

# U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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# 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:** Blackstone Valley Bikeway, Pocket Park, Canoe/Kayak Dock

**Responsible Entity:** City of Pawtucket

**Grant Recipient** (if different than Responsible Entity):

**State/Local Identifier**: Rhode Island / City of Pawtucket

**Preparer:** 

**Certifying Officer Name and Title:** Edward G. Soares, CD Program Manager

**Grant Recipient** (if different than Responsible Entity):

**Consultant** (if applicable):

**Direct Comments to:** Edward G. Soares, CD Program Manager

**Project Location:** Roosevelt Avenue/Exchange Street Intersection Plat 43 Lot 498

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

The City will acquire parcel of vacant land on the corner of Roosevelt Avenue/Exchange Street, (4,000 square feet) to create a pocket park as part of the Blackstone Valley Bikeway. The pocket park will provide public access to the Blackstone River for Canoe and Kayak put in. Pocket Park to allow public access to the Blackstone River for recreational activities.

#### **Level of Environmental Review Determination:**

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5: **58.35(a)(1)** 

# **Funding Information**

<b>Grant Number</b>	HUD Program	<b>Funding Amount</b>
B-19-MC-44-0002	CDBG	\$75,000
B-18-MC-44-0002	CDBG	\$150,000
B-17-MC-44-0002	CDBG	\$335,000

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$560,000

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$1,800,000

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

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE OF & 58.6	RDERS, AND I	REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4
Airport Hazards	Yes No	The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a
24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D		military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The closet airport is T.F. Green Airport, over 10.95 miles from the project site. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.
Coastal Barrier Resources	Yes No	The project is not located in a CBRS Unit.
Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]		Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. See attached map from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper.
Flood Insurance	Yes No	The project does not involve financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or

Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	DERS.	AND R	acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property. 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.  EGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4
& 58.5	WEIRD,		EGGENTIONS EISTED III 24 GIR 50.4
Clean Air  Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	Yes	No 🔀	The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. The project does not involve new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units. No part of Rhode Island is listed as a non-attainment area for any Criteria Pollutants.  https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/ancl.html. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.
Coastal Zone Management  Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes	No 🖂	This project is not located in nor does it 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 Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)	Yes	No 🖂	The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. Using Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Enviro Site Search tool, 8 potential sources of site contamination were discovered. Reviewing the documentation of each site showed that all are in compliance with all state and federal environmental regulations. 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.

Endangered Species  Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402  Explosive and Flammable Hazards  24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No  Yes No  W	The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. There are no federally listed endangered species in the project area. The project is in compliance with Endangered Species regulations.  The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements, and does not involve development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements
Farmlands Protection  Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes No	There is no conversion of existing farmland as the project involved will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.
Floodplain Management  Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	Yes No	According to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) No. 44007C0194J, effective 10/2/2015, the project is located in a 500-year Floodplain. The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. The project is not a critical action (Critical actions are activities where even a slight risk of flooding would be too great, because of the potential loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to properties. This applies to hospitals, nursing homes, fire and police stations, and roads providing sole egress from flood-prone areas.) The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management requirements.
Historic Preservation	Yes No	The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800  Noise Abatement and Control  Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	Yes No	will comply with ADA requirements. There are no Historic Properties affected by the project activities. The project is in compliance with Historic Preservation requirements.  The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. Project does not include new construction for residential use or rehabilitation of an existing residential property. The project is in compliance with Noise Abatement and Control requirements.
Sole Source Aquifers  Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	Yes No	The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. The project is not located near a sole source aquifer. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements.
Wetlands Protection  Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes No	The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements, which will consist of ground disturbance. The project is not located near an on- or off-site Wetlands Area. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990 - Protection of Wetlands.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No	There are no wild or scenic rivers in the City of Pawtucket. This project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTIC	E	
Environmental Justice  Executive Order 12898	Yes No □ ⊠	There were no adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review portion of this project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898 – Environmental Justice requirements.

**Field Inspection** (Date and completed by): **Summary of Findings and Conclusions:** 

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

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

Law,	Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
N/A		N/A
Deteri	nination:	
	no circumstances which require §58.5. Funds may be committed	ity/project converts to Exempt, per 58.34(a)(12) because there are compliance with any of the federal laws and authorities cited a land drawn down after certification of this part for this (now)
	circumstances which require con §58.5. Complete consultation/mit "Authority to Use Grant Funds	ctivity/project cannot convert to Exempt because there are appliance with one or more federal laws and authorities cited a tigation protocol requirements, <b>publish NOI/RROF and obtain</b> (HUD 7015.16) per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before committing
	or drawing down any funds; OR This project is now subject to a fut to extraordinary circumstances (S	all Environmental Assessment according to Part 58 Subpart E due Section 58.35(c)).
Prepar	er Signature:	Date: 2/18/2020
Name/	Title/Organization: <u>Eduan</u>	l SOARCS/CD Progres way OPA
Respon	nsible Entity Agency Official S	
	Call .	Date: 2/18/2020
Name/	Title: Eduard Soary/	CD Program mange

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

**Airport Hazards (CEST and EA)** 

**General policy** 

H	t is HUD's p	olicy to apply standards to		24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D
p	revent inco	mpatible development		
		airports and military		
a	irfields.			
			References	
<u>h</u>	ittps://www	v.hudexchange.info/enviror	<u> imental-review/airport-haz</u>	<u>zards</u>
1.	To ensure	compatible land use deve	lopment, vou must detern	nine your site's proximity to
		-		of a military airport or 2,500
		civilian airport?	-,	,, ,,
	⊠No →	Based on the response, the	review is in compliance wit	h this section. Continue to the
		Worksheet Summary below	. Provide a map showing t	hat the site is not within the
		applicable distances to a mil	itary or civilian airport.	
	□v <b>&gt;</b>			
	⊔ res <del>&gt;</del>	Continue to Question 2.		
2.	Is your pr	oject located within a Rur	nway Potential Zone/Clear	Zone (RPZ/CZ) or Accident
	Potential Zone (APZ)?			
	$\square$ Yes, project is in an APZ $\rightarrow$ Continue to Question 3.			
	$\square$ Yes, project is an RPZ/CZ $\Rightarrow$ Project cannot proceed at this location.			
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	•	ject is not within an APZ or	•	tion. Continue to the Worksheet
		mmary below. Provide a map .	•	
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3.	Is the pro	ject in conformance with D	OD guidelines for APZ?	
	$\square$ Yes, pro	pject is consistent with DOD	guidelines without further	action.
	Explain	how you determined that	the project is consistent:	

Legislation

Regulation

<sup>→</sup> Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this determination.

□No, the project cannot be brought into conformance with DOD guidelines and has no been approved. → Project cannot proceed at this location.	ot
☐ Project is not consistent with DOD guidelines, but it has been approved by Certifying Offic or HUD Approving Official.  Explain approval process:	er
If mitigation measures have been or will be taken, explain in detail the propose measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.	
→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this determination.	

## **Worksheet Summary**

# **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

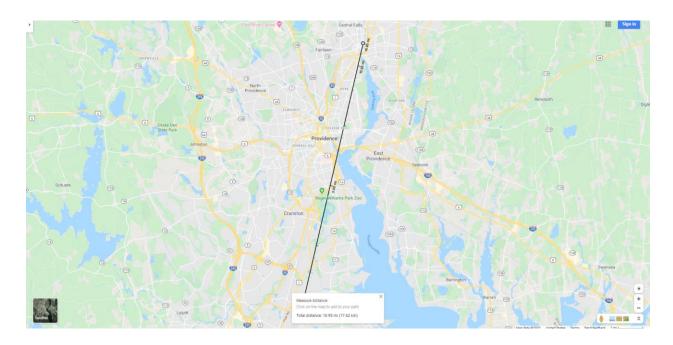
- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The closet airport is T.F. Green Airport, over 10.95 miles from the project site. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements. See attached map.

# Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

 $\square$  Yes

⊠ No



# **Coastal Barrier Resources (CEST and EA)**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
HUD financial assistance may not be	Coastal Barrier Resources Act	
used for most activities in units of	(CBRA) of 1982, as amended	
the Coastal Barrier Resources	by the Coastal Barrier	
System (CBRS). See 16 USC 3504 for	Improvement Act of 1990 (16	
limitations on federal expenditures	USC 3501)	
affecting the CBRS.		
	References	
https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/coastal-barrier-resources		

#### Projects located in the following states must complete this form.

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Alabama	Georgia	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Puerto Rico	Virgin Islands
Connecticut	Louisiana	Michigan	New York	Rhode Island	Virginia
Delaware	Maine	Minnesota	North Carolina	South Carolina	Wisconsin
Florida	Maryland	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas	

## 1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?

$\boxtimes$ No $\rightarrow$	Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the
	Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within a CBRS Unit.

 $\square$ Yes  $\rightarrow$  Continue to Question 2.

<u>Federal assistance for most activities may not be used at this location. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project.</u> In very rare cases, federal monies can be spent within CBRS units for certain exempted activities (e.g., a nature trail), after consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (see <u>16 USC 3505</u> for exceptions to limitations on expenditures).

#### 2. Indicate your selected course of action.

$\square$ After consultation with the FWS the project was given approval to continue
o Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the
Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map and documentation of a FWS approval.

Project was not given approval

Project cannot proceed at this location.

#### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

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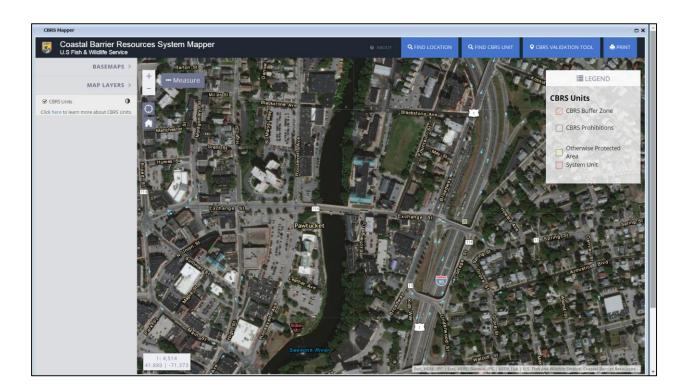
- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The 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. See attached map from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper.

### Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

☐ Yes

⊠ No



## Flood Insurance (CEST and EA)

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

1. Does this project involve financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property?

⊠No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. → Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

 $\square$ Yes  $\rightarrow$  Continue to Question 2.

2. Provide a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The <u>FEMA Map Service Center</u> provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use the best available information to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site. Provide FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number, and date within your documentation.

Is the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area?

$\square$ No $ o$ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
$\square$ Yes $ o$ Continue to Question 3.

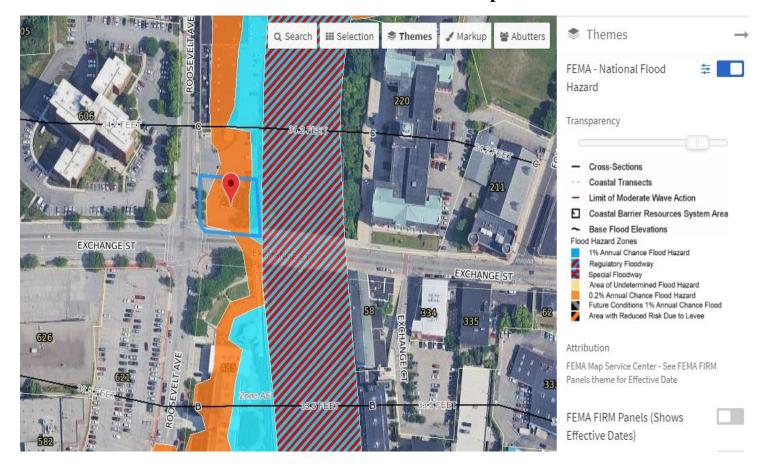
3. Is the community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program *or* has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards?

Yes, the community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.
For loans, loan insurance or loan guarantees, flood insurance coverage must be continued
for the term of the loan. For grants and other non-loan forms of financial assistance, flood
insurance coverage must be continued for the life of the building irrespective of the
transfer of ownership. The amount of coverage must equal the total project cost or the
maximum coverage limit of the National Flood Insurance Program, whichever is less
Provide a copy of the flood insurance policy declaration or a paid receipt for the current
annual flood insurance premium and a copy of the application for flood insurance.

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

<ul> <li>☐ Yes, less than one year has passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards.</li> <li>If less than one year has passed since notification of Special Flood Hazards, no flood Insurance is required.</li> <li>→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.</li> </ul>
□ No. The community is not participating, or its participation has been suspended.  Federal assistance may not be used at this location. Cancel the project at this location.
Worksheet Summary
Compliance Determination
Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was
based on, such as:
Map panel numbers and dates
Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers  And additional requirements are effect to your project.
Any additional requirements specific to your region
The project does not involve financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property. 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. See attached map.
Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?  ☐ Yes
⊠ No

# FEMA – National Flood Hazard Map



# Air Quality (CEST and EA)

General Requirements	Legislation	Regulation	
The Clean Air Act is administered by the	Clean Air Act (42 USC	40 CFR Parts 6, 51	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	7401 et seq.) as	and 93	
(EPA), which sets national standards on	amended particularly		
ambient pollutants. In addition, the Clean	Section 176(c) and (d)		
Air Act is administered by States, which	(42 USC 7506(c) and (d))		
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.			
Reference			
https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/air-quality			

#### Scope of Work

development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units?
□ Yes
→ Continue to Question 2.
⊠ No
Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

1. Does your project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the

#### Air Quality Attainment Status of Project's County or Air Quality Management District

2. Is your project's air quality management district or county in non-attainment or maintenance status for any criteria pollutants?
Follow the link below to determine compliance status of project county or air quality management district:

http://www.epa.gov/oaqps001/greenbk/

- ☐ No, project's county or air quality management district is in attainment status for all criteria pollutants
  - → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

	Yes, project's management district or county is in non-attainment or maintenar status for one or more criteria pollutants.			
	Describe the findings:			
	→ Continue to Question 3.			
	termine the <u>estimated emissions levels of your project for each of those crit</u>			
	<u>llutants</u> that are in non-attainment or maintenance status on your project area. V			
•	ur project exceed any of the <i>de minimis or threshold</i> emissions levels of n			
	attainment and maintenance level pollutants or exceed the screening levels establish by the state or air quality management district?			
-	No, the project will not exceed <i>de minimis</i> or threshold emissions levels or screeni			
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	→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue the Worksheet Summary below. Explain how you determined that the project we not exceed de minimis or threshold emissions.			
	Yes, the project exceeds <i>de minimis</i> emissions levels or screening levels.			
	→ Continue to Question 4. Explain how you determined that the project would exceed de minimis or threshold emissions in the Worksheet Summary.			
be	r the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts n mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented tigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.			

#### **Worksheet Summary**

## **Compliance Determination**

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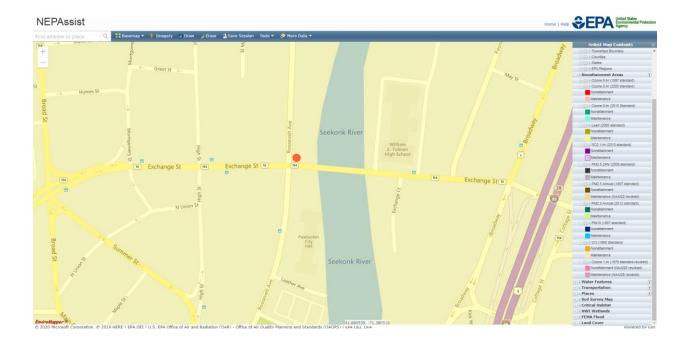
The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. The project does not involve new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units. No part of Rhode Island is listed as a non-attainment area for any Criteria Pollutants.

https://www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/ancl.html. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

#### Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

☐ Yes

⊠ No



**Coastal Zone Management Act (CEST and EA)** 

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.			
References			
https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/coastal-zone-management			

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Alabama	Florida	Louisiana	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas
Alaska	Georgia	Maine	New Hampshire	Oregon	Virgin Islands
American Samona	Guam	Maryland	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Virginia
California	Hawaii	Massachusetts	New York	Puerto Rico	Washington
Connecticut	Illinois	Michigan	North Carolina	Rhode Island	Wisconsin
Delaware	Indiana	Minnesota	Northern Mariana Islands	South Carolina	

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

$\boxtimes$ No $\rightarrow$	Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to
	the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within

2. Does this project include activities that are subject to state review?

□Yes →	Continue to Question 3.
□No →	Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination.

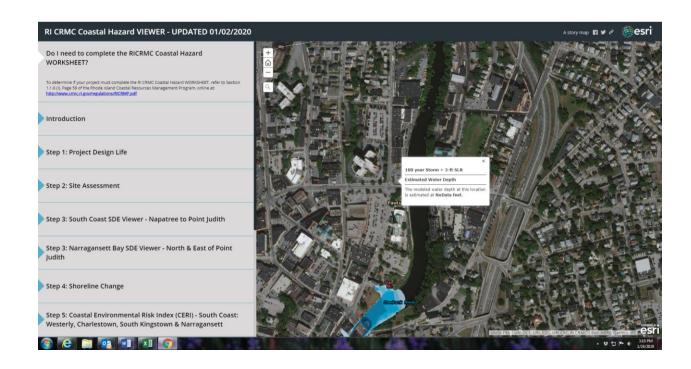
3. Has this project been determined to be consistent with the State Coastal Management Program?

	JYes,	with	mitigation.	$\rightarrow$	Continue	to	Question 4	4
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 $\square$ Yes  $\rightarrow$  Continue to Question 2.

a Coastal Zone.

section	thout mitigation. → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this n. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make etermination.
□No, pro	oject must be canceled.
<u>Pr</u>	oject cannot proceed at this location.
=	n detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the reffect, including the timeline for implementation.
<b>→</b>	Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the State Coastal Management Program letter of consistency) and any other documentation used to make your determination.
Provide a cle based on, suc  Map   Name Name	<b>Determination</b> ar description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was
1 2	is not located in nor does it affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal at Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. See up.
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# Contamination and Toxic Substances (Multifamily and Non-Residential Properties)

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

L.	How was site contamination evaluated? - Select all that apply.
	☐ ASTM Phase I ESA
	☐ ASTM Phase II ESA
	☐ Remediation or clean-up plan
	☐ ASTM Vapor Encroachment Screening
	⋈ None of the above
	ightarrow Provide documentation and reports and include an explanation of how site
	contamination was evaluated in the Worksheet Summary.
	Continue to Question 2.

2. Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances 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?)

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**Explain:** 

Using Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Enviro Site Search tool, 8 potential sources of site contamination were discovered. Reviewing the documentation of each site showed that all are in compliance with all state and federal environmental regulations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> HUD regulations at 24 CFR § 58.5(i)(2)(ii) require that the environmental review for multifamily housing with five or more dwelling units or non-residential property include the evaluation of previous uses of the site or other evidence of contamination on or near the site. For acquisition and new construction of multifamily and nonresidential properties HUD strongly advises the review include an ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to meet real estate transaction standards of due diligence and to help ensure compliance with HUD's toxic policy at 24 CFR §58.5(i) and 24 CFR §50.3(i). Also note that some HUD programs require an ASTM Phase I ESA.

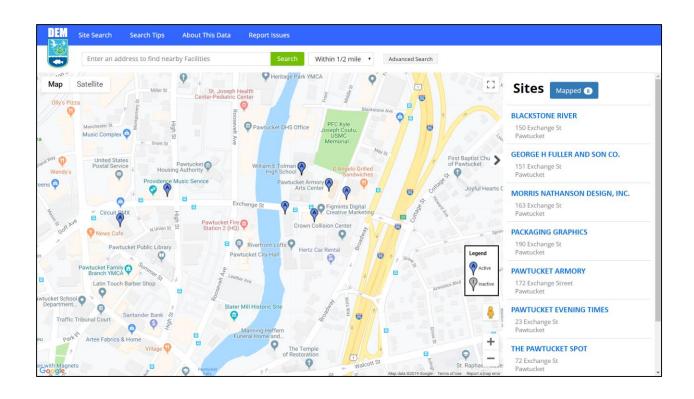
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→ Project cannot proceed at this location.	
$\square$ Yes, adverse environmental impacts can be eliminated through mitigation	
$ ightarrow$ Provide all mitigation requirements $^2$ and documents. Continue to Quest	on 4.
4. Describe how compliance was achieved. Include any of the following that apply Voluntary Clean-up Program, a No Further Action letter, use of engineering cont or use of institutional controls <sup>4</sup> .	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mitigation requirements include all clean-up actions required by applicable federal, state, tribal, or local law. Additionally, provide, as applicable, the long-term operations and maintenance plan, Remedial Action Work Plan, and other equivalent documents.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Engineering controls are any physical mechanism used to contain or stabilize contamination or ensure the effectiveness of a remedial action. Engineering controls may include, without limitation, caps, covers, dikes, trenches, leachate collection systems, signs, fences, physical access controls, ground water monitoring systems and ground water containment systems including, without limitation, slurry walls and ground water pumping systems.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Institutional controls are mechanisms used to limit human activities at or near a contaminated site, or to ensure the effectiveness of the remedial action over time, when contaminants remain at a site at levels above the applicable remediation standard which would allow for unrestricted use of the property. Institutional controls may include structure, land, and natural resource use restrictions, well restriction areas, classification exception areas, deed notices, and declarations of environmental restrictions.

If a remediation plan or clean-up program was necessary, which standard does it follow?
☐ Complete removal
→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
$\square$ Risk-based corrective action (RBCA)
→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
Worksheet Summary
Compliance Determination
Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:
Map panel numbers and dates
Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
<ul> <li>Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers</li> <li>Any additional requirements specific to your region</li> </ul>
The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. Using Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Enviro Site Search tool, 8 potential sources of site contamination were discovered. Reviewing the documentation of each site showed that all are in compliance with all state and federal environmental regulations. 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.
Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?
☐ Yes
⊠ No



# **Endangered Species Act (CEST and EA)**

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 (16	402
actions that they authorize, fund, or carry out	U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);	
shall not jeopardize the continued existence of	particularly section 7	
federally listed plants and animals or result in	(16 USC 1536).	
the adverse modification or destruction of		
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").		
References		
https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/endangered-species		

L.	Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to affect species or habitats?
	□ No, the project will have No Effect due to the nature of the activities involved in the project.
	→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.
	□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:

- → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.
- $\boxtimes$ Yes, the activities involved in the project have the potential to affect species and/or habitats.  $\rightarrow$  Continue to Question 2.
- 2. Are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area?

  Obtain a list of protected species from the Services. This information is available on the <a href="FWS">FWS</a>

  Website or you may contact your <a href="Local FWS">Local FWS</a> and/or <a href="NMFS">NMFS</a> offices directly.

 $\boxtimes$ No, the project will have No Effect due to the absence of federally listed species and designated critical habitat.

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation

may include letters from the Services, species lists from the Services' websites, surveys or other documents and analysis showing that there are no species in the action area.
$\square$ Yes, there are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area. $\rightarrow$ Continue to Question 3.
What effects, if any, will your project have on federally listed species or designated critical habitat?
<ul> <li>□ No Effect: Based on the specifics of both the project and any federally listed species in the action area, you have determined that the project will have absolutely no effect on listed species or critical habitat.</li> <li>→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation should include a species list and explanation of your conclusion, and may require maps, photographs, and surveys as appropriate.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>□ May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect: Any effects that the project may have on federally listed species or critical habitats would be beneficial, discountable, or insignificant.</li> <li>→ Continue to Question 4, Informal Consultation.</li> </ul>
□ Likely to Adversely Affect: The project may have negative effects on one or more listed species or critical habitat.  → Continue to Question 5, Formal Consultation.
Informal Consultation is required
Section 7 of ESA (16 USC. 1536) mandates consultation to resolve potential impacts to endangered and threatened species and critical habitats. If a HUD-assisted project may affect any federally listed endangered or threatened species or critical habitat, then compliance is required with Section 7. See 50 CFR Part 402 Subpart B Consultation Procedures.
Did the Service(s) concur with the finding that the project is Not Likely to Adversely Affect?
<ul> <li>Yes, the Service(s) concurred with the finding.</li> <li>→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Question 6 and provide the following:         <ul> <li>(1) A biological evaluation or equivalent document</li> <li>(2) Concurrence(s) from FWS and/or NMFS</li> <li>(3) Any other documentation of informal consultation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Exception: If finding was made based on procedures provided by a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office, provide whatever documentation is mandated by that agreement.

	$\square$ No, the Service(s) did not concur with the finding. $\rightarrow$ Continue to Question 5.	
5.	Formal consultation is required  Section 7 of ESA (16 USC 1536) mandates consultation to resolve potential impacts to federally listed endangered and threatened species and critical habitats. If a HUD assisted project may affect any endangered or threatened species or critical habitat, then compliance is required with Section 7. See 50 CFR Part 402 Subpart B Consultation Procedures.	
	→ Once consultation is complete, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Question 6 and provide the following:	
	(1) A biological assessment, evaluation, or equivalent document (2) Biological opinion(s) issued by FWS and/or NMFS	
	(3) Any other documentation of formal consultation	
6.	For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the proposed measures that will be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.	
	□ No mitigation is necessary.  Explain why mitigation will not be made here:	
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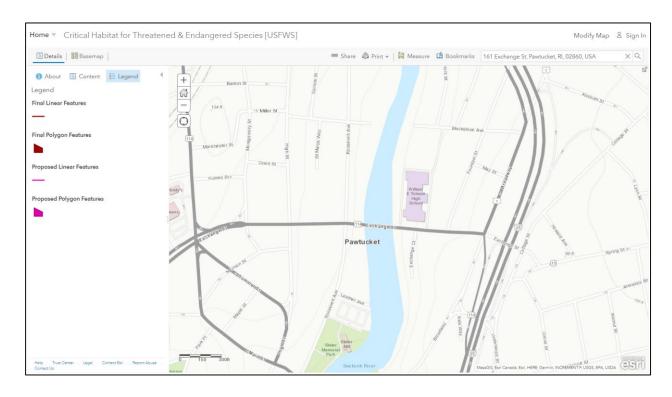
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. There are no federally listed endangered species in the project area. The project is in compliance with Endangered Species regulations. See attached map.

# Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

☐ Yes

⊠ No



# **Explosive and Flammable Hazards (CEST and EA)**

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.		
·	eference	
https://www.hudexchange.info/environm		I-flammable-facilities
<ul> <li>1. Does the proposed HUD-assisted projestores, handles or processes flammables facilities and refineries)?</li> <li>☒ No</li> <li>→ Continue to Question 2.</li> </ul>		
☐ Yes		
Explain:		
→ Continue to Question 5.		
rehabilitation that will increase reside  ☑ No → Based on the response, the response, the response the Worksheet Summary below	eview is in compliance with	
☐ Yes → Continue to Question 3.		
3. Within 1 mile of the project site, are the storage containers:	nere any current <i>or planned</i>	d stationary aboveground
<ul> <li>Of more than 100 gallon capacit</li> <li>Of any capacity, containing haz industrial fuels?</li> </ul>	•	
<ul> <li>□ No</li> <li>→ Based on the response, the r</li> <li>the Worksheet Summary b</li> <li>determination.</li> </ul>	•	
☐ Yes → Continue to Question 4.		

4.	Is the Separation Distance from the project acceptable based on standards in the Regulation?
	Please visit <u>HUD's website</u> for information on calculating Acceptable Separation Distance.
	⇒ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to any tanks and your separation distance calculations. If the map identifies more than one tank, please identify the tank you have chosen as the "assessed tank."
	$\square$ No
	→ Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to any tanks and your separation distance calculations. If the map identifies more than one tank, please identify the tank you have chosen as the "assessed tank." Continue to Question 6.
5.	Is the hazardous facility located at an acceptable separation distance from residences and any other facility or area where people may congregate or be present?  Please visit <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/journal.org/">HUD's website</a> for information on calculating Acceptable Separation Distance.  \[ \triangle \text{Yes} \]
	→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to residences and any other facility or area where people congregate or are present and your separation distance calculations.
	$\square$ No
	→ Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to residences and any other facility or area where people congregate or are present and your separation distance calculations.  Continue to Question 6.
6.	For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to make the Separation Distance acceptable, including the timeline for implementation. If negative effects cannot be mitigated, cancel the project at this location.  Note that only licensed professional engineers should design and implement blast barriers. If a barrier will be used or the project will be modified to compensate for an unacceptable separation distance, provide approval from a licensed professional engineer.

## **Worksheet Summary**

## **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, will comply with ADA requirements, and does not involve development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion.
The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements

Are for	mal compliance steps or mitigation required?
	☐ Yes
	⊠ No

# **Farmlands Protection (CEST and EA)**

 $\square$ Yes  $\rightarrow$  Continue to Question 3.

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.		
Reference		
https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/farmlands-protection		

r	nonagricultural purposes.
	Reference
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1.	undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use?  □Yes → Continue to Question 2.  □No
	Explain how you determined that agricultural land would not be converted:
	There is no conversion of existing farmland as the project consists of a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. There is no farmland on or near the project site.
	→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting you determination.
2.	Does "important farmland," including prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland o statewide or local importance regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act, occu on the project site?
	You may use the links below to determine important farmland occurs on the project site:
	<ul> <li>Utilize USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Web Soil Survey <a href="http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm">http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm</a></li> <li>Check with your city or county's planning department and ask them to document if the project is on land regulated by the FPPA (zoning important farmland as non-agricultural does not exempt it from FPPA requirements)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Contact NRCS at the local USDA service center         <a href="http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs">http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs</a> or your NRCS state soil scientist <a href="http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/">http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state_offices/</a> for assistance</li> </ul>
	□ No → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.

- 3. Consider alternatives to completing the project on important farmland and means of avoiding impacts to important farmland.
  - Complete form AD-1006, "Farmland Conversion Impact Rating" <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045394.pdf">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045394.pdf</a> and contact the state soil scientist before sending it to the local NRCS District Conservationist.
    - (NOTE: for corridor type projects, use instead form **NRCS-CPA-106**, "Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for Corridor Type Projects: <a href="http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE">http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE</a> DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1045395.pdf.)
  - Work with NRCS to minimize the impact of the project on the protected farmland. When you have finished with your analysis, return a copy of form AD-1006 (or form NRCS-CPA-106 if applicable) to the USDA-NRCS State Soil Scientist or his/her designee informing them of your determination.

Docume	int your conclusion:
□Projec	ct will proceed with mitigation.
-	ain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the act or effect, including the timeline for implementation.
<b>→</b>	Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make your determination.
□Proied	ct will proceed without mitigation.
-	ain why mitigation will not be made here:
$\rightarrow$	Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the

Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make

your determination.

# **Worksheet Summary**

## **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

There is no conversion of existing farmland as the project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. There is no farmland on or near the project site. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.
Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

# Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required? ☐ Yes

⊠ No

# Floodplain Management (CEST and EA)

General Requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Executive Order 11988,	Executive Order 11988	24 CFR 55
Floodplain Management,		
requires Federal activities to		
avoid impacts to floodplains		
and to avoid direct and		
indirect support of floodplain		
development to the extent		
practicable.		
Reference		
https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/floodplain-management		

	Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(c) here. If project is exempt under 55.12(c)(7) or (8), provide supporting documentation.
	→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.
	$\boxtimes$ No $\rightarrow$ Continue to Question 2.
2.	Provide a FEMA/FIRM or ABFE map showing the site.  The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The FEMA Map Service Center provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) or Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use the best available information to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site.
	<ul> <li>Does your project occur in a floodplain?</li> <li>□ No → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.</li> </ul>
	⊠ Yes

	□ Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) → Continue to Question 4, Coastal High Hazard Areas
	⊠ 500-year floodplain (B Zone or shaded X Zone) → Continue to Question 5, 500-year Floodplains
	☐ 100-year floodplain (A Zone) → The 8-Step Process is required. Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process
3.	Floodways  Is this a functionally dependent use?  ☐ Yes  The 8-Step Process is required. Work with your HUD FEO to determine a way to
	satisfactorily continue with this project. Provide a completed 8-Step Process, including the early public notice and the final notice.  → Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process
	☐ No  Federal assistance may not be used at this location unless a 55.12(c) exception applies.  You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project at this location.
4.	Coastal High Hazard Area Is this a critical action?  □ Yes
	Critical actions are prohibited in coastal high hazard areas. Federal assistance may not be used at this location. Unless the action is excepted at 24 CFR 55.12(c), you must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project.
	□ No
	Does this action include construction that is not a functionally dependent use, existing construction (including improvements), or reconstruction following destruction caused by a disaster?
	<ul><li>Yes, there is new construction.</li><li>New construction is prohibited in V Zones ((24 CFR 55.1(c)(3)).</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>No, this action concerns only a functionally dependent use, existing construction (including improvements), or reconstruction following destruction caused by a disaster.</li> <li>This construction must have met FEMA elevation and construction standards for a coastal high hazard area or other standards applicable at</li> </ul>
	the time of construction.

#### → Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process

# 5. 500-year Floodplain Is this a critical action? $\boxtimes$ No $\rightarrow$ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. $\square$ Yes $\rightarrow$ Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process 6. 8-Step Process. Does the 8-Step Process apply? Select one of the following options: ☐ 8-Step Process applies. Provide a completed 8-Step Process, including the early public notice and the final → Continue to Question 7, Mitigation $\square$ 5-Step Process is applicable per 55.12(a)(1-3). Provide documentation of 5-Step Process. Select the applicable citation: $\Box$ 55.12(a)(1) HUD actions involving the disposition of HUD-acquired multifamily housing projects or "bulk sales" of HUD-acquired one- to four-family properties in communities that are in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in good standing (i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24). $\Box$ 55.12(a)(2) HUD's actions under the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1701) for the purchase or refinancing of existing multifamily housing projects, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, and intermediate care facilities, in communities that are in good standing under the NFIP. $\Box$ 55.12(a)(3) HUD's or the recipient's actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing multifamily housing projects, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, intermediate care facilities, and one- to four-family properties, in communities that are in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and are in good standing, provided that the number of units is not increased more than 20 percent, the action does not involve a conversion from nonresidential to residential land use, the action does not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(10), and the footprint of the structure and paved areas is not significantly increased. $\Box$ 55.12(a)(4) HUD's (or the recipient's) actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of

existing nonresidential buildings and structures, in communities that are in the

Regular Program of the NFIP and are in good standing, provided that the action does not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(10) and that the footprint of the structure and paved areas is not significantly increased.

increased.  → Continue to Question 7, Mitigation	
☐ 8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.12(b)(1-4).	

Select the applicable citation:

- □ 55.12(b)(1) HUD's mortgage insurance actions and other financial assistance for the purchasing, mortgaging or refinancing of existing one- to four-family properties in communities that are in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in good standing (i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24), where the action is not a critical action and the property is not located in a floodway or coastal high hazard area.
- ☐ 55.12(b)(2) Financial assistance for minor repairs or improvements on one- to four-family properties that do not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(10)
- ☐ 55.12(b)(3) HUD actions involving the disposition of individual HUD-acquired, one-to four-family properties.
- □ 55.12(b)(4) HUD guarantees under the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund Program (24 CFR part 573) of loans that refinance existing loans and mortgages, where any new construction or rehabilitation financed by the existing loan or mortgage has been completed prior to the filing of an application under the program, and the refinancing will not allow further construction or rehabilitation, nor result in any physical impacts or changes except for routine maintenance.
- ☐ 55.12(b)(5) The approval of financial assistance to lease an existing structure located within the floodplain, but only if—
  - (i) The structure is located outside the floodway or Coastal High Hazard Area, and is in a community that is in the Regular Program of the NFIP and in good standing (i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24);
  - (ii) The project is not a critical action; and
  - (iii) The entire structure is or will be fully insured or insured to the maximum under the NFIP for at least the term of the lease.
- → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

#### 7. Mitigation

For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

Which of the	e following mitigation/minimization measures have been identified for this
project in th	e 8-Step or 5-Step Process? Select all that apply.
☐ Perm	neable surfaces
☐ Natu	ral landscape enhancements that maintain or restore natural hydrology
☐ Plant	ing or restoring native plant species
☐ Biosv	vales
☐ Evap	otranspiration
☐ Storr	nwater capture and reuse
☐ Gree	n or vegetative roofs with drainage provisions
	ral Resources Conservation Service conservation easements or similar ments
☐ Flood	dproofing of structures
	iting structures including freeboarding above the required base flood
	itions
☐ Othe	r

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

#### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

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- Any additional requirements specific to your region

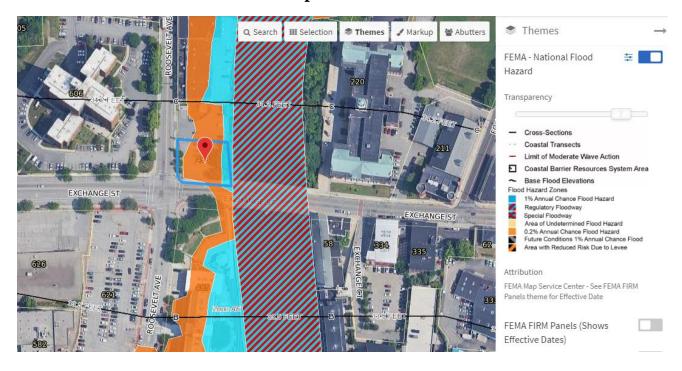
According to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) No. 44007C0194J, effective 10/2/2015, the project is located in a 500-year Floodplain. The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. The project is not a critical action (Critical actions are activities where even a slight risk of flooding would be too great, because of the potential loss of life, injury to persons, or damage to properties. This applies to hospitals, nursing homes, fire and police stations, and roads providing sole egress from flood-prone areas.) The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management requirements. See attached map.

#### Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

☐ Yes

⊠ No

# FEMA – National Flood Hazard Map



# **Historic Preservation (CEST and EA)**

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
Regulations under Section 106 of	Section 106 of the	36 CFR 800 "Protection of
the National Historic	National Historic	Historic Properties"
Preservation Act (NHPA) require	Preservation Act	
a consultative process to identify	(16 U.S.C. 470f)	
historic properties, assess		
project impacts on them, and		
avoid, minimize, or mitigate		
adverse effects		
References		
https://www.hudexchange.info/e	nvironmental-review/histo	pric-preservation

#### Threshold

Is Section 106 review re	quired for your	project?
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eement (PA). (See the <u>PA Database</u> to find applicable PAs.)  er provide the PA itself or a link to it here. Mark the applicable exemptions or
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#### The Section 106 Process

After determining the need to do a Section 106 review, initiate consultation with regulatory and other interested parties, identify and evaluate historic properties, assess effects of the project on properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and resolve any adverse effects through project design modifications or mitigation.

Note that consultation continues through all phases of the review.

Step 1: Initiate consultation

Step 2: Identify and evaluate historic properties

Step 3: Assess effects of the project on historic properties

Step 4: Resolve any adverse effects

#### Step 1 - Initiate Consultation

The following parties are entitled to participate in Section 106 reviews: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs); federally recognized Indian tribes/Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs); Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs); local governments; and project grantees. The general public and individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in a project may participate as consulting parties at the discretion of the RE or HUD official. Participation varies with the nature and scope of a project. Refer to HUD's website for guidance on consultation, including the required timeframes for response. Consultation should begin early to enable full consideration of preservation options.

Use the <u>When To Consult With Tribes checklist</u> within <u>Notice CPD-12-006</u>: <u>Process for Tribal Consultation</u> to determine if you should invite tribes to consult on a particular project. Use the <u>Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT)</u> to identify tribes that may have an interest in the area where the project is located. Note that consultants may not initiate consultation with Tribes.

# Select all consulting parties below (check all that apply): State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Indian Tribes, including Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) or Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) List all tribes that were consulted here and their status of consultation:

☐ Other Consulting Parties

List all consulting parties that were consulted here and their status of consultation:

Describe the process of selecting consulting parties and initiating consultation here:
Provide all correspondence, notices, and notes (including comments and objections received) and continue to Step 2.
Step 2 - Identify and Evaluate Historic Properties  Define the Area of Potential Effect (APE), either by entering the address(es) or providing a map depicting the APE. Attach an additional page if necessary.
Gather information about known historic properties in the APE. Historic buildings, districts and archeological sites may have been identified in local, state, and national surveys and registers, local historic districts, municipal plans, town and county histories, and local history websites. If not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, identified properties are then evaluated to see if they are eligible for the National Register.
Refer to HUD's website for guidance on identifying and evaluating historic properties.
In the space below, list historic properties identified and evaluated in the APE.  Every historic property that may be affected by the project should be listed. For each historic property or district, include the National Register status, whether the SHPO has concurred with the finding, and whether information on the site is sensitive. Attach an additional page if necessary.
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Provide the documentation (survey forms, Register nominations, concurrence(s) and/or objection(s), notes, and photos) that justify your National Register Status determination.

Was a survey of historic buildings and/or archeological sites done as part of the project?

If the APE contains previously unsurveyed buildings or structures over 50 years old, or there is a likely presence of previously unsurveyed archeological sites, a survey may be necessary. For Archeological surveys, refer to HP Fact Sheet #6, Guidance on Archeological Investigations in HUD Projects.  $\square$  Yes  $\rightarrow$  Provide survey(s) and report(s) and continue to Step 3. Additional notes:  $\square$  No  $\rightarrow$  Continue to Step 3. Step 3 - Assess Effects of the Project on Historic Properties Only properties that are listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places receive further consideration under Section 106. Assess the effect(s) of the project by applying the Criteria of Adverse Effect. (36 CFR 800.5)] Consider direct and indirect effects as applicable as per HUD guidance. Choose one of the findings below - No Historic Properties Affected, No Adverse Effect, or Adverse Effect; and seek concurrence from consulting parties. ☐ No Historic Properties Affected **Document reason for finding:**  $\square$  No historic properties present.  $\rightarrow$  Provide concurrence(s) or objection(s) and continue to the Worksheet Summary.  $\square$  Historic properties present, but project will have no effect upon them.  $\rightarrow$  Provide concurrence(s) or objection(s) and continue to the Worksheet Summary. If consulting parties concur or fail to respond to user's request for concurrence, project is in compliance with this section. No further review is required. If consulting parties object, refer to (36 CFR 800.4(d)(1)) and consult further to try to resolve objection(s). ☐ No Adverse Effect **Document reason for finding:** 

	Check all that apply: (check all that apply)
	☐ Avoidance
	$\square$ Modification of project
	□ Other
	Describe conditions here:
	→ Monitor satisfactory implementation of conditions. Provide concurrence(s) or objection(s) and continue to the Worksheet Summary.
	o → Provide concurrence(s) or objection(s) and continue to the Worksheet ummary.
p co	consulting parties concur or fail to respond to user's request for concurrence, roject is in compliance with this section. No further review is required. If onsulting parties object, refer to $(36 \text{ CFR } 800.5(c)(2))$ and consult further to try o resolve objection(s).
☐ <u>Adver</u>	se Effect
	nent reason for finding:
	and paste applicable Criteria into text box with summary and justification. a of Adverse Effect: 36 CFR 800.5]
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whether to enter the consultation (Not required for projects covered by a

→ Continue to Step 4.

Programmatic Agreement).

#### Step 4 - Resolve Adverse Effects

Work with consulting parties to try to avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects. Refer to HUD guidance and <u>36 CFR 800.6 and 800.7</u>.

	rticipation by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation:
mı	r the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse in ist be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implem
to	mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation
<b>→</b>	Provide signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Standard Mitig
<b>→</b>	Provide signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Standard Mitig Measures Agreement (SMMA). Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
<b>→</b>	
→ No	Measures Agreement (SMMA). Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

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	or measures		

→ Provide correspondence, comments, documentation of decision, and "Head of Agency" approval. Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

#### Worksheet Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. There are no Historic Properties affected by the project activities. The project is in compliance with Historic Preservation requirements.

	Yes
$\boxtimes$	Nο

#### Noise (CEST Level Reviews)

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"	
References		
https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/noise-abatement-and-		
control		

# What activities does your project involve? Check all that apply: □ New construction for residential use NOTE: HUD assistance to new construction projects is generally prohibited if they are located in an Unacceptable zone, and HUD discourages assistance for new construction projects in Normally Unacceptable zones. See 24 CFR 51.101(a)(3) for further details. → Continue to Question 4.

☐ Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

NOTE: For modernization projects in all noise zones, HUD encourages mitigation to reduce levels to acceptable compliance standards. See 24 CFR 51 Subpart B for further details.

→ Continue to Question 2.

☐ A research demonstration project which does not result in new construction or reconstruction, interstate, land sales registration, or any timely emergency assistance under disaster assistance provisions 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

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

None of the above

→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

2.	Do you have standardized noise attenuation measures that apply to all modernization and/or minor rehabilitation projects, such as the use of double glazed windows or				
	extra insulation?				
	☐ Yes				
	Indicate the type of measures that will apply (check all that apply):  ☐ Improved building envelope components (better windows and doors, strengthened sheathing, insulation, sealed gaps, etc.)  ☐ Redesigned building envelope (more durable or substantial materials, increased air gap, resilient channels, staggered wall studs, etc.)  ☐ Other				
	Explain:				
	→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below and provide any supporting documentation.				
	□ No				
	→ Continue to Question 3.				
3.	Complete the Preliminary Screening to identify potential noise generators in the vicinity (1000' from a major road, 3000' from a railroad, or 15 miles from an airport). Describe findings of the Preliminary Screening:				
	→ Continue to Question 6.				
4.	Complete the Preliminary Screening to identify potential noise generators in the				
	vicinity (1000' from a major road, 3000' from a railroad, or 15 miles from an airport).				
	Indicate the findings of the Preliminary Screening below:				
	$\square$ There are no noise generators found within the threshold distances above.				

	→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing the location of the project relative to any noise generators.
	<ul> <li>□ Noise generators were found within the threshold distances.</li> <li>→ Continue to Question 5.</li> </ul>
5.	Complete the Noise Assessment Guidelines to quantify the noise exposure. Indicate the findings of the Noise Assessment below:
	$\Box$ Acceptable: (65 decibels or less; the ceiling may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in §24 CFR 51.105(a))
	Indicate noise level here:
	→ Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.
	☐ Normally Unacceptable: (Above 65 decibels but not exceeding 75 decibels; the floor may be shifted to 70 decibels in circumstances described in 24 CFR 51.105(a))
	Indicate noise level here:
	Is the project in a largely undeveloped area⁵?  ☐ No
	→Your project requires completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) pursuant to 51.104(b)(1)(i). Elevate this review to an EA-level review.  Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.  Continue to Question 6.
	☐ Yes  →Your project requires completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to 51.104(b)(1)(i). Elevate this review to an EIS-level review.  Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.  Continue to Question 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A largely undeveloped area means the area within 2 miles of the project site is less than 50 percent developed with urban uses and does not have water and sewer capacity to serve the project.

☐ Unacceptable: (Above 75 decibels)
Indicate noise level here:
Your project requires completion of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to 51.104(b)(1)(i). You may either complete an EIS or provide a waiver signed by the appropriate authority. Indicate your choice:
<ul> <li>□ Convert to an EIS</li> <li>→ Provide noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.</li> <li>Continue to Question 6.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>□ Provide waiver</li> <li>→ Provide an Environmental Impact Statement waiver from the Certifying Officer or the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development per 24 CFR 51.104(b)(2) and noise analysis, including noise level and data used to complete the analysis.</li> <li>Continue to Question 6.</li> </ul>
i. HUD strongly encourages mitigation be used to eliminate adverse noise impacts. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation. This information will be automatically included in the Mitigation summary for the environmental review.
☐ Mitigation as follows will be implemented:
→ Provide drawings, specifications, and other materials as needed to describe the project's noise mitigation measures.  Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
□ No mitigation is necessary. Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
Worksheet Summary Compliance Determination
<b>Compliance Determination</b> Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it v
based on, such as:
Map panel numbers and dates
<ul> <li>Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers</li> </ul>
Any additional requirements specific to your region
The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone
River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements,
planting of trees. Project does not include new construction for residential use or rehabilitation of an existing residential property. The project is in compliance with
Noise Abatement and Control requirements.
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Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?
☐ Yes

⊠ No

#### **Sole Source Aquifers (CEST and EA)**

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 and	21 U.S.C. 349)	
which, if contaminated, would create		
a significant hazard to public health.		
	Reference	
https://www.hudexchange.info/enviro	nmental-review/sole-sour	ce-aquifers

1. Does your project consist solely of acquisition, leasing, or rehabilitation of an existing building(s)?  $\Box$ Yes  $\rightarrow$  Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.  $\boxtimes$  No  $\rightarrow$  Continue to Question 2. 2. Is the project located on a sole source aquifer (SSA)<sup>6</sup>?  $\boxtimes$  No  $\rightarrow$  Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide 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.  $\square$ Yes  $\rightarrow$  Continue to Question 3. 3. Does your region have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) or other working agreement with EPA for HUD projects impacting a sole source aquifer? Contact your Field or Regional Environmental Officer or visit the HUD webpage at the link above to determine if an MOU or agreement exists in your area.  $\square$ Yes  $\rightarrow$ Provide the MOU or agreement as part of your supporting documentation. Continue to Question 4.  $\square$  No  $\rightarrow$ *Continue to Question 5.* 4. Does your MOU or working agreement exclude your project from further review?  $\Box$ Yes  $\rightarrow$  Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to

the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 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.

		determination and document where your project fits within the MOU or agreement.
	□No →	Continue to Question 5.
5.	Will the prohealth?	oposed project contaminate the aquifer and create a significant hazard to public
	information streamflow water at the Regional E	th your Regional EPA Office. Your consultation request should include detailed a about your proposed project and its relationship to the aquifer and associated source area. EPA will also want to know about water, storm water and waste proposed project. Follow your MOU or working agreement or contact your PA office for specific information you may need to provide. EPA may request information if impacts to the aquifer are questionable after this information is for review.
	□No →	Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide your correspondence with the EPA and all documents used to make your determination.
	□Yes →	Work with EPA to develop mitigation measures. If mitigation measures are approved, attach correspondence with EPA and include the mitigation measures in your environmental review documents and project contracts. If EPA determines that the project continues to pose a significant risk to the aquifer, federal financial assistance must be denied. Continue to Question 6.
6.		continue with the project, any threat must be mitigated, and all mitigation must
		ed by the EPA. Explain in detail the proposed measures that can be implemented for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.
	<b>→</b>	Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other

documentation used to make your determination.

#### **Compliance Determination**

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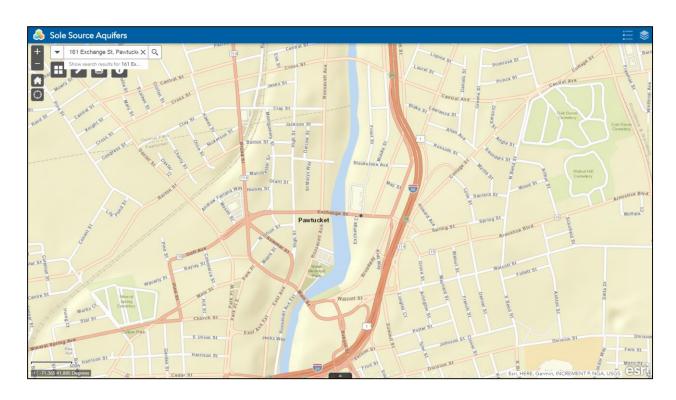
- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements. The project is not located near a sole source aquifer. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements. See attached map.

#### Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

☐ Yes

⊠ No



#### Wetlands (CEST and EA)

General requirements	Legislation	Regulation	
Executive Order 11990 discourages that direct or	Executive Order	24 CFR 55.20 can	
indirect support of new construction impacting	11990	be used for	
wetlands wherever there is a practicable		general guidance	
alternative. The Fish and Wildlife Service's		regarding the 8	
National Wetlands Inventory can be used as a		Step Process.	
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.			
References	References		
https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-rev	iew/wetlands-protec	ction	

# 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.

□ No → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

 $\bowtie$  Yes  $\rightarrow$  Continue to Question 2.

# 2. Will the new construction or other ground disturbance impact an on- or off-site wetland?

The term "wetlands" means those areas that are inundated by surface or ground water with a frequency sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances does or would support, a prevalence of vegetative or aquatic life that requires saturated or seasonally saturated soil conditions for growth and reproduction. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas such as sloughs, potholes, wet meadows, river overflows, mud flats, and natural ponds. Wetlands under E.O. 11990 include isolated and non-jurisdictional wetlands.

- ☑ No, a wetland will not be impacted in terms of E.O. 11990's definition of new construction.
  - → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map or any other relevant documentation to explain your determination.

es, there is a wetland that be impacted in terms of E.O. 11990's definition o
new construction.

	Provide a completed 8-Step Process as well as all documents used to make your determination, including a map. Be sure to include the early public notice and the final notice with your documentation.
	Continue to Question 3.
3.	For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.
	Which of the following mitigation actions have been or will be taken? Select all that
	apply:   Permeable surfaces
	☐ Natural landscape enhancements that maintain or restore natural hydrology through infiltration
	☐ Native plant species
	☐ Bioswales
	☐ Evapotranspiration
	☐ Stormwater capture and reuse
	☐ Green or vegetative roofs with drainage provisions
	☐ Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation easements
	☐ Compensatory mitigation

→You must determine that there are no practicable alternatives to wetlands

development by completing the 8-Step Process.

#### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

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- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

The project will create a new pocket park to allow public access to the Blackstone River, will involve the planting of new trees, and will comply with ADA requirements, which will consist of ground disturbance. The project is not located near an on- or off-site Wetlands Area. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990 - Protection of Wetlands. See attached map.

#### Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

☐ Yes

 $\bowtie$  No



#### Wild and Scenic Rivers (CEST and EA)

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.			
	References		
https://www.hudexchange.info/en	nvironmental-review/wild-and-so	cenic-rivers	

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

**Wild & Scenic Rivers:** These rivers or river segments have been designated by Congress or by states (with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Interior) as wild, scenic, or recreational

<u>Study Rivers:</u> These rivers or river segments are being studied as a potential component of the Wild & Scenic River system.

<u>Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI):</u> The National Park Service has compiled and maintains the NRI, a register of river segments that potentially qualify as national wild, scenic, or recreational river areas

$\square$	N	Λ

- → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination, such as a map identifying the project site and its surrounding area or a list of rivers in your region in the Screen Summary at the conclusion of this screen.
- ☐ Yes, the project is in proximity of a Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) River.
- → Continue to Question 2.

#### 2. Could the project do any of the following?

- Have a direct and adverse effect within Wild and Scenic River Boundaries,
- Invade the area or unreasonably diminish the river outside Wild and Scenic River Boundaries, or
- Have an adverse effect on the natural, cultural, and/or recreational values of a NRI segment.

Consultation with the appropriate federal/state/local/tribal Managing Agency(s) is required, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act, to determine if the proposed project may have an adverse effect on a Wild & Scenic River or a Study River and, if so, to determine the appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures. Note: Concurrence may be assumed if the Managing Agency does not respond within 30 days; however, you are still obligated to avoid or mitigate adverse effects on the rivers identified in the NWSRS ☐ No, the Managing Agency has concurred that the proposed project will not alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS. → Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination. Yes, the Managing Agency was consulted and the proposed project may alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS. → Continue to Question 3. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination.

3.

#### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

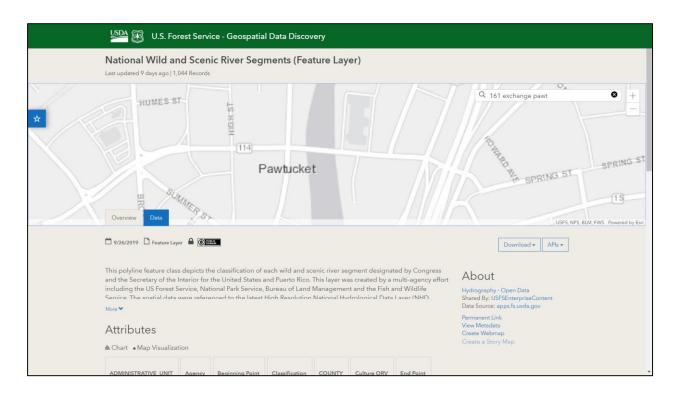
- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

There are no wild or scenic rivers in the City of Pawtucket. This project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. See attached map.

#### Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

☐ Yes

⊠ No



### **Environmental Justice (CEST and EA)**

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.		
	References	
https://www.hudovchango.info/	environmental-review/env	ironmental-justice
HUD strongly encourages startining authorities, including Env	g the Environmental Justic	e analysis only after all other l
HUD strongly encourages startinend authorities, including Envocompleted.  L. Were any adverse environn	g the Environmental Justic rironmental Assessment mental impacts identified	e analysis only after all other l factors if necessary, have b
HUD strongly encourages starting and authorities, including Environmental Completed.  L. Were any adverse environmental portion of this project's total □Yes → Continue to Question 2	g the Environmental Justic vironmental Assessment mental impacts identified environmental review?	e analysis only after all other l factors if necessary, have b
HUD strongly encourages starting and authorities, including Environmental completed.  L. Were any adverse environmental portion of this project's total □Yes → Continue to Question 2	g the Environmental Justice vironmental Assessment of the mental impacts identified environmental review?  2.  See, the review is in compliant	e analysis only after all other l factors if necessary, have b

□Yes

Explain:

→ Continue to Question 3. Provide any supporting documentation.

□No

Explain:

 $\rightarrow$  Continue to the Worksheet Summary and provide any supporting documentation.

3.	All adverse impacts should be mitigated. Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.
	→ Continue to Question 4.  □ No mitigation is necessary.  Explain why mitigation will not be made here:
	→ Continue to Question 4.
4.	Describe how the affected low-income or minority community was engaged or meaningfully involved in the decision on what mitigation actions, if any, will be taken.

ightarrow Continue to the Worksheet Summary and provide any supporting documentation.

#### **Worksheet Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

There were no adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review portion of this project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898 – Environmental Justice requirements.
Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?  ☐ Yes  ☒ No