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# Environmental Review for Continuum of Care Leasing or Rental Assistance Project that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5 Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)(5)

\*NOTE: Black text is example text, blue text is instructions.

# **Project Information**

Project Name: (Name as it appears in ESNAPS.) Snow House Apartments

**Responsible Entity:** (Typically the City or Town in which your site is located) Town of Guilford

**Grant Recipient** (if different than Responsible Entity): (Typically a government agency, which then disburses the funds to a sub-recipient) Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

**State/Local Identifier**: (State, then Town or City. Google 'CT Town codes' for the correct 3 digit #) Connecticut/Guilford (060)

**Preparer:** (Should be someone from the organization who knows the program well and will maintain the files for a HUD review) Jane Smith, Snow House Apartments Director

**Certifying Officer Name and Title:** This is the individual from the Responsible Entity (see above) who has the authority to sign this form. Susan Doe, Town Supervisor, Town of Guilford

Consultant (if applicable): (unless you receive outside help, leave this blank or insert 'N/A')

Project Location: (Enter the address of the facility) 556 Boston Post Road, Guilford, CT

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

(Enter a brief description about the program. It should include the type of funding received (project-based, sponsor-based), and can include the number of people housed, the type of treatment offered (i.e., drug addiction or mental health), the number of units, and if there are other services offered.

The proposed project is to provide project-based rental assistance to homeless individuals with special needs. There are 17 units that are integrated in a mixed use complex. This is permanent supportive housing with no limit on the duration of rental assistance. The majority of participants have either maintained or increased their income benefits from all sources and remain stably housed for at least two years.

### \*Level of Environmental Review Determination:

Categorically Excluded per 24 CFR 58.35(a), and subject to laws and authorities at §58.5, per 24 CFR 58.35(a)(5).

# **Funding Information**

*Grant Number	*HUD Program	*Funding Amount
Enter the grant	Continuum of Care (CoC)	(Enter the grant amount
number from HUD. It		for the grant listed to
should look like this:		the left): \$150,000
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**\*Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** (Enter the grant amount for the HUD grant listed above): \$150,000

\*Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds): (Enter the grant amount for the HUD grant listed above and any additional grants the subject program receives) CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for supportive services: \$100,000. HUD funding: \$150,000 Total funding: \$250,000.

# Compliance with 24 CFR 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 or 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 STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORD	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required? ERS, AND REGU	Compliance determinations
<b>Airport Hazards</b> 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes No	This project consists only of leasing or rental assistance and is in compliance with the HUD's Airport Hazard regulations without further evaluation.

Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes	No X	The project is not located in a Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) area. Please see the attached map created from the USF&WS CBRS Mapper. This project is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. (Access <u>http://www.fws.gov/CBRA/Maps/Mapper.html</u> and search for your site using the 'find location' icon. Copy the map using 'Ctrl – PrintScreen,' paste it into a Word document and add labels.)
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 site is not located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and is in compliance with the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. A FIRMette has been created from FEMA's online mapping center (see attached). It shows that the site is located within an Area of Minimal Flood Hazard. (Access <u>http://msc.fema.gov/portal/</u> , enter the address of your site, and select the 'dynamic map, print map/FIRMette' icon, print map. If you are within Zone X and outside the SFHA, note that above. If you are located within the SFHA, you will need to indicate that flood insurance is advisable, but not required for rental assistance funding or show documentation of flood insurance for the facility.)
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5			
Clean Air Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	Yes	No	This project consists only of leasing or rental assistance and is in compliance with the Clean Air Act without further evaluation.
<b>Coastal Zone Management</b> Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes	No	This project consists only of leasing or rental assistance and is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act without further evaluation.

Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR 58.5(i)(2)	Yes No	The EPA Envirofacts website was checked for documentation of nearby contamination. There are no locations within the proximity of the project site. Please see the attached map. In addition, documentation of past uses of the site was obtained by viewing historic aerial photos. A review of aerial photographs back to and including the 1934 photograph indicates no obvious environmental issues based upon apparent land uses. The information reviewed does not provide affirmative evidence of contamination or ongoing violations. This review did not include
		detailed property assessments, on-site investigations, or testing of any materials. (For the EPA Environfacts database, access http://www3.epa.gov/enviro/, enter the project site address, select the 'list and map facilities reporting in this view' icon, select the 'print' icon which is located below the map. If there are no facilities listed nearby, the search is complete. To document past uses you can provide historic aerials, submit a letter from someone with knowledge of the history of the site, or conduct and submit a Phase 1 environmental investigation. To access historic aerials from 1934 and 1951, you can utilize the following links: http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/mash_up/1934_aerial _index.html_and http://magic.lib.uconn.edu/mash_up/1951_aerial _index.html More recent historic aerials can be accessed from Google Earth. The local library may also have historic aerials. )
Endangered Species Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes No	This project consists only of leasing or rental assistance and is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act without further evaluation.
<b>Explosive and Flammable</b> <b>Hazards</b> 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No	This project consists only of leasing or rental assistance and is in compliance with HUD's Explosive and Flammable Hazards standards without further evaluation.

Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes No	This project consists only of leasing or rental assistance and is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act without further evaluation.
Floodplain Management	Yes No	Please see the attached FIRMette map. The
Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55		project site is not located within a high hazard floodplain area, according to FEMA's Flood Map Service Center, and is in compliance with Executive Order 11988. (See 'Flood Insurance' instructions above.)
Historic Preservation	Yes No	HUD has determined that leasing and rental
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800		assistance with no associated repairs, rehabilitation, or other activities with physical impacts has No Potential to Cause Effects under 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1) (see Appendix A). Therefore, this project is in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act without further obligations.
Noise Abatement and Control	Yes No	This project consists only of leasing or rental
24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B		assistance. HUD's Noise standards do not apply.
Sole Source Aquifers	Yes No	This project consists only of leasing or rental
Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149		assistance and is in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act without further evaluation.
Wetlands Protection	Yes No	This project consists only of leasing or rental
Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5; 24 CFR Part 55 wetlands provisions		assistance without any new construction. Executive Order 11990 and Part 55 wetlands provisions do not apply to projects that do not involve new construction in a wetland.
Wild and Scenic Rivers		This project consists only of leasing or rental
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No	assistance and is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act without further evaluation.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	Yes No	In terms of the environmental conditions of the surrounding neighborhood, there are no sites listed with the EPA for previous contamination violations (see 'Contamination and Toxic Substances' above). The project site is in a mixed-use neighborhood. In addition to commercial and industrial uses nearby, there are other apartment complexes in the vicinity. The project site will function in a similar manner to the other apartment complexes in terms of environmental impacts and is not anticipated to create an adverse or disproportionate environmental impact to minority or low income populations.
		(First, use information gathered for the 'Contamination and Toxic Substances' field to describe the impact of the surrounding area on the project site. Next, describe the neighborhood surrounding the project site and whether your facility is similar to the surrounding land uses. Assess whether an adverse or disproportionate environmental impact to minority or low income populations is created by the project site. )

# **Mitigation Measures and Conditions**

Summarize below all mitigation measures either taken or required as a condition of approval of the project 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.

N/A (If 'no' is selected for each compliance field above, then no mitigation measures are required.)

### \*Determination:

(If 'no' is selected for each compliance field above and no mitigation measures are required, select the 'categorically excluded activity' box.)

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 for this (now) EXEMPT project; OR
This categorically excluded activity/project cannot convert to Exempt status because one or more

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, submit RROF (HUD 7015.15), 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)).

Obtain the signatures below: Preparer Signature:

	Date:
Name/Title/Organization:	
Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:	
	Date:
Name/Title:	

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).

### Appendix A -

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT WASHINGTON, DC 20410-700 OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FEB 2 0 2014 MEMORANDUM FOR: CPD Division Directors Regional Environmental Officers ville cuo FROM: Danielle Schopp, Director, Office of Environment and Energy, DGE SUBJECT: Determination that Continuum of Care (CoC) Leasing and Rental Assistance with no associated physical building activities have "No Potential to Cause Effects" under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36 CFR Part 800

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has determined that leasing and rental assistance activities in the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program that include no maintenance, repairs, or rehabilitation to the leased or rented properties have "No Potential to Cause Effects," as described in 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1). These leasing and rental assistance activities provide transitional or permanent housing for the homeless in existing scattered site buildings with no associated physical changes to the buildings, and have no potential to cause effects on historic properties, assuming such properties were present. Neither HUD nor the grantees participating in the CoC Program have any further obligations for these projects under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) or 36 CFR Part 800. No consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), or other interested parties is required.

A copy of this memorandum in the Environmental Review Record for a qualifying individual CoC project will document compliance with Section 106, 36 CFR Part 800, 24 CFR Part 50, and 24 CFR Part 58 regarding historic properties.

Leasing and rental assistance with associated unit or building repairs, rehabilitation, or new construction do not qualify for the treatment described in this memo. Likewise, other types of projects participating in the CoC Program, including repairs, rehabilitation, and new construction, do not qualify for the treatment described in this memo. These activities must be fully reviewed under the Section 106 process, including consultation with a SHPO, THPO and/or tribal authority, interested parties and the public, to aid HUD or the Responsible Entity in making an effect determination.

Please direct any questions regarding this memorandum to Nancy E. Boone, Federal Preservation Officer, at <u>Nancy.E.Boone@hud.gov</u> or 202-402-5718.

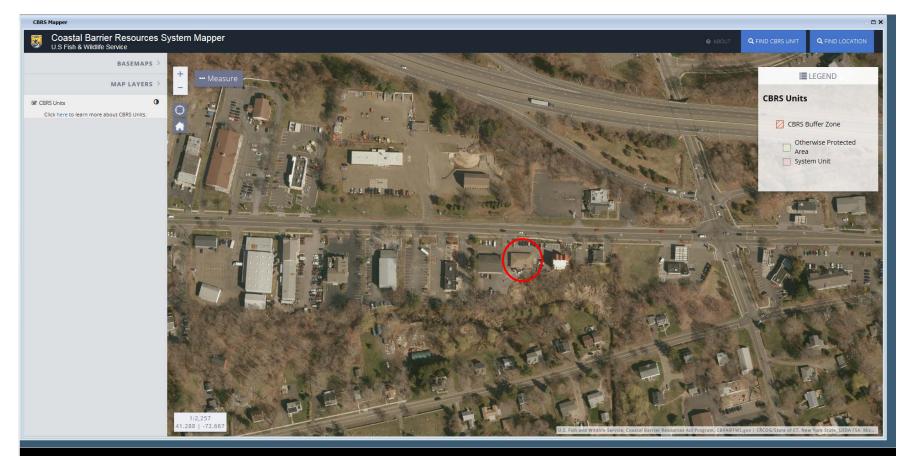
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### US Fish & Wildlife Service's Coastal Barrier Resources System Mapper

https://www.fws.gov/CBRA/Maps/Mapper.html (accessed March 2018)

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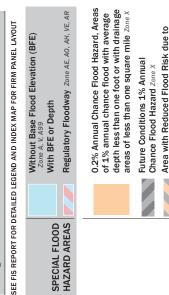
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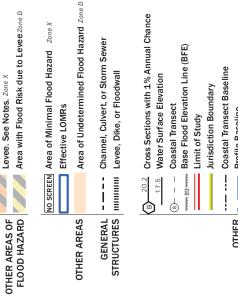


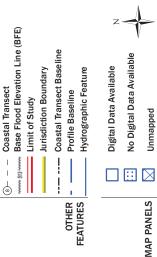
# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



# Legend







This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The base map shown complies with FEMA's base map accuracy standards

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on + 2/26/2018 at 3:01-49 PM and does not reflect changes or anneuldments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

This map image is void if the one or more of the following map elements do not appear: base map imagery, flood zone labels, legend, scale bar, map creation date, community identifiers, FIRM panel number, and FIRM effective date. Map images for unmapped and unmodernized areas cannot be used for regulatory purposes.

72°39'39.96"W



72°40'17.42"W

### USEPA Envirofacts website, <a href="https://www.epa.gov/enviro/">https://www.epa.gov/enviro/</a> (accessed, May 2018)

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