

**Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed
Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain**

To: All interested Federal, State, and Local Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Fort Lauderdale Housing Authority under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) under Suncrest Court RAD. The proposed project is located at 1615 NW 23rd Avenue in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida. The project scope includes the demolition of an entire apartment complex that consists of 66 public housing units, 33 buildings, and one administrative building. The site will be reconstructed with 116 units, 66 affordable housing units and 50 new tax credit units. The total acreage is 8.5 acres, 0.39 acres (4.6%) of which are located within a 100-year floodplain.

The Housing Authority has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and restore and preserve natural and values: the Build Alternative and the No-Build Alternative. The Housing Authority has evaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons: only 4.6% of the property is within the 100-year floodplain and no dwelling units will be built within the floodplain. The project will include stormwater treatment (dry retention) areas that will lessen impacts from flooding to the community. Landscaping is also proposed to maintain the natural and beneficial value of the floodplain.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Additional information about the proposed project may be obtained by contacting Michael Tadros at mtadros@hacfl.com and project documents may be viewed at 437 SW 4th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315 during normal work hours from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Written comments must be received by the Housing Authority of the City of Fort Lauderdale at the above address on or before April 26th, 2018. Comments may also be submitted via email at mtadros@hacfl.com.