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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:

Street-Improvement-Savarona-Community

HEROS Number:

900000010432969

Start Date:

10/21/2024

State / Local Identifier:

Project Location:

Pueblo Ward, Caguas, PR

Additional Location Information:

Izcoa Diaz Street, Eugenio M Hostos Street, Rafael Cordero Avenue, Juan Ponce D Leon Street, A-sector Billy Suarez Street, Jose Mercado Street, Miguel F. Chiques Street, Jose Celso Barbosa Street, Monsenor Berrios Street, Landelino Aponte street, B- sector Billy Suarez Street, Jimenez Cruz Street, and Demetrio Aguayo Street.

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

Funds will be used for scarification & asphalt deposit in the following streets in Savarona community: Izcoa Diaz Street, Eugenio M Hostos Street, Rafael Cordero Avenue, Juan Ponce D Leon Street, A-sector Billy Suarez Street, Jose Mercado Street, Miguel F. Chiques Street, Jose Celso Barbosa Street, Monsenor Berrios Street, Landelino Aponte street, B- sector Billy Suarez Street, Jimenez Cruz Street, and Demetrio Aguayo Street at the Pueblo Ward. The activity will consume 2,260 tons of asphalt in a total of 3,470.50 linear meters.

Level of Environment Review Determination:

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

58.34(a)(12)

58.35(a)(1)

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Program Name	
B-24-MC-72-	Community Planning and	Community Development Block	\$1,696,857.00
0001	Development (CPD)	Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)	

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:

\$1,038,375.00





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Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]:

\$392,832.65

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

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

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure or Condition	Comments on Completed Measures	Complete
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Determination:				
This categorically excluded activity/project converts to EXEMPT per Section 58.34(a)(12), because it does not require any mitigation for compliance with any listed statutes or authorities, nor requires any formal permit or license; Funds may be committed and drawn down after				
certification of this part for this (now) EXEMPT project; OR				
This categorically excluded activity/project cannot convert to Exempt status because one or more statutes or authorities listed at Section 58.5 requires formal consultation or mitigation. Complete consultation/mitigation protocol requirements, publish NOI/RROF and obtain "Authority to Use Grant Funds" (HUD 7015.16) per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before committing or drawing down any funds; OR				
This project is not categorically excluded OR, if originally categorically excluded, is now subject to a full Environmental Assessment according to Part 58 Subpart E due to extraordinary circumstances (Section 58.35(c)).				
Preparer Signature: A.d. for Alley Date: 1/15/25				
Name / Title / Organization: Ana De Jesus-Ortiz / / CAGUAS				
Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature: Date: 15-01-2035				
Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature: Library Date: 15-012025 Name/ Title: Ydia I Rivera Donizard Deputy Mayor				
This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environment Review Record (ERR) for the activity / project (ref: 24 CFR Part				
58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).				

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Responsible Entity (RE): CAGUAS, BOX 907 CAGUAS MUNICIPIO PR. 00726

State / Local Identifier:

RE Preparer: Ana De Jesus-Ortiz

Certifying Office Lydia Rivera Denizard

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Ent

ity):

Point of Contact:

Point of Contact:

Consultant (if applicable):

40 CFR 1506.5(b)(4): The lead agency or, where appropriate, a cooperating agency shall prepare a disclosure statement for the contractor's execution specifying that the contractor has no financial or other interest in the outcome of the action. Such statement need not include privileged or confidential trade secrets or other confidential business information.



By checking this box, I attest that as a preparer, I have no financial or other interest in the outcome of the undertaking assessed in this environmental review.

Project Location: Pueblo Ward, Caguas, PR

Additional Location Information:

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Direct Comments to:

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Maps, photographs, and other documentation of project location and description:

Memorial.pdf

Aviso Distribución - Primera Hora(2024-05-15) page29.pdf

Aerial Map.pdf



Level of Environmental Review Determination:

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58.34(a)(12)

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This project is not categorically excluded OR, if originally categorically excluded, is now subject to a full Environmental Assessment according to Part 58 Subpart E due to extraordinary circumstances (Section 58.35(c)).

Approval Documents:

7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer

7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer

on:

Funding Information

Grant / Project Identification Number	HUD Program	Program Name	Funding Amount
B-24-MC-72-0001	Community Planning and Development (CPD)	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) (Entitlement)	\$1,696,857.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded,

\$1,038,375.00

Assisted or Insured Amount:

Estimated Total Project Cost:

\$392,832.65

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

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determination (See Appendix A for source determinations)
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		 	ONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 & § 58.6
Airport Hazards Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	☐ Yes		The Municipality of Caguas doesn't have a military or civilian airport in its territorial jurisdiction. The nearest civilian or military airport is located 74,326 feet (SJU airport) from the area. The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.
Coastal Barrier Resources Act Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	☐ Yes	No	Puerto Rico is one of the areas with Coastal Barrier Resources Systems (CBRS). However, the project is located 74,187 feet from the nearest CBRS (Punta Vacia Talega). This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.
Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001- 4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	☐ Yes	No	The project area is in a Zone X (outside of floodplain with a 1% or 0.2% chance annual probability of flooding). Source of information: FIRM Map 72000C1210J valid since November 18, 2009. Based on the project description (scarification, asphalt deposit and rehabilitation of sidewalks on existing streets in a heavy populated urban area), the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. Roads & streets are not insured by the NIPF. The project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with Flood Insurance requirements.



Air Quality	☐ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description
Clean Air Act, as amended,		(scarification and asphalt deposit on
particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40		existing streets in a heavily populated
CFR Parts 6, 51, 93		urban area), this project includes no
		activities that would require further
		evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The
		project is in compliance with the Clean
м		Air Act.
Coastal Zone Management Act	☐ Yes ☑ No	The proposed project is not located, nor
Coastal Zone Management Act,		affects, a coastal zone. The Municipality
sections 307(c) & (d)		of Caguas does not have any coastal
		zone. The nearest coast is 18 miles
		away; therefore, it is not defined as a
		Coastal Municipality by the Puerto Rico
		Coastal Zone Management Program
		(PRCZM). This project is not located in
		or does not affect a Coastal Zone as
		defined in the state Coastal
		Management Plan. The project is in
		compliance with the Coastal Zone
		Management Act.
Contamination and Toxic	☐ Yes ☑ No	Using NEPA Assist Tool; fifty-four (54)
Substances		RCRA sites were identified in a radius of
24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]		1 mile from the infrastructure. The
		nearest one (Electrical Control
		Equipment MFG CORP) is located at
		0.08 miles from the project. The most
		far one (Cartagena Printing) is located
		0.91 miles from the project. However,
		the project is an activity of scarification,
		asphalt deposit, and rehabilitation of existing sidewalks on existing streets in
		-
		a heavily populated urban area, so the
		uses in the area are mostly commercial
		with some housing units around. During
		the inspection of the place, where the
		project will take place, no
		landfills/dumps or substations were
		identified in the surroundings. RCRA
		data is related to permits awarded
		because of the properties uses and
		operations. In ECHO reports, no
		violations were recorded for sites within
		a radius of 500 feet from the project. No
		investigations or citizens' complaints
4.00		about chemical accidents or hazardous



		situations are received or notified to our Office. Due to the project is not linked to a building, property, or any structure, there is no need to proceed with the radon test. Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.
Endangered Species Act	☐ Yes ☑ No	USFW issued a Blanket Clearance Letter
Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402		for HUD federally sponsored projects on January 14, 2013. Our project complies with criteria #1 & #2 of this clearance letter. According to USFW Puerto Rico Field Office, the Municipality Self Certification for Compliance with the Blanket Letter dated June 28, 2024, will be included in the case documentation to comply with the Endangered Species Act. USFW concur with our determination on communication dated on August 21, 2024. This project will have No Effect on listed species based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards Above-Ground Tanks)[24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	□ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description (scarification & asphalt deposit on existing streets in a heavily populated urban area), the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of	☐ Yes ☑ No	The project area has been impacted previously. The proposed project consists of rehabilitation activities of



		
1981, particularly sections 1504(b)		existing streets in a community. The
and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658		project is out of agricultural reserves,
		experimental stations, and soils
		classified as of agricultural capacity or
		classified as prime agricultural land,
		according to the Soil Survey from NRCS.
		Caguas does not have protected areas
		5 (2)
		covered by the Farmlands Protection
		Policy Act. This project does not include
		any activities that could potentially
		convert agricultural land to non-
		agricultural use. The project is in
		compliance with the Farmland
		Protection Policy Act.
Floodplain Management	☐ Yes ☑ No	The proposed project consists of
Executive Order 11988, particularly		scarification & asphalt deposit on an
section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55		existing street in a heavily populated
		urban area. This project does not occur
		in a floodplain. Source: FEMA Puerto
		Lancian con a state of the control o
		Rico Advisory Base Flood Elevations
		(ABFE's) effective on December 11,
		2018. This project does not occur in a
		floodplain. The project is in compliance
79 79 65 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70		with Executive Order 11988.
Historic Preservation	☐ Yes ☑ No	The Municipality submit documentation
National Historic Preservation Act of		on September 24, 2024 to SHPO. On
1966, particularly sections 106 and		communication dated on October 11,
110; 36 CFR Part 800		2024; SHPO determined that the project
		have no adverse effects on historical
		properties. Our Municipality submit a
		reconsideration of this SHPO
		determination on communication dated
		December 16, 2024 with new
		information about the absence of
		historical sites or properties in the area.
		On December 26, 2024, SHPO change
		the original determination of NO
		ADVERSE EFFECT to a NO HISTORIC
		PROPERTIES AFFECTED. Finally, based
		on Section 106 consultation, there are
		No Historic Properties Affected because
		there are no historic properties present.
		The project is in compliance with
		Section 106.
		Section 100.



Noise Abatement and Control	☐ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description
Noise Control Act of 1972, as	_ 165 116	(scarification & asphalt deposit on
amended by the Quiet Communities		existing streets in a heavy populated
Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart		urban area), this project includes no
B		activities that would require further
P and the same of the same		evaluation under HUD's noise
		The state of the s
		regulation. The project is in compliance
		with HUD's Noise regulation.
Sole Source Aquifers	☐ Yes ☑ No	The project is limited to scarification &
Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as		asphalt deposit on existing streets in a
amended, particularly section		heavily populated urban area. There are
1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149		no designated Sole Source Aquifers in
		Puerto Rico. According to the EPA Sole
		Source Aquifers Map, the project is not
		located on a sole source aquifer area.
		The project is in compliance with Sole
		Source Aquifer requirements.
Wetlands Protection	☐ Yes ☑ No	Based on the project description
Executive Order 11990, particularly		(scarification & asphalt deposit on
sections 2 and 5		existing streets in a heavily populated
		urban area and far from flooding or
		wetland areas), this project includes no
		activities that would require further
		evaluation under this section. The
		project does not require draining,
		dredging, channelizing, filling, diking,
		impounding or related activities on a
		wetland area as defined in Executive
		Order 11990. This project includes no
		activities that would require further
		evaluation under this section. The
	-	project is in compliance with Executive
		Order 11990.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	☐ Yes ☑ No	The Municipality of Caguas does not
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968,		have any river registered as a Wild and
particularly section 7(b) and (c)		Scenic River, Study River, or listed in the
The production of the contraction of the following of the contraction		Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI). This
		project is not within proximity of a
		NWSRS river. The project is in
		compliance with the Wild and Scenic
		Rivers Act.
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Environmental Justice	☐ Yes ☑ No	The activities involved in this project are
Executive Order 12898		rehabilitation activities on existing
,		streets in Savarona community, a
		middle-class residential area. After
		completing the other portions of the
		environmental review, we determined
		that neither the project site nor the
		surrounding neighborhood suffered
		from adverse environmental conditions.
		The project is out: (a) of the airport
		hazard zones, (b) out of flood zone
		(according to FEMA FIRM Maps), (c) out
		of coastal barrier zones (according to
		Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management
		Program), (d) compliance with Clean Air
		Act, (e) no violations on RCRA permits
		are founded in sites surrounding the
		project area (according to NEPA Assist &
		ECHO reports), and no radon tests are
		needed, (f) the project will not result in
		an increased number of people in the
		area, (g) there are not AST's in the
		project surroundings; (h) doesn't impact
		a farmland, sole aquifer, wild rivers or
		wetlands areas (according to location
		map), (i) is not a hazardous or
		flammable facility, (j) is not a new
		construction that exceeds the building
		footprint, (k) no noise abatement
		needed, (I) SHPO determined that no
		historic properties affected with the
		project and (m) comply with USFW
		Blanket Clearance Letter for HUD
		funding projects and concur with our
		determination. Neither the project site,
		nor the surrounding neighborhood
		suffer from adverse environmental
		conditions. No adverse environmental
		impacts were identified in the project's
		total environmental review. The project
		is in compliance with Executive Order
		12898.
		12050.

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

Street-Improvement-Savarona-Community

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

Law,	Mitigation Measure or Condition	Comments on	Mitigation	Complete
Authority,		Completed	Plan	
or Factor		Measures		

Project Mitigation Plan

Supporting documentation on completed measures



APPENDIX A: Related Federal Laws and Authorities

Airport Hazards

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

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

✓ No

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

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The Municipality of Caguas doesn't have a military or civilian airport in its territorial jurisdiction. The nearest civilian or military airport is located 74,326 feet (SJU airport) from the area. The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.

Supporting documentation

airport map.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No.

Coastal Barrier Resources

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

1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?

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No

Document and upload map and documentation below.

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Puerto Rico is one of the areas with Coastal Barrier Resources Systems (CBRS). However, the project is located 74,187 feet from the nearest CBRS (Punta Vacia Talega). This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

Supporting documentation

barrier map.pdf Coastal Barrier.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes



Flood Insurance

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

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

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

Yes

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

Yes

✓ No



Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The project area is in a Zone X (outside of floodplain with a 1% or 0.2% chance annual probability of flooding). Source of information: FIRM Map 72000C1210J, valid since November 18, 2009. Based on the project description (scarification, asphalt deposit and rehabilitation of sidewalks on existing streets in a heavy populated urban area), the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. Roads & streets are not insured by the NIPF. The project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with Flood Insurance requirements.

Supporting documentation

FIRMETTE.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required? Yes



Air Quality

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

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

Yes

√ No

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



Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description (scarification and asphalt deposit on existing streets in a heavily populated urban area), this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

Coastal Zone Management Act

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

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

Yes

✓ No

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



Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The proposed project is not located, nor affects, a coastal zone. The Municipality of Caguas does not have any coastal zone. The nearest coast is 18 miles away; therefore, it is not defined as a Coastal Municipality by the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program (PRCZM). This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Supporting documentation

Mapa PMZC Puerto Rico 2023.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

Contamination and Toxic Substances

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

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

* 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.

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

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



√ No

Explain:

Using NEPA Assist Tool; fifty-four (54) RCRA sites were identified in a radius of 1 mile from the infrastructure. The nearest one (Electrical Control Equipment MFG CORP) is located at 0.08 miles from the project. The most far one (Cartagena Printing) is located 0.91 miles from the project. However, the project is an activity of scarification, asphalt deposit, and rehabilitation of existing sidewalks on existing streets in a heavily populated urban area, so the uses in the area are mostly commercial with some housing units around. During the inspection of the place, where the project will take place, no landfills/dumps or substations were identified in the surroundings. RCRA data is related to permits awarded because of the properties uses and operations. In ECHO reports, no violations were recorded for sites within a radius of 500 feet from the project. No investigations or citizens' complaints about chemical accidents or hazardous situations are received or notified to our Office.

Yes

- ** Utilize EPA's Enviromapper, NEPAssist, or state/tribal databases to identify nearby dumps, junk yards, landfills, hazardous waste sites, and industrial sites, including EPA National Priorities List Sites (Superfund sites), CERCLA or state-equivalent sites, RCRA Corrective Action sites with release(s) or suspected release(s) requiring clean-up action and/or further investigation. Additional supporting documentation may include other inspections and reports.
- 3. Evaluate the building(s) for radon. Do all buildings meet any of the exemptions* from having to consider radon in the contamination analysis listed in CPD Notice CPD-23-103?

Yes

Explain:

√ No

* Notes:

- Buildings with no enclosed areas having ground contact.
- Buildings containing crawlspaces, utility tunnels, or parking garages would not be exempt, however buildings built on piers would be exempt, provided that there is open air between the lowest floor of the building and the ground.
- Buildings that are not residential and will not be occupied for more than 4 hours per



^{*} This question covers the presence of radioactive substances excluding radon. Radon is addressed in the Radon Exempt Question.

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- Buildings with existing radon mitigation systems document radon levels are below 4 pCi/L with test results dated within two years of submitting the application for HUD assistance and document the system includes an ongoing maintenance plan that includes periodic testing to ensure the system continues to meet the current EPA recommended levels. If the project does not require an application, document test results dated within two years of the date the environmental review is certified. Refer to program office guidance to ensure compliance with program requirements.
- Buildings tested within five years of the submission of application for HUD assistance: test results document indoor radon levels are below current the EPA's recommended action levels of 4.0 pCi/L. For buildings with test data older than five years, any new environmental review must include a consideration of radon using one of the methods in Section A below.
- 4. Is the proposed project new construction or substantial rehabilitation where testing will be conducted but cannot yet occur because building construction has not been completed?

Yes

Compliance with this section is conditioned on post-construction testing being conducted, followed by mitigation, if needed. Radon test results, along with any needed mitigation plan, must be uploaded to the mitigation section within this screen.

✓ No

5. Was radon testing or a scientific data review conducted that provided a radon concentration level in pCi/L?

Yes

✓ No

If no testing was conducted and a review of science-based data offered a lack of science-based data for the project site, then document and upload the steps taken to look for documented test results and science-based data as well as the basis for the conclusion that testing would be infeasible or impracticable.

Explain:

Due to the project is not linked to a building, property, or any structure, there is no need to proceed with the radon test. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.



File Upload:

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Screen Summary at the bottom of this screen.

Non-radon contamination was found in a previous question.

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Using NEPA Assist Tool; fifty-four (54) RCRA sites were identified in a radius of 1 mile from the infrastructure. The nearest one (Electrical Control Equipment MFG CORP) is located at 0.08 miles from the project. The most far one (Cartagena Printing) is located 0.91 miles from the project. However, the project is an activity of scarification, asphalt deposit, and rehabilitation of existing sidewalks on existing streets in a heavily populated urban area, so the uses in the area are mostly commercial with some housing units around. During the inspection of the place, where the project will take place, no landfills/dumps or substations were identified in the surroundings. RCRA data is related to permits awarded because of the properties uses and operations. In ECHO reports, no violations were recorded for sites within a radius of 500 feet from the project. No investigations or citizens' complaints about chemical accidents or hazardous situations are received or notified to our Office. Due to the project is not linked to a building, property, or any structure, there is no need to proceed with the radon test. Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.



Supporting documentation

ECHO_ELECTRICAL and CONTROL EQUIPMENT MFG C.pdf NEPAssist RCRA.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Endangered Species

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

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

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

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

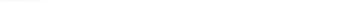
Explain your determination:

USFW issued a Blanket Clearance Letter for HUD federally sponsored projects on January 14, 2013. Our project complies with criteria #1 & #2 of this clearance letter. According to USFW Puerto Rico Field Office, the Municipality Self Certification for Compliance with the Blanket Letter dated June 28, 2024, will be included in the case documentation to comply with the Endangered Species Act. USFW concur with our determination on communication dated on August 21, 2024. This project will have No Effect on listed species based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

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

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



Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

USFW issued a Blanket Clearance Letter for HUD federally sponsored projects on January 14, 2013. Our project complies with criteria #1 & #2 of this clearance letter. According to USFW Puerto Rico Field Office, the Municipality Self Certification for Compliance with the Blanket Letter dated June 28, 2024, will be included in the case documentation to comply with the Endangered Species Act. USFW concur with our determination on communication dated on August 21, 2024. This project will have No Effect on listed species based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

Supporting documentation

20240821 Blk Street Resurfacing Calles y Caminos Savarona Sector-Pueblo Ward drr 72025-Gen.pdf
USFW Self Certification Calles y Ca.pdf
Blanket Clearance Letter FWS.pdf



Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

Explosive and Flammable Hazards

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

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

√ No

Yes

2. Does this project include any of the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation that will increase residential densities, or conversion?

✓ No



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

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description (scarification & asphalt deposit on existing streets in a heavily populated urban area), the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No



Farmlands Protection

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

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

Yes

✓ No

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

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



Compliance Determination

The project area has been impacted previously. The proposed project consists of rehabilitation activities of existing streets in a community. The project is out of agricultural reserves, experimental stations, and soils classified as of agricultural capacity or classified as prime agricultural land, according to the Soil Survey from NRCS. Caguas does not have protected areas covered by the Farmlands Protection Policy Act. This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

Supporting documentation

Soil report.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No.



Floodplain Management

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

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

Yes

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



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

Describe:



√ No

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

Yes

Describe:

√ No

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

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain can be determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA), 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2 PFA), or freeboard value approach (FVA). For projects in areas without available CISA data or without FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) or Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs), use the best available information to determine flood elevation. Include documentation and an explanation of why this is the best available information² for the site. Note that newly constructed and substantially improved³ structures must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain regardless of the approach chosen to determine the floodplain.

Select one of the following three options:

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

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

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



- ¹ Sources which merit investigation include the files and studies of other federal agencies, such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Soil Conservation Service and the U.S. Geological Survey. These agencies have prepared flood hazard studies for several thousand localities and, through their technical assistance programs, hydrologic studies, soil surveys, and other investigations have collected or developed other floodplain information for numerous sites and areas. States and communities are also sources of information on past flood 'experiences within their boundaries and are particularly knowledgeable about areas subject to high-risk flood hazards such as alluvial fans, high velocity flows, mudflows and mudslides, ice jams, subsidence and liquefaction.
- ² If you are using best available information, select the FVA option below and provide supporting documentation in the screen summary. Contact your <u>local environmental officer</u> with additional compliance questions.
- 3 Substantial improvement means any repair or improvement of a structure which costs at least 50 percent of the market value of the structure before repair or improvement or results in an increase of more than 20 percent of the number of dwelling units. The full definition can be found at 24 CFR 55.2(b)(12).



5. Does your project occur in the FFRMS floodplain?

Yes

√ No

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The proposed project consists of scarification & asphalt deposit on an existing street in a heavily populated urban area. This project does not occur in a floodplain. Source: FEMA Puerto Rico Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFE's) effective on December 11, 2018. This project does not occur in a floodplain. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988.

Supporting documentation

ABFEs Savaronas Streets.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No



Historic Preservation

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

Threshold

Is Section 106 review required for your project?

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

Yes, because the project includes activities with potential to cause effects (direct or indirect).

Step 1 – Initiate Consultation Select all consulting parties below (check all that apply):

✓ State Historic Preservation Offer (SHPO) Completed

Indian Tribes, including Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) or Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs)

Other Consulting Parties



Describe the process of selecting consulting parties and initiating consultation here: In compliance with Section 106 because HUD federal funds will be used for this project and after our determination that this project doesn't affect historic properties in the APE, we want SHPO concur with our determination.

Document and upload all correspondence, notices and notes (including comments and objections received below).

Was the Section 106 Lender Delegation Memo used for Section 106 consultation?

Yes

No

Step 2 – Identify and Evaluate Historic Properties

 Define the Area of Potential Effect (APE), either by entering the address(es) or uploading a map depicting the APE below: Savarona Community, Pueblo Ward

In the chart below, list historic properties identified and evaluated in the APE. Every historic property that may be affected by the project should be included in the chart.

Upload the documentation (survey forms, Register nominations, concurrence(s) and/or objection(s), notes, and photos) that justify your National Register Status determination below.



Address / Location	National Register	SHPO Concurrence	Sensitive
/ District	Status	(4) might shart tunn	Information

Additional Notes:

The Municipality prepared a historical determination for the property using information from SHPO and Puerto Rico Cultural Institute that indicated the rehabilitation activities have no adverse effect on any historical property in the area and the property isn't a historical property.

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

Yes

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 guidance on direct and indirect effects.

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

Based on the response, the review is in compliance with this section. Document and upload concurrence(s) or objection(s) below.

Document reason for finding:

No historic properties present.

Historic properties present, but project will have no effect upon them.

No Adverse Effect

Adverse Effect

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The Municipality submit documentation on September 24, 2024 to SHPO. On communication dated on October 11, 2024; SHPO determined that the project have no adverse effects on historical properties. Our Municipality submit a reconsideration of this SHPO determination on communication dated December 16, 2024 with new information about the absence of historical sites or properties in the area. On December 26, 2024, SHPO change the original determination of NO ADVERSE EFFECT to a NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED. Finally, based on Section 106 consultation, there are No Historic Properties Affected because there are no historic properties present. The project is in compliance with Section 106.

Supporting documentation

evidencia segunda radicacion shpo savarona.pdf SHPO-CF-12-16-24-04 actualizada.pdf FIRST CONSULTATION SHPO.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required? Yes

√ No



Noise Abatement and Control

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

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

New construction for residential use

Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

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

An interstate land sales registration

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

✓ None of the above

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description (scarification & asphalt deposit on existing streets in a heavy populated urban area), this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under HUD's noise regulation. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No



Sole Source Aquifers

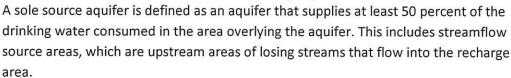
General requirements	Legislation	Regulation
The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974	Safe Drinking Water	40 CFR Part 149
protects drinking water systems	Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.	
which are the sole or principal	201, 300f et seq., and	
drinking water source for an area	21 U.S.C. 349)	
and which, if contaminated,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

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

Yes

✓ No

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



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

Yes

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

Yes

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No

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The project is limited to scarification & asphalt deposit on existing streets in a heavily populated urban area. There are no designated Sole Source Aquifers in Puerto Rico. According to the EPA Sole Source Aquifers Map, the project is not located on a sole source aquifer area. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements.

Supporting documentation

ssa puerto rico.pdf ssa Region II EPA.pdf Sole Source Aquifers Map Savarona.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

√ No



Wetlands Protection

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

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

√ No

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

Yes

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

Based on the project description (scarification & asphalt deposit on existing streets in a heavily populated urban area and far from flooding or wetland areas), this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project does not require draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding or related activities on a wetland area as defined in Executive Order 11990. This project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990.

Supporting documentation

wetlandmap Savarona.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No





Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

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

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



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

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



Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The Municipality of Caguas does not have any river registered as a Wild and Scenic River, Study River, or listed in the Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI). This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Supporting documentation

Puerto Rico - Nationwide Rivers Inventory (US National Park Service).pdf Wild Scenic Rivers map - Puerto Rico.pdf Map Wild and Scenic River and the project.pdf

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

√ No

Environmental Justice

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

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

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

Yes

√ No

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

Screen Summary

Compliance Determination

The activities involved in this project are rehabilitation activities on existing streets in Savarona community, a middle-class residential area. After completing the other portions of the environmental review, we determined that neither the project site nor the surrounding neighborhood suffered from adverse environmental conditions. The project is out: (a) of the airport hazard zones, (b) out of flood zone (according to FEMA FIRM Maps), (c) out of coastal barrier zones (according to Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program), (d) compliance with Clean Air Act, (e) no violations on RCRA permits are founded in sites surrounding the project area (according to NEPA Assist & ECHO reports), and no radon tests are needed, (f) the project will not result in an increased number of people in the area, (g) there are not AST's in the project surroundings; (h) doesn't impact a farmland, sole aquifer, wild rivers or wetlands areas (according to location map), (i) is not a hazardous or flammable facility, (j) is not a new construction that exceeds the building footprint, (k) no noise abatement needed, (I) SHPO determined that no historic properties affected with the project and (m) comply with USFW Blanket Clearance Letter for HUD funding projects and concur



with our determination. Neither the project site, nor the surrounding neighborhood suffer from adverse environmental conditions. No adverse environmental impacts were identified in the project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.

Supporting documentation

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No



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