, mortgage insurance,

or other HUD assistance.

- (e) Policy-level actions described at 24 CFR 50.16 that do not involve site-based decisions.
- (f) A minor amendment to a previously approved action with no additional adverse impact on or from a floodplain or wetland.
- (g) HUD's or the responsible entity's approval of a project site, an incidental portion of which is situated in the FFRMS floodplain (not including the floodway, LiMWA, or coastal high hazard area) but only if: (1) The proposed project site does not include any existing or proposed buildings or improvements that modify or occupy the FFRMS floodplain except de minimis improvements such as recreation areas and trails; and (2) the proposed project will not result in any new construction in or modifications of a wetland.
- (h) Issuance or use of Housing Vouchers, or other forms of rental subsidy where HUD, the awarding community, or the public housing agency that administers the contract awards rental subsidies that are not project-based (i.e., do not involve site-specific subsidies).
- (i) Special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to elderly and persons with disabilities.

Describe:

✓ No

2. Does the project include a Critical Action? Examples of Critical Actions include projects involving hospitals, fire and police stations, nursing homes, hazardous chemical storage, storage of valuable records, and utility plants.

✓ No

Yes

# 3. Determine the extent of the FFRMS floodplain and provide mapping documentation in support of that determination

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain can be determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA), 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2 PFA), or freeboard value approach (FVA). For projects in areas without available CISA data or without FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) or Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs), use the best available information to determine flood elevation. Include documentation and an explanation of why this is the best available information for the site. Note that newly constructed and substantially improved structures must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain regardless of the approach chosen to determine the floodplain.

Select one of the following three options:

✓ CISA for non-critical actions. If using a local tool , data, or resources, ensure that the FFRMS elevation is higher than would have been determined using the 0.2 PFA or the FVA.

0.2-PFA. Where FEMA has defined the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that FEMA has designated as within the 0.2-percent-annual-chance floodplain.

FVA. If neither CISA nor 0.2-PFA is available, for non-critical actions, the FFRMS floodplain is the area that results from adding two feet to the base flood elevation as established by the effective FIRM or FIS or — if available — a FEMA-provided preliminary or pending FIRM or FIS or advisory base flood elevations, whether regulatory or informational in nature. However, an interim or preliminary FEMA map cannot be used if it is lower than the current FIRM or FIS.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Sources which merit investigation include the files and studies of other federal agencies, such as the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Soil Conservation Service and the U. S. Geological Survey. These agencies have prepared flood hazard studies for several thousand localities and, through their technical assistance programs, hydrologic studies, soil surveys, and other investigations have collected or developed other floodplain information for numerous sites and areas. States and communities are also sources of information on past flood 'experiences within their boundaries and are particularly knowledgeable about areas subject to high-risk flood hazards such as alluvial fans, high velocity flows, mudflows and mudslides, ice jams, subsidence and liquefaction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If you are using best available information, select the FVA option below and provide supporting documentation in the screen summary. Contact your <u>local environmental officer</u> with additional compliance questions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Substantial improvement means any repair or improvement of a structure which costs at least

50 percent of the market value of the structure before repair or improvement or results in an increase of more than 20 percent of the number of dwelling units. The full definition can be found at 24 CFR 55.2(b)(12).

5. Does your project occur in the FFRMS floodplain?

Yes

✓ No

# **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project does not occur in the FFRMS floodplain. The project is in compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 13690.

#### **Supporting documentation**

# FIRMETTE\_.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

# **Historic Preservation**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Regulations under	Section 106 of the	36 CFR 800 "Protection of Historic
Section 106 of the	National Historic	Properties"
National Historic	Preservation Act	https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CF
Preservation Act	(16 U.S.C. 470f)	R-2012-title36-vol3/pdf/CFR-2012-title36-
(NHPA) require a		vol3-part800.pdf
consultative process		
to identify historic		
properties, assess		
project impacts on		
them, and avoid,		
minimize, or mitigate		
adverse effects		

#### Threshold

#### Is Section 106 review required for your project?

- No, because the project consists solely of activities listed as exempt in a Programmatic Agreement (PA). (See the PA Database to find applicable PAs.)
- ✓ No, because the project consists solely of activities included in a No Potential to Cause Effects memo or other determination [36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)].
  Yes, because the project includes activities with potential to cause effects (direct or indirect).

Threshold (b). Document and upload the memo or explanation/justification of the other determination below:

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description the project has No Potential to Cause Effects. The project is in compliance with Section 106.

#### **Supporting documentation**

SHPO DEMO 3 ave N.pdf

# Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

#### **Noise Abatement and Control**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD's noise regulations protect	Noise Control Act of 1972	Title 24 CFR 51
residential properties from		Subpart B
excessive noise exposure. HUD	General Services Administration	
encourages mitigation as	Federal Management Circular	
appropriate.	75-2: "Compatible Land Uses at	
	Federal Airfields"	

#### 1. What activities does your project involve? Check all that apply:

New construction for residential use

Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

A research demonstration project which does not result in new construction or reconstruction

An interstate land sales registration

Any timely emergency assistance under disaster assistance provision or appropriations which are provided to save lives, protect property, protect public health and safety, remove debris and wreckage, or assistance that has the effect of restoring facilities substantially as they existed prior to the disaster

✓ None of the above

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under HUD's noise regulation. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation.

**Supporting documentation** 

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

# **Sole Source Aquifers**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974	Safe Drinking Water	40 CFR Part 149
protects drinking water systems	Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.	
which are the sole or principal	201, 300f et seq., and	
drinking water source for an area	21 U.S.C. 349)	
and which, if contaminated, would		
create a significant hazard to public		
health.		

1.	Does the project consist solely of acquisition, leasing, or rehabilitation of an existing
building	(s)?

Yes

✓ No

# 2. Is the project located on a sole source aquifer (SSA)?

A sole source aquifer is defined as an aquifer that supplies at least 50 percent of the drinking water consumed in the area overlying the aquifer. This includes streamflow source areas, which are upstream areas of losing streams that flow into the recharge area.

< No

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Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload documentation used to make your determination, such as a map of your project (or jurisdiction, if appropriate) in relation to the nearest SSA and its source area, below.

Yes

3. Does your region have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other working agreement with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for HUD projects impacting a sole source aquifer?

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Moorhead

# Moorhead, MN

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Yes

No

# **Screen Summary**

# **Compliance Determination**

The project is not located on a sole source aquifer area. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements.

# **Supporting documentation**

sole source aquifer.pdf

# Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

#### **Wetlands Protection**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11990 discourages direct or	Executive Order	24 CFR 55.20 can be
indirect support of new construction impacting	11990	used for general
wetlands wherever there is a practicable		guidance regarding
alternative. The Fish and Wildlife Service's		the 8 Step Process.
National Wetlands Inventory can be used as a		
primary screening tool, but observed or known		
wetlands not indicated on NWI maps must also		
be processed Off-site impacts that result in		
draining, impounding, or destroying wetlands		
must also be processed.		

1. Does this project involve new construction as defined in Executive Order 11990, expansion of a building's footprint, or ground disturbance? The term "new construction" shall include draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities and any structures or facilities begun or authorized after the effective date of the Order

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✓	N	C

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

Yes

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990.

#### **Supporting documentation**

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

#### Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	The Wild and Scenic Rivers	36 CFR Part 297
provides federal protection for	Act (16 U.S.C. 1271-1287),	
certain free-flowing, wild, scenic	particularly section 7(b) and	
and recreational rivers	(c) (16 U.S.C. 1278(b) and (c))	
designated as components or		
potential components of the		
National Wild and Scenic Rivers		
System (NWSRS) from the effects		
of construction or development.		

#### 1. Is your project within proximity of a NWSRS river?

✓ No

Yes, the project is in proximity of a Designated Wild and Scenic River or Study Wild and Scenic River.

Yes, the project is in proximity of a Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) River.

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

Minnesota \_ Rivers wild and scenic.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

#### **Environmental Justice**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Determine if the project	Executive Order 12898	
creates adverse environmental		
impacts upon a low-income or		
minority community. If it		
does, engage the community		
in meaningful participation		
about mitigating the impacts		
or move the project.		

HUD strongly encourages starting the Environmental Justice analysis only after all other laws and authorities, including Environmental Assessment factors if necessary, have been completed.

1.	Were any adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review
portion	of this project's total environmental review?

Yes

✓ No

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section.

#### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

No adverse environmental impacts were identified in the project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.

#### **Supporting documentation**

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes