

Improvements. This alternative would also achieve the flood protection objectives of the Proposed Action, but would provide additional park amenities and neighborhood connections including a meandering bikeway and walkway, redesign of several pedestrian bridges, and more extensive landscaped features in East River Park. It would also include the reconstruction of Stuyvesant Cove Park. Key elements of this alternative include enhancing the pedestrian bridges at Delancey, East 6th, and East 10th Streets.

Alternatives will continue to be developed and refined during the EIS scoping process with input and consultation from local, state, and federal agencies that are either involved, interested, or cooperating in this environmental review process. These agencies include, but are not limited to, the New York City Departments of Transportation and Environmental Protection, the New York State Departments of Transportation and Environmental Conservation, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along with input provided by non-agency stakeholders and the general public. It is expected that each of the alternatives selected for analysis in the Draft EIS will include the essential flood protection measures described above, in differing configurations, and with alternative approaches to upland drainage, providing park enhancements and neighborhood connectivity. Each alternative will also incorporate approaches for managing upland drainage, including infrastructure improvements that would address combined sanitary and stormwater drainage and maintain sewer system operations during a storm event.

#### **Elements Common to Proposed Action Alternatives**

Each of the Proposed Action alternatives would also require water main, sewer, and utility relocations and drainage improvements, an operations and maintenance plan, utility and lighting plans, connections to other flood protection structures (e.g., the protection systems at the Con Edison East River Generating Facility and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center on East 23rd Street), and the repair and replacement of parkland and streets affected by construction. Construction activities may also require improvements to waterfront structures, temporary mooring facilities, and limited dredging along the East River to provide barge access during construction.

#### **Need for the EIS**

The Proposed Action described above has the potential to significantly affect the quality of the environment and an EIS will therefore be prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, SEQRA, and CEQR. Responses to this notice will be used to (1) determine significant environmental issues; (2) assist in developing a range of alternatives to be considered; (3) identify issues that the EIS should address; and (4) identify agencies and other parties that will participate in the EIS process and the basis for their involvement.

#### **Scoping**

A joint NEPA/SEQRA/CEQR public scoping meeting on the Draft Scope of Work to prepare the Draft EIS will be held on December 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Bard High School Early College, 525 East Houston Street, New York, NY 10002. As noted above, the Draft Scope of Work is available online at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/cdbg/html/home/home.shtml>. The public scoping meeting location will be accessible to the mobility-impaired. Interpreter services will be available for the hearing or visually impaired upon advance request. The EIS public scoping meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the Proposed Action and provide input to the environmental review process. At the meeting, an overview of the Proposed Action and its alternatives will be presented and members of the public will be invited to comment on the Draft Scope of Work, including the methodologies to be used in developing the environmental analyses in the EIS. Written comments and testimony concerning the Draft Scope of Work will be accepted at this meeting. In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7, affected Federal, State, and local agencies, any affected Indian tribes, and other interested parties will be sent a scoping notice. In accordance with 24 CFR 58.59, the scoping meeting will be preceded by a notice of public meeting published in the local news media at least 15 days before the hearing date.

#### **Probable Environmental Effects**

The EIS will evaluate potential effects from the Proposed Action on: Land Use, Zoning, and Public Policy; Socioeconomic Conditions; Environmental Justice; Open Space; Historic and Cultural Resources; Urban Design and Visual Resources; Natural Resources; Hazardous Materials; Water and Sewer Infrastructure; Transportation; Greenhouse Gases and

Climate Change; Public Health; Neighborhood Character; Construction; and Cumulative Effects.

Questions may be directed to the individual named in this notice under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: November 13, 2015.

**Harriet Tregoning,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Community Planning and Development.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**[Docket No. FR-5831-N-56]**

#### **30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Legal Instructions Concerning Applications for Full Insurance Benefits—Assignment of Multifamily Mortgages to the Secretary**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD has submitted the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days of public comment.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* December 17, 2015

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: HUD Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; fax: 202-395-5806. Email: [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov).

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Colette Pollard, Reports Management Officer, QMAC, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; email Colette Pollard at [Colette.Pollard@hud.gov](mailto:Colette.Pollard@hud.gov) or telephone 202-402-3400. This is not a toll-free number. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Copies of available documents submitted to OMB may be obtained from Ms. Pollard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice informs the public that HUD is seeking approval from OMB for the information collection described in Section A.

The **Federal Register** notice that solicited public comment on the information collection for a period of 60 days was published on September 10, 2015 at 80 FR 54587.

#### A. Overview of Information Collection

*Title of Information Collection:* Legal Instructions Concerning Applications for Full Insurance Benefits—Assignment of Multifamily Mortgage to the Secretary.

*OMB Approval Number:* 2510–0006.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Description of the need for the information and proposed use:*

Mortgagees of HUD-insured mortgages may receive mortgage insurance benefits upon assignment of mortgages to HUD. In connection with the assignment, legal documents (*e.g.*, mortgage, mortgage note, security agreement, title insurance policy) must be submitted to the Department. The instructions contained in the Legal Instructions Concerning Applications for Full Insurance Benefits—Assignment of Multifamily Mortgage describe the documents to be submitted and the procedures for submission.

The Legal Instructions Concerning Applications for Full Insurance Benefits—Assignment of Multifamily Mortgage, in its current form and structure, can be found at <http://intraportal.hud.gov/hudportal/>

[documents/huddoc?id=leginstrfullinsben.pdf](#).

HUD proposes to make the following revisions to this document:

Under Part B, Submissions of Legal Documents after Recordation of Assignment, HUD proposes to add a new paragraphs 12 and 13 to read as follows:

12. *Flood Insurance.* If all or part of the building(s) included within the project are in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), acceptable proof of flood insurance coverage. This can be either the original flood insurance policy covering the building(s), a copy of the Flood Insurance Application and premium payment, a copy of the declarations page, or evidence of flood insurance, comprising flood insurance coverage equal to the lesser of the insurable value of the building(s) or the maximum amount of coverage available for that type of property under the National Flood Insurance Program (“NFIP”) (see [www.fema.gov/business/nfip/manual.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/manual.shtm)). The flood insurance should name the mortgagee and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington, DC, his/her successors and assigns as mortgagee and loss payee respectively. The flood insurance must be in effect at least through 11:59 p.m. on the date on which the assignment of mortgage is recorded. In addition, if the mortgagee submits evidence of flood insurance, the mortgagee must submit an affidavit that contains the following language and is otherwise acceptable to HUD:

[Insert name of the mortgagee] affirms under penalty of law that the [describe flood insurance policy by name of insurance company or producer and policy number] described in the [Evidence of Insurance or

other document name, as applicable] is in full force and effect and names the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, of Washington, DC, his/her successors and assigns, 451 Seventh Street SW., Room 9230, Washington, DC 20410–0500 as loss payee as of [insert the date of assignment].

The effective date of this endorsement and mortgagee’s affidavit, if applicable, should be the date the assignment of mortgage to the Secretary is filed for record. The evidence of flood insurance is acceptable if it contains language to the effect that it is for informational purposes only and does not confer rights upon the holder of the policy only if accompanied by the mortgagee’s affidavit. A Certificate of Insurance is not acceptable.

13. An assignment of the mortgagee’s interest in the flood insurance policy should state the following:

The interest of \_\_\_\_\_, as the Mortgagee under Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_ issued by \_\_\_\_\_ i is hereby assigned to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington, DC, his/her successors and assigns. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing paragraphs 12 through 16 would be unchanged except for being redesignated paragraphs 14 through 18.

*Agency form numbers, if applicable:* N/A.

*Members of affected public:*

Mortgagees when applying for insurance benefits from HUD.

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:*

| Number of respondents | Burden hours | Frequency of response | Total burden hours |
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#### B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of

information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

**C. Authority:** 12 U.S.C. 1701z–1 Research and Demonstrations.

Dated: November 10, 2015.

**Colette Pollard,**

*Department Reports Management Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–5830–N–08]

#### 60 Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Notice of Application for Designation as a Single Family Foreclosure Commissioner

**AGENCY:** Office of the General Counsel, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HUD is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, HUD is requesting comment from all interested parties on the proposed collection of information. The purpose of this notice