Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58

Project Information

Project ID: PR-RGRW-01724

Project Name: Edwin Alfonso Nazario Olmeda

Responsible Entity: Puerto Rico Department of Housing

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): Same as above

State/Local Identifier: Puerto Rico/Yuaco, PR

Preparer: Clifford Jarman

Certifying Officer Name and Title: Permit and Compliance Officers: Sally Acevedo Cosme, Pedro De León Rodriguez, María T. Torres Bregón, Angel G. López-Guzmán, Ivelisse Lorenzo Torres, Santa Damarys Ramírez Lebrón, and Janette I. Cambrelén

Consultant (if applicable): Tetra Tech, 251 Calle Recinto Sur, Ste. 202, San Juan, PR 00091

Direct Comments to: PRDOH (environmentcdbg@vivienda.pr.gov)

Project Location:

The property is a 11.51-acre site located at Carr. PR-371 Km 0.9 Bo. Collores, Sector Francia in the Municipality of Yauco, Puerto Rico (Parcel ID# 312-000-010-64-901). The coordinates of the project site are 18.10130, -66.88619.

This terrain was an empty lot in the past. It is currently used for growing soursop and avocado. There is a residence, outbuildings, and a fallen down greenhouse on the property. The buildings are on a ridge with downslopes to the east and west.

The farm is connected to the PREPA and PRASA grid.

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

The proposed project area is approximately 0.33 acres. The proposed use of grant funds is for construction of a greenhouse and purchase of equipment and inventory, including fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire for constructing the roofed greenhouse.

The proposed activity is the construction of a new greenhouse located at 18.10133, - 66.88647 to be used for germinating seeds and growing avocado trees. The equipment and supplies would be used for agricultural activities at the project property.

The site has existing water and electric power connection to the local utilities. No new water or electric power connection is required.

Site photos are included in **Appendix A**. A site map (Figure 1) is included in **Appendix B**.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

The Re-Grow Puerto Rico Urban-Rural Agriculture Program (RGRW) will increase agricultural capacity while promoting and increasing food security island wide. This Program will enhance and expand agricultural production related to economic revitalization and sustainable development activities. The purpose of this project is to increase the productivity of the farm. This agricultural project associated with the construction of a new greenhouse and the purchase of fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire is in keeping with the overall objectives of the Economic Development Program.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

The land proposed for the installation of the greenhouse is used for agricultural purposes. Therefore, there is no change in land use associated with the project. Some ground disturbance will be required.

Structure of this Environmental Review Report (ERR).

This ERR discusses the Funding Information immediately below. The environmental impacts of the proposed action are discussed in the Compliance with 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6 Laws and Authorities checklist and Environmental Factors checklist. The listing of Additional Studies Performed, and Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted follows the checklists. The discussions of Public Outreach, Cumulative Impacts, Alternatives, and Summary of Findings and Conclusions are presented at the end of the ERR, before the listing of Mitigation Measures and Determination signatures. The appendices contain detailed information.

Appendix A – Site Inspection

Appendix B – Maps

Appendix C – Additional Documentation

Appendix D – Endangered Species

Appendix E – SHPO Consultation

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
B-17-DM-72-0001,	Community Development Block	\$11,938,162,230
B-18-DP-72-0001,	Grant – Disaster Recovery	
B-19-DP-78-0002,	(CDBG-DR), CDBG-DR, Re-Grow	
B-18-DE-72-0001	Puerto Rico Urban-Rural	
	Agricultural Program	

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$49,975.44

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$49,975.44

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 of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6 STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS,	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes No	The project consists of the construction of a new greenhouse and the purchase of fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire. The nearest civil airport is approximately 105,135 feet from the proposed site. The nearest military airport is approximately 322,988 feet from the proposed site. 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. Refer to Figure 2 in Appendix B.

Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes No	Puerto Rico has various Coastal Barrier Resources Systems (CBRS) and Otherwise Protected Areas. The project is in southwestern Puerto Rico. The distance to the nearest Otherwise Protected Area is 53,509 feet. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit or Otherwise Protected Area and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. Refer to Figure 3 in Appendix B .
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 in a 100-year floodplain per Floodplain Insurance Map 72000C1585J, effective date November 18, 2009. This project is in compliance with Floodplain Insurance requirements. (See Figures 4 and 5 in Appendix B.)

STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS,	AND REGULATI	ONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 58.5
Clean Air Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	Yes No	The Project site is not located in a county or air quality management district that is in attainment status or non-attainment status for any criteria pollutants. The Municipio of Yuaco is not listed in the EPA Green Book "Puerto Rico Nonattainment/Maintenance Status for Each County by Year for all Criteria Pollutants" The construction of the new greenhouse and the purchase of fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire would have no impact on air quality. The project is in compliance with Clean Air Act. Refer to EPA listing in Appendix C .
Coastal Zone Management Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes No	The project is located 37,648 feet from the nearest Coastal Zone Management area and does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the PR Coastal Zone Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. See Figure 8 in Appendix B .

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Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 58.5(i)(2)	Yes No	A site visit conducted on November 22, 2022, noted debris and rubbish near the proposed site associated with the old greenhouse and felled trees. A non-leaking 55-gallon was noted. There were no or visible signs of vegetative stress, contamination, or toxic substances noted at the project site.
		Site contamination was evaluated through online data searches to determine if toxic sites are located within 3,000-feet of the proposed project. There are no sites of environmental concern identified within 3,000 feet of the project site.
		The project consists of the construction of a new greenhouse and the purchase of fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire.
		Refer to Figures 8 and 9 in Appendix B . The project is in compliance with Contamination and Toxic Substances.
Endangered Species Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes No	The project will have No Effect on listed species. According to EPA NEPAssist Enviromapper, the nearest critical or proposed critical habitat is 2,168 feet to the southwest of the project location.
		Per the Official Species List from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) website, the Puerto Rican Boa, Puerto Rican Broad-winged Hawk, Puerto Rican Parrot, Cordia bellinis, Higuero De Sierra, and Palo De Ramon can be found, but there are no critical habitats at this location. The proposed project will have no potential to affect species or habitats due to the agricultural nature of the activities involved in the project. The new greenhouse would be located in an area that has been used for agricultural purposes and the fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer,

Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No	ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire used in an area currently under cultivation. If a Puerto Rican Boa is encountered, work will cease until it moves off the site or, failing that, the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (PRDNER) Rangers will be notified for safe capture and relocation of the animal, in accordance with the USFW Puerto Rican Boa Conservation Measures guidelines. https://ipac.ecosphere.fws.gov/guideline/desig n/population/156/office/41430.pdf Refer to Figures 10 and 11 in Appendix B and IPaC report in Appendix D. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act. The project does not include development, construction, or rehabilitation that will increase residential density. The project is in compliance with Explosive and Flammable Hazard requirements.
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes No	Refer to site visit report in Appendix A . The project site is not designated as prime farmland or farmland of statewide importance. The project consists of the construction of a new greenhouse and the purchase of fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire. The project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to nonagricultural use. This project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act. Refer to Figure 12 in Appendix B .
Floodplain Management	Yes No	The Project site is not located in a 100-year floodplain per Floodplain Insurance Map 72000C1585J, effective date November 18, 2009. The project site is not located in Preliminary Firm

Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55		or an Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) special flood hazard area. See Figures 4, 5 and 6. This project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988. (See maps in Appendix B .)
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	Yes No	The site was evaluated on January 16, 2023, and revised on March 27, 2023, by an SOI Qualified Archaeologist. Documentation with maps was subsequently submitted to SHPO on April 10, 2023 (Appendix E). SHPO concurred with a finding of No Historic Properties Affected within the project's Area of Potential on Effects on April 25, 2023. Refer to Figure 13 in Appendix B and the report in Appendix E. This project is in compliance with Historic Preservation requirements.
Noise Abatement and Control Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	Yes No	HUD's noise regulations protect residential properties from excessive noise exposure. The project consists of the construction of a new greenhouse and the purchase of fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire. HUD noise regulations do not apply as the project does not include new construction for residential use or rehabilitation of an existing residential property. The proposed project is in compliance with Noise Abatement and Control.
Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	Yes No	There are no EPA sole source aquifers in Puerto Rico. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements.
Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes No	The south coast at Bahía de Guánica is 50,477 feet southwest of the property. The closest freshwater bodies include an intermittent tributary of Lago Luchetti 106 feet southwest of the property, Quebrada Grande 2,904 feet southwest of the property, Río Yauco 4,541 feet northeast of the

		property and Lago Luchetti 4,435 feet southeast of the property. The NWI maps show a riverine wetlands on the property near the western side of the project site. The project site is on top of a ridge. The riverine wetland associated with the intermittent tributary of Lago Luchetti is downslope to the west. Standard construction BMPs would be used to control erosion and runoff during construction. With these mitigations the project would not impact any on or off-site wetlands and includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990. Refer to Figure 14 in Appendix B.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No	This project is not within proximity of a National Wild and Scenic River (WSR). The distance to the nearest WSR is approximately 385,489 feet. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Refer to Figure 15 in Appendix B .

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	Yes No	No adverse environmental impacts were identified in any other compliance review portion of this project that may disproportionately be high for low-income and/or minority communities. Therefore, this topic complies with Executive Order 12898.

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 &1508.27] Recorded below is the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features, and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. **All conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.**

Impact Codes: Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact May require mitigation
- **(4)** Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental	Impact	
Assessment Factor	Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOP	MENT	
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	2	The proposed project is located on a private farm. The project consists of the construction of a new greenhouse and the purchase of fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire. The project site is not zoned. The proposed action is compliant with the current agricultural land use of the project area.
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm	2	The soil is classified as Caguabo clay loam (CbF), 20 to 60 percent slopes, surrounded by farmland and secondary forest vegetation further out, 360 meters above mean sea level.
Water Runoff		Projects larger than 1 acre must comply with the CWA and develop a SWPPP with the NPDES. The proposed project area is approximately 0.33 acres. No SWPPP is required for this project.
		The project site area is on top of a ridge in an area rated "moderate" for landslide susceptibility. Areas rated "high" for landslide susceptibility exist on the eastern and western sides of the ridge. (See Figure 16 in Appendix B). There will be no human habitation associated with the structure and therefore extensive mitigation measures will not be required, such as retaining walls or special engineering design.
		Standard construction BMPs would be used to control erosion and runoff during construction. With these mitigations there will be little to no additional runoff associated with the project.
Hazards and Nuisances	2	During implementation of the project, construction activities may result in temporary elevation of ambient noise levels in

including Site Safety and Noise		immediate areas around active construction areas. The only nearby receptors are the residents of the farm. There is no access to the project area by the public. Standard BMPs, such as construction fencing, would be applied to protect the farm residents and public from typical construction hazards.
Energy Consumption		The project site is connected to the local electricity provider. If the greenhouse would use electric lights or pumps, there would be a minor increase to energy demand in the area.
Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
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Employment and Income Patterns	2	Temporary employment of workers related to construction activities would result, but no new permanent jobs would be created as a result of this project. These workers are expected to come from the local region. However, since the project will include an economic component, it may aid in restoring some employment opportunities and increase income. The proposed project would not negatively impact employment or income patterns.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	The proposed project would not result in demographic character changes or displacement. Given the nature of the project area, no relocations or demolition of residential structures or businesses would occur as part of this project.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FA	CILITIES A	ND SERVICES
Educational and Cultural Facilities		The project would not result in any change to regional or local area educational and cultural facilities or increase demand for them.
Commercial Facilities		The agricultural activity of the project property will improve. Other commercial facilities would not be impacted by the proposed project.

Health Care and Social Services	2	Health care and social services facilities would not be impacted by the proposed project. The project would not increase demand for health care and social services facilities.
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	Waste vegetation from construction activities will either be composted on site or at regional composting centers. Soil from grading would be recycled on the farm as fill. Left over construction materials that could be reused on the farm (e.g., tubing, wire, greenhouse covering fabrics) would be stored for later use. The remaining construction solid waste materials would be collected for transport to the local landfill. The amount of impact of solid waste resulting from the construction of the proposed project would be minor. During operations, the products and by-products would be agricultural, which waste would be biodegradable.
Wastewater / Sanitary Sewers	2	The proposed project would not include any bathrooms, wastewater, or sewage facilities. Current farm conditions would remain unchanged.
Water Supply	2	Applicant has access to a water supply from the local utility with auxiliary water storage tanks. The proposed project will have minor impact on water usage.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	2	The proposed project would not create any new demand for emergency or health services.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	The proposed project would not create or destroy any new parks, open space, or recreational activities. It also would not increase use of those facilities.
Transportation and Accessibility	2	The proposed project would not involve the creation of new roads nor any increase in long-term traffic on existing roads. There would be some minor use of the existing road during construction. All residents and businesses would retain access to their properties during and after the project.

Environmental Impact Assessment Factor Code Impact Evaluation

NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources	2	The proposed project will be situated on land previously used for agriculture and will have no impact to unique natural features or water resources.
Vegetation, Wildlife	2	The proposed project will occur on land previously used for agricultural purposes and will continue in that capacity. The proposed project will have no impact on vegetation and wildlife.
Climate Change	2	This is a small project with no measurable impact on climate change factors. With respect to climate change impact on the project, agricultural activities could be affected by drought.

Additional Studies Performed: None required.

Field Inspection (Date and completed by):

Site inspection was conducted on November 22, 2022, by Josue Troche.

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office

FAA, National Plan for Integrated Airport Systems:

www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/npias/reports/NPIAS-Report-2017-2021-Appendix-B-Part6.pdf

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, Puerto Rico <u>map.</u> www.fws.gov/CBRA/Maps/Locator/PR.pdf

National Wild and Scenic Rivers System: www.rivers.gov/puerto-rico.php

Puerto Rico Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Action Plan, July 2018. www.cdbg-dr.pr.gov/en/action-plan/

Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office and the Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resilience – amended to include the Puerto Rico Department of Housing.

US Environmental Protection Agency, National Ambient Air Quality Standards, Nonattainment Areas for Criteria Pollutants (Green Book): www3.epa.gov/airquality/greenbook/anayo_pr.html

US EPA, Environmental Topics, Air Topics: www.epa.gov/environmental-topics/air-topics

US Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Conservation Online System:

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-listings-by-

state?stateAbbrev=PR&stateName=Puerto%20Rico&statusCategory=Listed

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Flood Mapping Service:

<u>https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home_</u> (compilation of numerous maps)

US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory:

<u>www.fws.gov/wetlands/data/mapper.html</u> (compilation of numerous maps)

Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program Plan, September 2009.

US EPA, Sole Source Aquifers. Esri HERE, Garmin, NOAA, USGS, EPA.

US Geological Survey, Data Release of May Showing Concentration of Landslides Caused by Hurricane Maria,

www.sciencebase.gov/catalog/item/59de6459e4b05fe04ccd39d8

List of Permits Obtained:

None required

Public Outreach [24 CFR 58.43]:

The local community has been very proactive in the recovery process. Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture has worked closely with the agricultural community. The project includes a FONSI / NOI-RROF in compliance with NEPA regulations for HUD.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

In accordance with 24 CFR 58.32 (Aggregation), there are no cumulative impacts associated with the proposed project. The growth of agricultural products at the farm would not increase. The project would allow more efficient processing of the agricultural products. Water use would increase to a minor degree in the new greenhouse but would only impact the existing site water supply. There are no other wells nearby to be affected.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e); 40 CFR 1508.9]

The RGRW Program's goal is to increase agricultural capacity while promoting and increasing food security island-wide. This Program seeks to enhance and expand agricultural production related to economic revitalization and sustainable development activities. The applicant submitted a proposal to enhance and expand agricultural production on their property. The proposed use of grant funds will allow the applicant to expand the cultivation, processing, and delivery of agricultural products through the construction of a new greenhouse and the purchase of fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire. Any alternative that would involve an off-property

location would not enhance and expand agricultural production or allow for the economic development for this applicant. The actions are proposed in an area in front of the existing residence and existing water and power connections. Alternative locations on the property would be farther from the residence and water and power connections.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]:

Under the No Action Alternative, the applicant would not receive federal funding for the construction of a new greenhouse and the purchase of fertilizer, herbicide, blower, sprayer pump, backpack pump sprayer, ladder, four track, truper machete, perforating iron (drill), pole pruner, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, utility vehicle (UTV), and tubing and wire which would inhibit the economic growth opportunity that the applicant would not otherwise have under the PRDOH Re-Grow Puerto Rico program. As a result, these owners may not be able to experience the growth needed to recover and expand their agriculture activities. A provision of the grant allows for economic development for businesses. The No-Action alternative would not allow for the economic development for this applicant.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

The proposed activity has been found to not have any adverse effects on the environment nor is there the requirement for further consultation with federal agencies associated with the topics evaluated above. There are no environmental review topics addressed above that result in the need for additional formal compliance steps with federal agencies or the requirement for mitigations other than those listed below. There may be additional approvals or permits from local agencies.

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

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

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
Wetlands Protection	Standard construction BMPs would be used to control erosion and runoff during construction.
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/	Standard construction BMPs would be used to control erosion
Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	and runoff during construction.

Determination:

Finding of No Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.27]

The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Finding of Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2); 40 CFR 1508.27]
The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.
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reparer Signature:
ame/Title/Organization: <u>Clifford Jarman, Senior Environmental Scientist, Tetra Tech Inc.</u>
ertifying Officer Signature:
ame/Title:Janette_I. Cambrelén, Permit and Environmental Compliance Specialist

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





Environmental Field Observation - Puerto Rico Department of Housing

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Application ID	PR-RGRW-01724				
Applicant Name					
Property Address					
Parcel ID					
Coordinates	18.101303,	-66.886190			
Inspector Name					
Inspection Date					
Building Type					
Number of Units	1				
Number of Stories					
Year Built; Data Source					
·	<u> </u>		for any VFC annual		
ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS (attach					
OBSERVATION ITEMS	YES	NO	COMMENTS		
A. Is the structure in use?	Ø		Applicant plans to do a greenhouse for germinatinggseeds and growinggavocado trees.		
B. is structure a greenhouse?		☑			
C. Is Electricity connected?			Connected to local service		
D. Is water connected? (Utilities or Well)	$\overline{\checkmark}$		Connected to local service		
1. Are there signs of poor housekeeping on site? (mounds of rubble, garbage, storm debris, solid waste, petroleum products, paint, pesticides, cleaning fluids, vehicle batteries, abandoned vehicles, pits, pools, ponds of hazardous substances, etc.)	☑		Debris		
2. Are there any 55-gallon drums visible on site? If yes, are they leaking?	Ø		55-gallon drum, non-leakingg		
3 . Are there any (or signs of any) underground storage tanks on the property?		Ø			
4 . Are there signs of ASTs on the parcel or adjacent parcel? If yes, list approximate size and contents, if known.	Ø		2 x 500 gallons 5x 250 gallons 1 x 600 gallons 200 gallons Water reserve Water reserve Water reserve Water reserve Water reserve		
5. Is there any stained soil or pavement on the parcel?		Ø			
6. Is a water drainage system in use?		Ø			
7. Is a warehouse in use for storage of Fertilizer or Pesticides ?		Ø			
8. Are there any groundwater monitoring wells on the site or adjacent parcel?		Ø			







9. Is there evidence of a faulty septic system?	Ø	
10. Is there distressed vegetation on the parcel?	V	
11. Is there any visible indication of MOLD?	V	
12. Is there any visible evidence of asbestos, chipping, flaking or peeling paint, or hazardous materials present in or on the structure?	V	
13. Are any additional site hazards observed?	V	
14 . Is there any permanent standing water , such as a pond or stream, located on the site (do not include ponding from recent rain / weather events)?	☑	
15 . Does the subject property have water frontage ?	☑	
16. Is there any indication of the presence of Wetlands?	Ø	
17 . Are there any obvious signs of animals or birds nesting on or near the site?	V	
18 . Is the applicant aware of any significant historical event or persons associated with the structure, or of it being located in a historic district/area?	V	
19. Is a historic marker present?	☑	

Additional Notes:

Case: 01724

Correct coordinates: 18.10130° N, -66.88619° W

Scope of Work: Scope of work 1

Applicant plans to do a greenhouse house for germinating seeds and growing avocado trees.

18.10133° N, -66.88647° W

Land current in use for:

Growing soursop and avocado

Past land use was:

Empty lot before actual owner

What the applicant plans to do: the purchase of equipment and inventory including fertilizer, wire, herbicide, blower, sprayer, pump, ladder, four track, machete truper, pole pruner, perforating iron, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, tubing and UTV. Tubing and wiring will be used to construct a roofed structure (greenhouse)

Where the applicant plans to do the ground disturbance for the new structures: Scope of work 1

18.10133° N, -66.88647° W

Any new water connection, well, cisterns or power connection: The land is connected to the electric grid and to the AAA(water)







Site Sketch

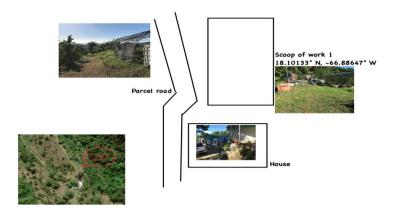




Photo Direction: South

Front of Structure



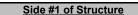
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Photo Direction: West





Facing Away From Side #1

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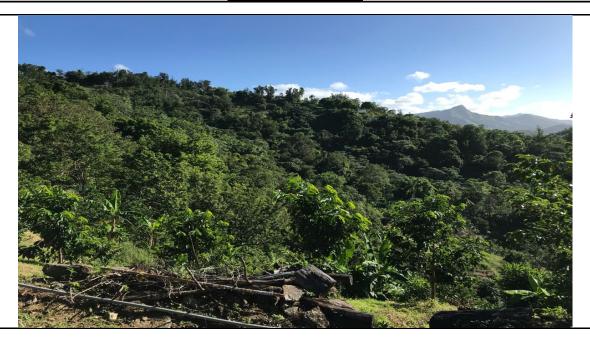




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Facing Away From Back

Photo Direction: South





Photo Direction: East

Side #2 of Structure



Facing Away From Side #2

Photo Direction: West





Streetscape #1
Photo Direction: Northeast

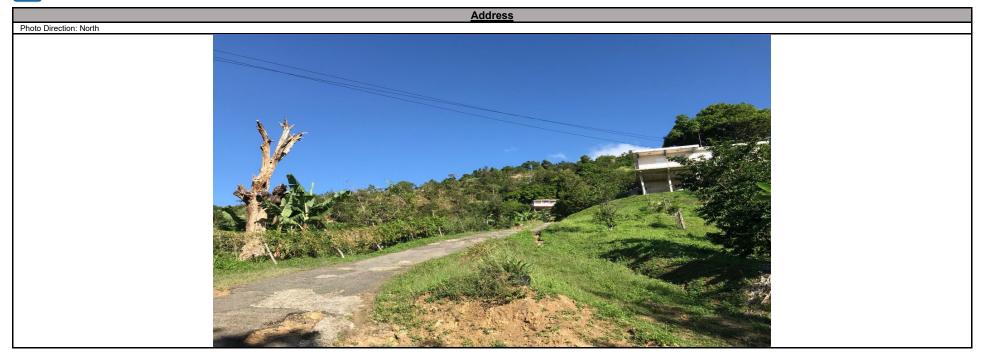


Streetscape #2

Photo Direction: South









Outbuildings

Photo Description: House

Photo Direction: South



Outbuildings

Photo Description: Storage

Photo Direction: West





Photo Description: Architectural details

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Structural Details

Photo Description: Architectural details

Photo Direction: Southwest

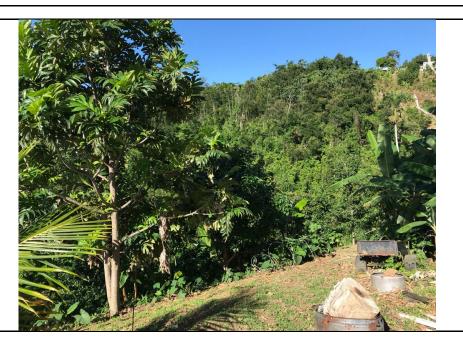




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Photo Direction: Northwest



Structural Details

Photo Description: Architectural details

Photo Direction: East

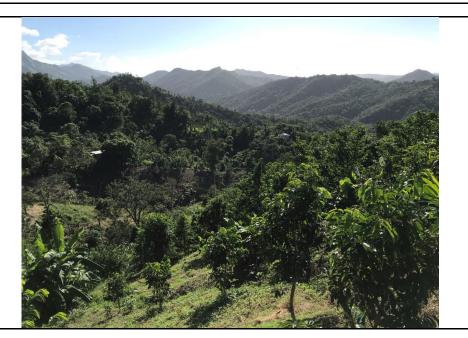




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Structural Details

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Photo Description: Architectural details

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Structural Details

Photo Description: Architectural details

Photo Direction: South





Photo Description: Architectural details

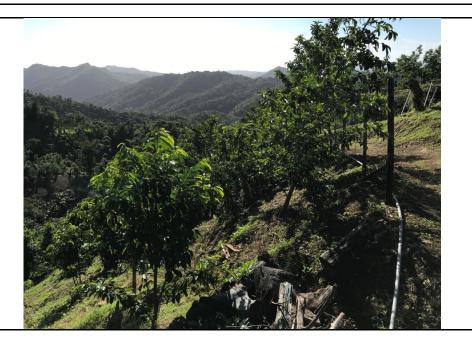
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Structural Details

Photo Description: Architectural details

Photo Direction: Southeast





Structure Occupied

Photo Description: Growing avocado

Photo Direction: Southeast



Structure Occupied

Photo Description: Soursop

Photo Direction: Southeast

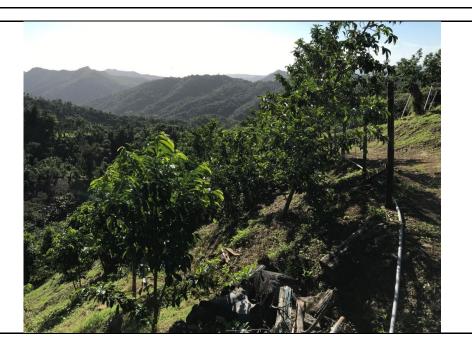




Photo Description: Avocado trees
Photo Direction: West



Photo Direction: Southwest

Photo Direction: Southwest



Photo Description: Water reserve
Photo Direction: East



Aboveground Storage Tanks

Photo Description: Water reserve

Photo Direction: East



Aboveground Storage Tanks

Photo Description: Water reserve

Photo Direction: Southwest





Aboveground Storage Tanks

Photo Description: Water reserve

Photo Direction: Southeast



Aboveground Storage Tanks

Photo Description: Water reserve

Photo Direction: Northeast





Scope Of Work

Photo Description: Scope of work 1

Photo Direction: North



Scope Of Work

Photo Description: Scope of work 1

Photo Direction: Southwest





Scope Of Work

Photo Description: Scope of work 1

Photo Direction: South



Scope Of Work

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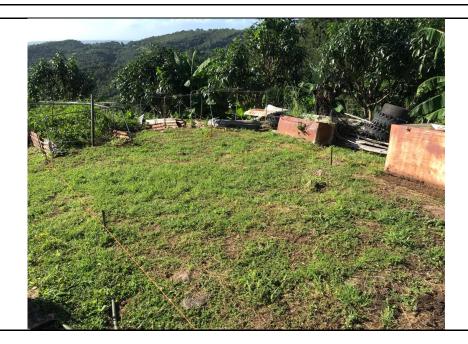




Scope Of Work

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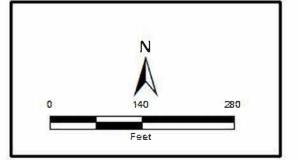
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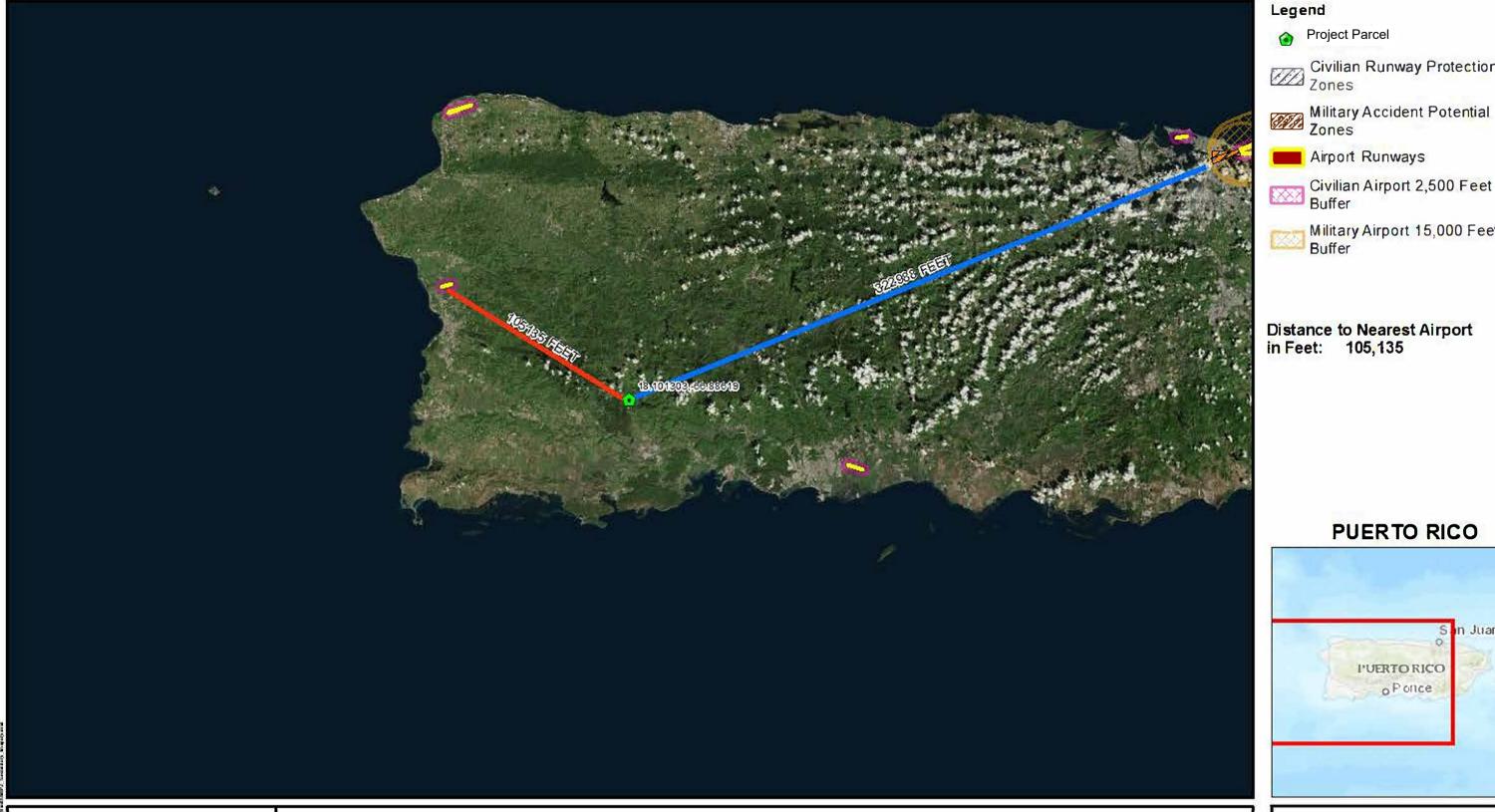


Figure 2: AIRPORT ZONES

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98,000

Civilian Runway Protection

Civilian Airport 2,500 Feet

Military Airport 15,000 Feet

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Source: USDOT https://www.faa.gov

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Project Parcel

Coastal Barrier Resources
System Unit Type

Otherwise Protected Area

System Unit

Distance to Nearest Coastal Barrier Resources System in Feet: 53,509

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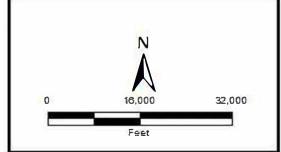




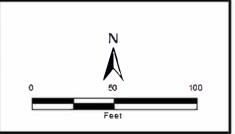


Figure 4: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

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Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR

0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X

Regulatory Floodway

Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes. Zone X

Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D

Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone D

NO SCREEN Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X

-- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer

B 20.2 Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance 17.5 Water Surface Elevation - - Coastal Transect

Mase Flood Elevation Line (BFE) Limit of Study Jurisdiction Boundary - Coastal Transect Baseline

Effective LOMRs

IIIIII Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

Profile Baseline

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Hydrographic Feature

Digital Data Available

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San Juan

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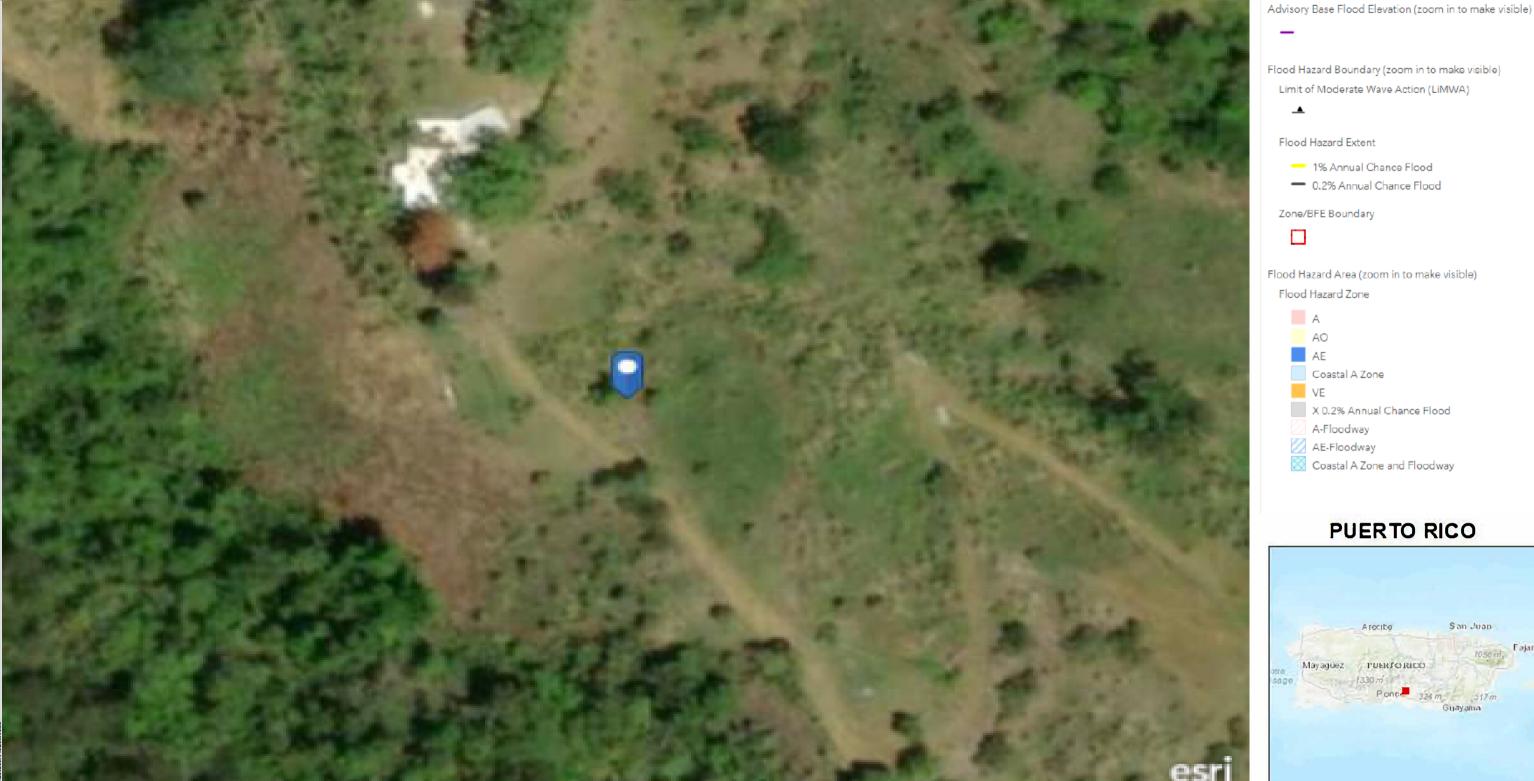


Figure 6: ADVISORY BASE FLOOD ELEVATION

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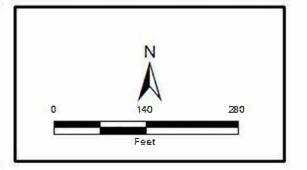
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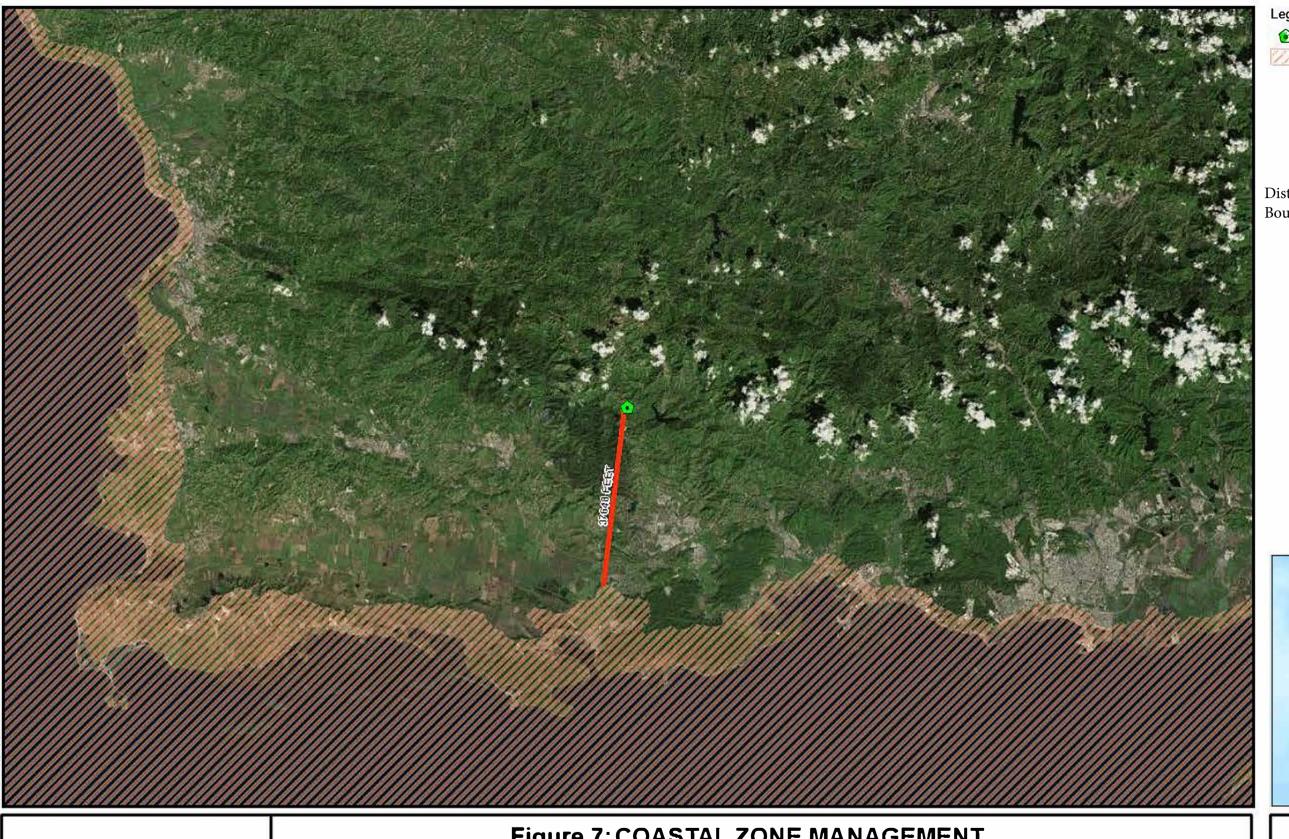
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Coastal Zone Management Boundary

Distance to nearest Coastal Zone Management Boundary in feet: 37,648

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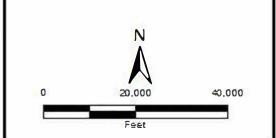


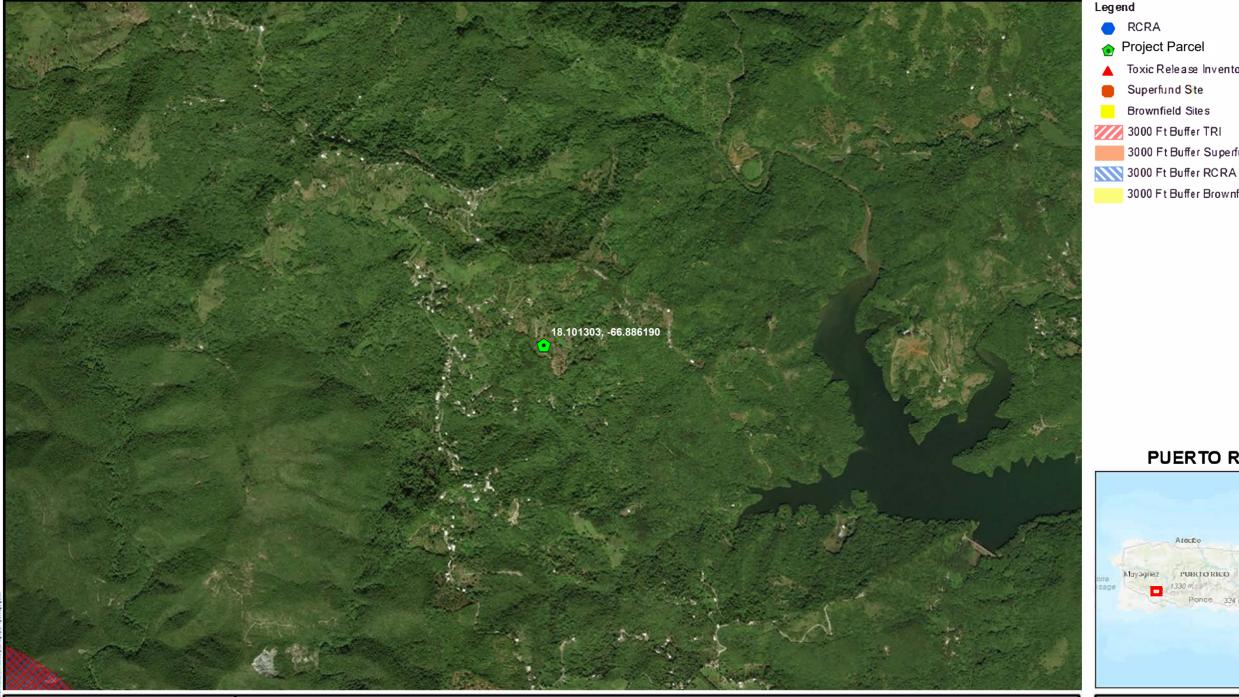
Figure 7: COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT

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Figure 8: TOXIC CHEMICALS AND GASES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, CONTAMINATION, AND RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES **APPLICANT ID: PR-RGRW-01724**

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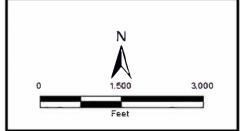
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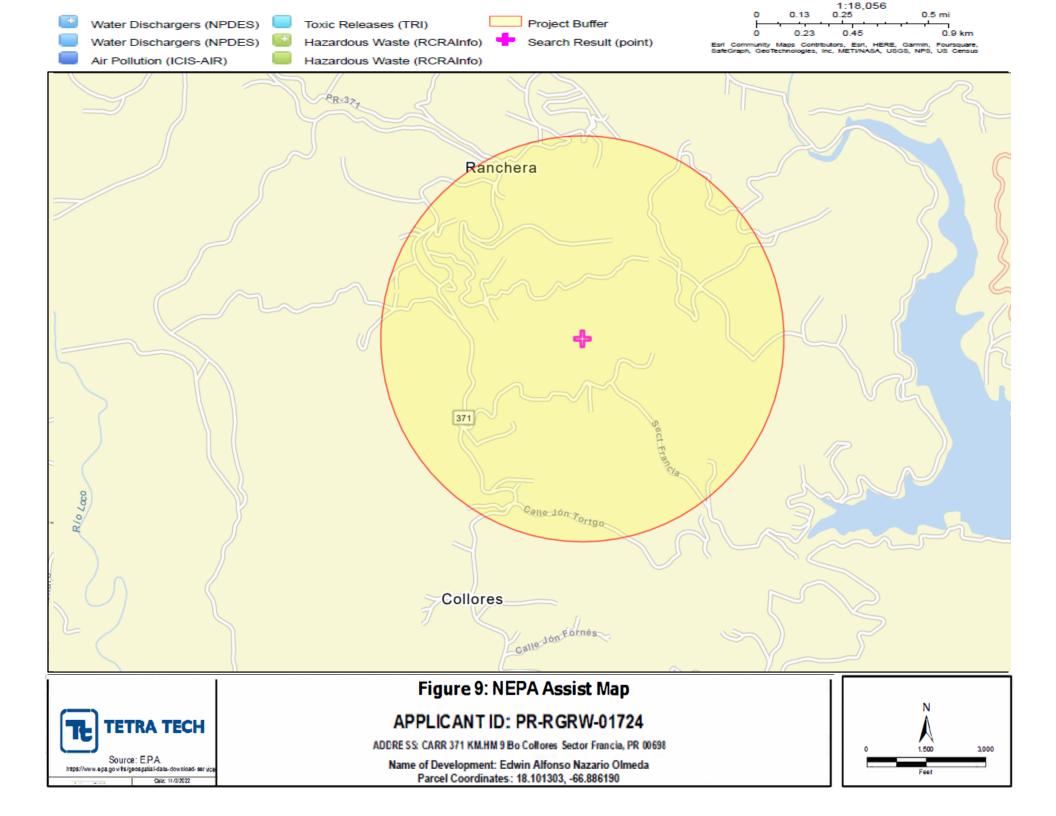
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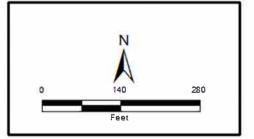


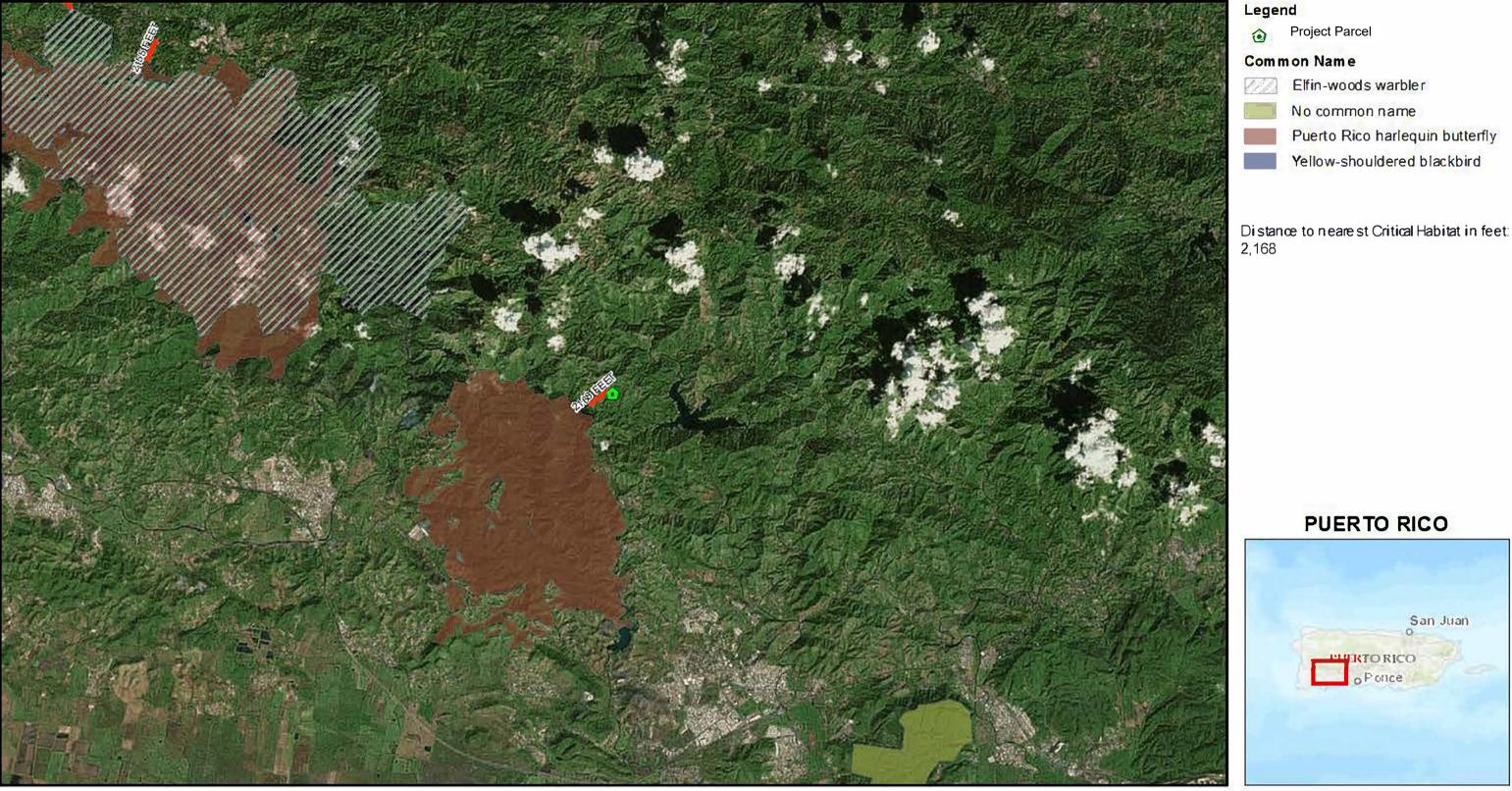


Figure 10: ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT APPLICANT ID: PR-RGRW-01724

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Figure 11: Critical Habitat

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Elfin-woods warbler

Puerto Rico harlequin butterfly Yellow-shouldered blackbird

No common name

16,400



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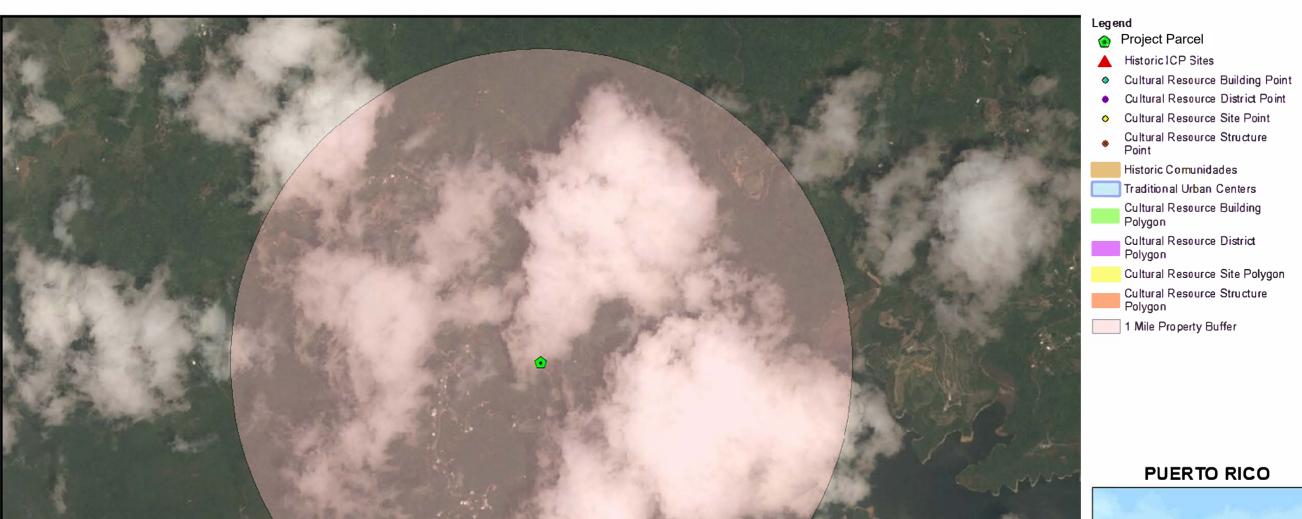
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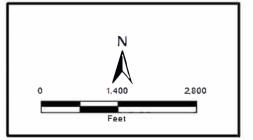
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Figure 13: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Estuarine and Marine Deepwater Estuarine and Marine Wetland Freshwater Emergent Wetland Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland

Freshwater Pond

Lake Riverine



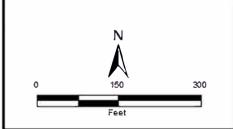
Figure 14: WETLANDS

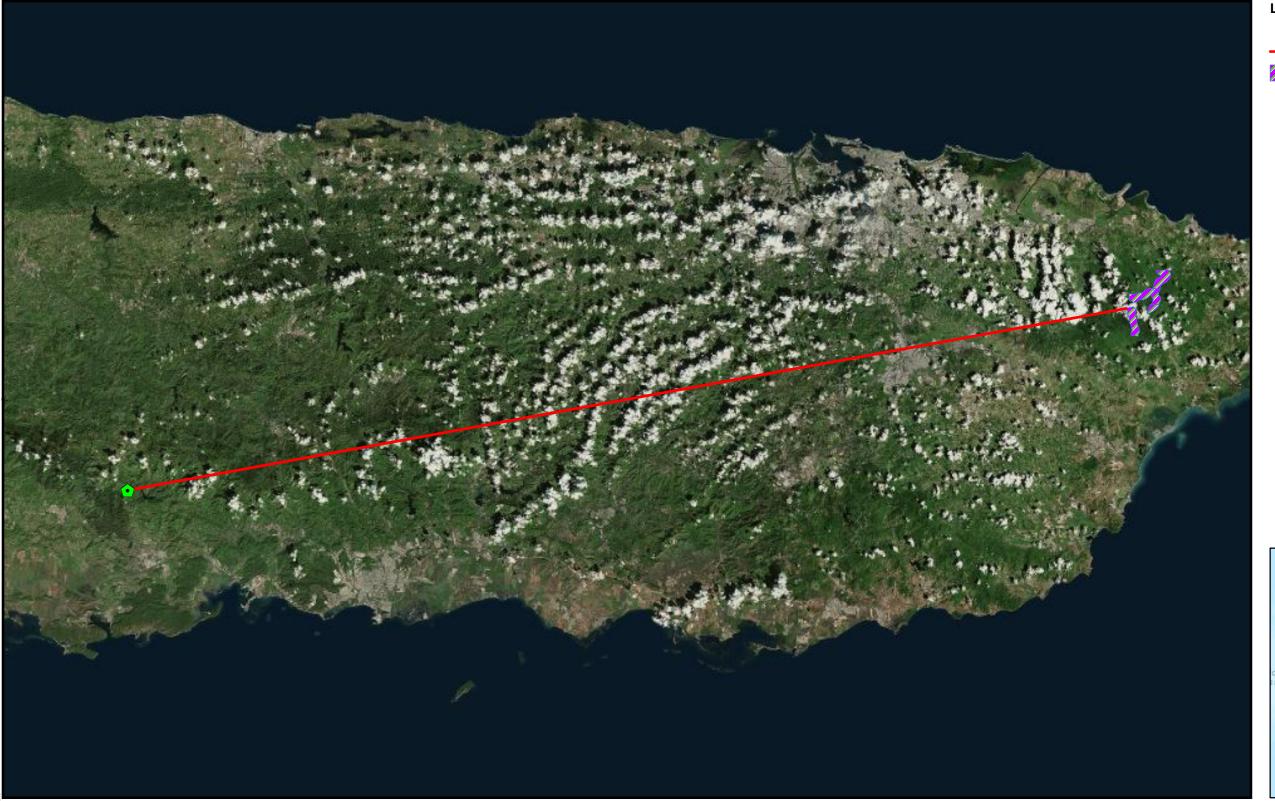
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Legend Project Parcel Nearest WSR Wild and Scenic Rivers

Distance to Nearest Wild and Scenic River in Feet: 385489

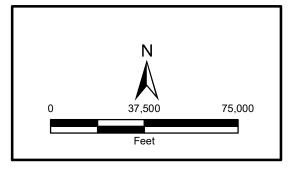
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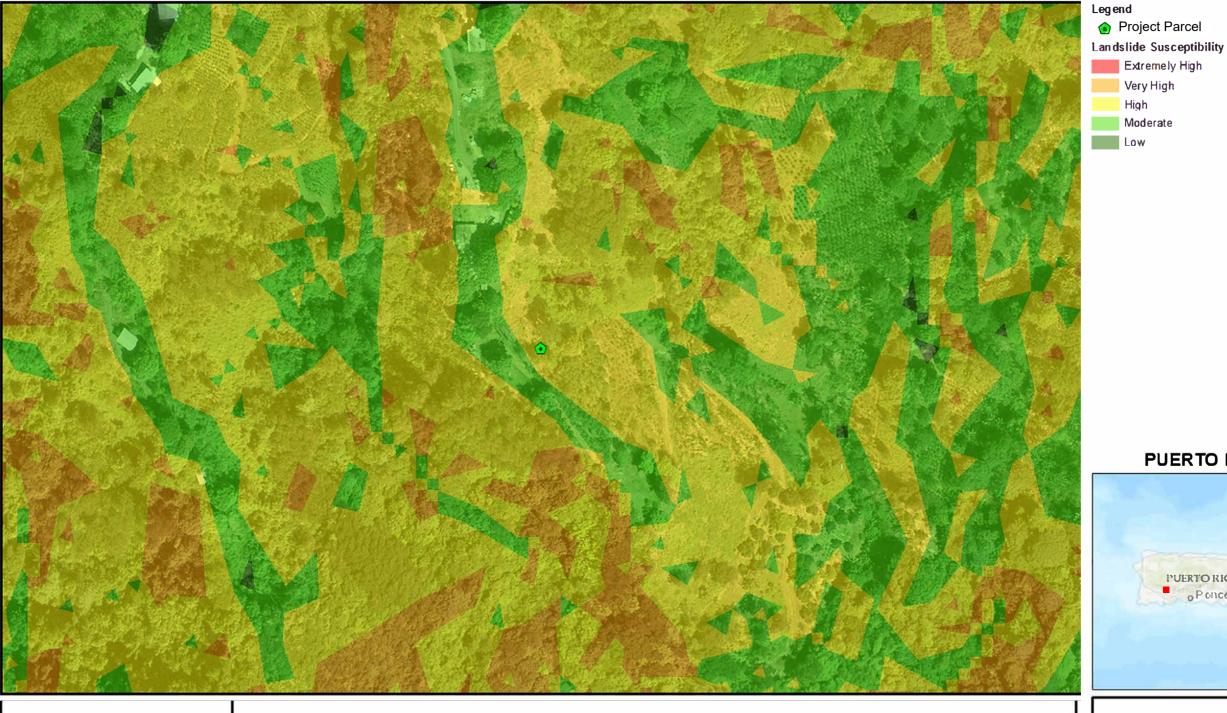




Figure 15: WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT APPLICANT ID: PR-RGRW-01724

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Figure 16: SLOPE AND EROSION

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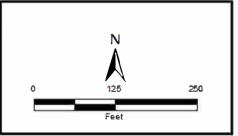
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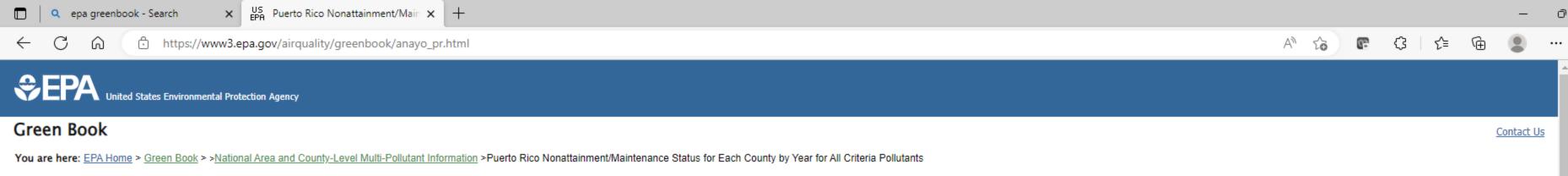
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Extremely High Very High High Moderate





Appendix C



Puerto Rico Nonattainment/Maintenance Status for Each County by Year for All Criteria Pollutants

Data is current as of February 28, 2023

Listed by County, NAAQS, Area. The 8-hour Ozone (1997) standard was revoked on April 6, 2015 and the 1-hour Ozone (1979) standard was revoked on June 15, 2005.

* The 1997 Primary Annual PM-2.5 NAAQS (level of 15 µg/m³) is revoked in attainment and maintenance areas for that NAAQS. For additional information see the PM-2.5 NAAQS SIP Requirements Final Rule, effective October 24, 2016. (81 FR 58009)

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mportant Notes		Download National Dataset: dbf xls Data dictionary (PDF)						
County	NAAQS	Area Name	Nonattainment in Year	Redesignation to Maintenance	Classification	Whole or/ Part County	Population (2010)	State/ County FIPS Codes
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Arecibo Municipio	Lead (2008)	Arecibo, PR	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	//		Part	32,185	72/013
Bayamon Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	San Juan, PR	18 19 20 21 22 23	//		Part	22,921	72/021
Catano Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	San Juan, PR	18 19 20 21 22 23	//		Whole	28,140	72/033
Guaynabo Municipio	PM-10 (1987)	Mun. of Guaynabo, PR	92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09	02/11/2010	Moderate	Part	90,470	72/061
Guaynabo Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	San Juan, PR	18 19 20 21 22 23	//		Part	23,802	72/061
Salinas Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	Guayama-Salinas, PR	18 19 20 21 22 23	//		Part	23,401	72/123
San Juan Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	San Juan, PR	18 19 20 21 22 23	//		Part	147,963	72/127
Toa Baja Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	San Juan, PR	18 19 20 21 22 23	//		Part	52,441	72/137

Appendix D

IPaC resource list

This report is an automatically generated list of species and other resources such as critical habitat (collectively referred to as *trust resources*) under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) jurisdiction that are known or expected to be on or near the project area referenced below. The list may also include trust resources that occur outside of the project area, but that could potentially be directly or indirectly affected by activities in the project area. However, determining the likelihood and extent of effects a project may have on trust resources typically requires gathering additional site-specific (e.g., vegetation/species surveys) and project-specific (e.g., magnitude and timing of proposed activities) information.

Below is a summary of the project information you provided and contact information for the USFWS office(s) with jurisdiction in the defined project area. Please read the introduction to each section that follows (Endangered Species, Migratory Birds, USFWS Facilities, and NWI Wetlands) for additional information applicable to the trust resources addressed in that section.

Location

Yauco County, Puerto Rico



Local office

Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office

- **\((787) 834-1600**
- **(787) 851-7440**
- CARIBBEAN ES@FWS.GOV

MAILING ADDRESS

Post Office Box 491 Boqueron, PR 00622-0491

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

Office Park I State Road #2 Km 156.5, Suite 303} Mayaguez, PR 00680

Endangered species

This resource list is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an analysis of project level impacts.

The primary information used to generate this list is the known or expected range of each species. Additional areas of influence (AOI) for species are also considered. An AOI includes areas outside of the species range if the species could be indirectly affected by activities in that area (e.g., placing a dam upstream of a fish population even if that fish does not occur at the dam site, may indirectly impact the species by reducing or eliminating water flow downstream). Because species can move, and site conditions can change, the species on this list are not guaranteed to be found on or near the project area. To fully determine any potential effects to species, additional site-specific and project-specific information is often required.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency. A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can **only** be obtained by requesting an official species list from either the Regulatory Review section in IPaC (see directions below) or from the local field office directly.

For project evaluations that require USFWS concurrence/review, please return to the IPaC website and request an official species list by doing the following:

- 1. Draw the project location and click CONTINUE.
- 2. Click DEFINE PROJECT.
- 3. Log in (if directed to do so).
- 4. Provide a name and description for your project.
- 5. Click REQUEST SPECIES LIST.

Listed species¹ and their critical habitats are managed by the <u>Ecological Services Program</u> of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries²).

Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not** shown on this list. Please contact <u>NOAA</u> Fisheries for species under their jurisdiction.

- 1. Species listed under the <u>Endangered Species Act</u> are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the <u>listing status page</u> for more information. IPaC only shows species that are regulated by USFWS (see FAQ).
- 2. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

Birds

NAME STATUS

Puerto Rican Broad-winged Hawk Buteo platypterus brunnescens

Wherever found

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5512

Puerto Rican Parrot Amazona vittata

Wherever found

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3067

Endangered

Endangered

Reptiles

NAME STATUS

Puerto Rican Boa Chilabothrus inornatus

Wherever found

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6628

Endangered

Flowering Plants

NAME STATUS

Cordia bellonis

Endangered

Wherever found

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7228

Higuero De Sierra Crescentia portoricensis

Endangered

Wherever found

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6800

Palo De Ramon Banara vanderbiltii

Endangered

Wherever found

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8113

Critical habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) in this location must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

There are no critical habitats at this location.

You are still required to determine if your project(s) may have effects on all above listed species.

Migratory birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act¹ and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act².

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to migratory birds, eagles, and their habitats should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate conservation measures, as described below.

- 1. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 2. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940.

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-birds/species
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/avoiding-and-minimizing-incidental-take-migratory-birds
- Nationwide conservation measures for birds https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/nationwide-standard-conservation-measures.pdf

There are no migratory birds of conservation concern expected to occur at this location.

Tell me more about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.

Nationwide Conservation Measures describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year round. Implementation of these measures is particularly important when birds are most likely to occur in the project area. When birds may be breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and avoiding their destruction is a very helpful impact minimization measure. To see when birds are most likely to occur and be breeding in your project area, view the Probability of Presence Summary. Additional measures or permits may be advisable depending on the type of activity you are conducting and the type of infrastructure or bird species present on your project site.

What does IPaC use to generate the list of migratory birds that potentially occur in my specified location?

The Migratory Bird Resource List is comprised of USFWS <u>Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC)</u> and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the <u>Avian Knowledge Network (AKN)</u>. The AKN data is based on a growing collection of <u>survey</u>, <u>banding</u>, <u>and citizen science datasets</u> and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) which your project intersects, and that have been identified as warranting special attention because they are a

BCC species in that area, an eagle (<u>Eagle Act</u> requirements may apply), or a species that has a particular vulnerability to offshore activities or development.

Again, the Migratory Bird Resource list includes only a subset of birds that may occur in your project area. It is not representative of all birds that may occur in your project area. To get a list of all birds potentially present in your project area, please visit the <u>Rapid Avian Information Locator (RAIL) Tool</u>.

What does IPaC use to generate the probability of presence graphs for the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location?

The probability of presence graphs associated with your migratory bird list are based on data provided by the <u>Avian Knowledge Network (AKN)</u>. This data is derived from a growing collection of <u>survey</u>, <u>banding</u>, <u>and citizen science datasets</u>.

Probability of presence data is continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available. To learn more about how the probability of presence graphs are produced and how to interpret them, go the Probability of Presence Summary and then click on the "Tell me about these graphs" link.

How do I know if a bird is breeding, wintering or migrating in my area?

To see what part of a particular bird's range your project area falls within (i.e. breeding, wintering, migrating or year-round), you may query your location using the RAIL Tool and look at the range maps provided for birds in your area at the bottom of the profiles provided for each bird in your results. If a bird on your migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it, if that bird does occur in your project area, there may be nests present at some point within the timeframe specified. If "Breeds elsewhere" is indicated, then the bird likely does not breed in your project area.

What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?

Migratory birds delivered through IPaC fall into the following distinct categories of concern:

- 1. "BCC Rangewide" birds are <u>Birds of Conservation Concern</u> (BCC) that are of concern throughout their range anywhere within the USA (including Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands);
- 2. "BCC BCR" birds are BCCs that are of concern only in particular Bird Conservation Regions (BCRs) in the continental USA; and
- 3. "Non-BCC Vulnerable" birds are not BCC species in your project area, but appear on your list either because of the <u>Eagle Act</u> requirements (for eagles) or (for non-eagles) potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities (e.g. offshore energy development or longline fishing).

Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, efforts should be made, in particular, to avoid and minimize impacts to the birds on this list, especially eagles and BCC species of rangewide concern. For more information on conservation measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird impacts and requirements for eagles, please see the FAQs for these topics.

Details about birds that are potentially affected by offshore projects

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the Northeast Ocean Data Portal. The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the NOAA NCCOS Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf project webpage.

Bird tracking data can also provide additional details about occurrence and habitat use throughout the year, including migration. Models relying on survey data may not include this information. For additional information on marine bird tracking data, see the <u>Diving Bird Study</u> and the <u>nanotag studies</u> or contact <u>Caleb Spiegel</u> or <u>Pam Loring</u>.

What if I have eagles on my list?

If your project has the potential to disturb or kill eagles, you may need to <u>obtain a permit</u> to avoid violating the Eagle Act should such impacts occur.

Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report

The migratory bird list generated is not a list of all birds in your project area, only a subset of birds of priority concern. To learn more about how your list is generated, and see options for identifying what other birds may be in your project area, please see the FAQ "What does IPaC use to generate the migratory birds potentially occurring in my specified location". Please be aware this report provides the "probability of presence" of birds within the 10 km grid cell(s) that overlap your project; not your exact project footprint. On the graphs provided, please also look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical bar) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal bar). A high survey effort is the key component. If the survey effort is high, then the probability of presence score can be viewed as more dependable. In contrast, a low survey effort bar or no data bar means a lack of data and, therefore, a lack of certainty about presence of the species. This list is not perfect; it is simply a starting point for identifying what birds of concern have the potential to be in your project area, when they might be there, and if they might be breeding (which means nests might be present). The list helps you know what to look for to confirm presence, and helps guide you in knowing when to implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learn more about conservation measures, visit the FAQ "Tell me about conservation measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds" at the bottom of your migratory bird trust resources page.

Facilities

National Wildlife Refuge lands

Any activity proposed on lands managed by the <u>National Wildlife Refuge</u> system must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

There are no refuge lands at this location.

Fish hatcheries

There are no fish hatcheries at this location.

Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District</u>.

This location did not intersect any wetlands mapped by NWI.

NOTE: This initial screening does **not** replace an on-site delineation to determine whether wetlands occur. Additional information on the NWI data is provided below.

Data limitations

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tuberficid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

Data precautions

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate Federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.

Appendix E



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Executive Director I Carlos A. Rubio-Cancela I carubio@prshpo.pr.gov

April 25, 2023

Lauren B. Poche

HORNE- Architectural Historian Manager 10000 Perkins Rowe, Suite 610 Bldg. G Baton Rouge, LA 70810

SHPO: 04-10-23-08 PR-RGRW-01724 EDWIN ALFONSO NAZARIO OLMEDA, BO. COLLORES SECT. FRANCIA CARR. PR-371 KM. 0.9, YAUCO, PUERTO RICO

Dear Mrs. Poche,

Our Office has received and reviewed the documentation above referenced project in accordance with 54 USC 306108 (commonly known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is to advise and assist federal agencies and other responsible entities when identifying historic properties, assessing effects upon them, and considering alternatives to avoid or reduce the project's effects.

Our records support your finding of **no historic properties affected** within the project's area of potential effects.

Please note that should the Agency discover other historic properties at any point during project implementation, you should notify the SHPO immediately. If you have any questions concerning our comments, do not hesitate to contact our Office.

Sincerely,

Chris Affrikari Carlos A. Rubio-Cancela

State Historic Preservation Officer

CARC/GMO/IMC





April 10, 2023

Carlos A. Rubio Cancela Director Ejecutivo Oficina Estatal de Conservación Histórica Cuartel de Ballajá (Tercer Piso) San Juan, PR 00902-3935

Puerto Rico Disaster Recovery, CDBG-DR Re-Grow PR Urban-Rural Agricultural (Re-Grow PR) Program

Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination Submittal: PR-RGRW-01724 – Edwin Alfonso Nazario Olmeda – Bo. Collores, Sect. Francia, Carr. PR-371 Km 0.9, Yauco, Puerto Rico – *No Historic Properties Affected*

Dear Architect Rubio Cancela,

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800, HORNE is providing information for your review and requesting your concurrence regarding the above-referenced projects on behalf of the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) and the Home Repair, Reconstruction, or Relocation (R3) Program. On February 9, 2018, an allocation of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds was approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Federal Register Volume 83, No. 28, 83 FR 5844, to assist the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in meeting unmet needs in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. On August 14, 2018, an additional \$8.22 billion recovery allocation was allocated to Puerto Rico under the Federal Register Volume 83, No. 157, 83 FR 40314. With these funding allocations, the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (Housing) aims to lead a comprehensive and transparent recovery for the benefit of Puerto Rico residents.

On behalf of PRDOH and the subrecipient, the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture, we are submitting documentation for activities proposed by Edwin Alfonso Nazario Olmeda at Carr. PR-371 Km 0.9 in Sect. Francia of Bo. Collores in the municipality of Yauco. The proposed project is the construction of a new greenhouse for germinating seeds and growing avocado trees. The applicant also intends to purchase equipment and inventory, including fertilizer, wire, herbicide, blower, sprayer, pump, ladder, four track, machete truper, pole pruner, perforating iron, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, tubing, UTV, and wiring for constructing the roofed greenhouse. Based on the submitted documentation, the Program requests a concurrence that a determination of No Historic Properties Affected is appropriate for this proposed project.

Please contact me by email at lauren.poche@horne.com or phone at 225-405-7676 with any questions or concerns.

Kindest regards,

Lauren Bair Poche, M.A.

Architectural Historian, Historic Preservation Senior Manager

Attachments

PUERTO RICO 2017 DISASTER RECOVERY, CDBG-DR PROGRAM REGROW PUERTO RICO PROGRAM Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination	GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO CEPARITIENT OF HOUSING
Subrecipient: Edwin Alfonso Nazario Olmeda	•
Case ID: PR-RGRW-01724	City: Yauco

Project Location: Bo. Collores Sect. Francia Carr. PR-371 Km 0.9

Project Coordinates: 18.101303, -66.886190

TPID (Número de Catastro): 312-000-010-64-901

Type of Undertaking:

□ Substantial Repair

⋈ New Construction

Construction Date (AH est.): c2000

Property Size (acres): 11.51

SOI-Qualified Architect/Architectural Historian: n/a
Date Reviewed : n/a
SOI-Qualified Archaeologist: Jesus E. Vega, Ph.D./ Roberto G. Munoz Pando, MA
Date Reviewed: January 16, 2023/ REVISED March 27, 2023

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Program is responsible for identifying historic properties listed in the NRHP and any properties not listed that would be considered eligible for listing that are located within the geographic area of potential effects (APE) of the proposed project and assessing the potential effects of its undertakings on these historic properties.

Project Description (Undertaking)

The proposed activity at the farm of Edwin Alfonso Nazario Olmeda is the construction of a new greenhouse for germinating seeds and growing avocado trees, in compliance with Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination. The proponent also intends to purchase equipment and inventory, including fertilizer, wire, herbicide, blower, sprayer, pump, ladder, four track, machete truper, pole pruner, perforating iron, roundup, urea, saw, trailer, trimmer, tubing, UTV, and wiring for constructing the roofed greenhouse. The correct coordinates of Scope of Work #1 are 18.10133° N, -66.88647° W. No new water or electric power connection is required, as the farm is already connected to the PREPA and PRASA grid. The farm of Edwin Alfonso Nazario Olmeda is located at Carr. PR-371 Km 0.9 Bo. Collores, Sector Francia in the Municipality of Yauco, at coordinates 18.10130° N, -66.88619° W. This activity will require ground disturbance. The applicant indicates that he holds a permit from the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources of Puerto Rico.

Area of Potential Effects

As defined in 36 CFR §800.16(d), the area of potential effects (APE) is the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may directly or indirectly cause changes in the character or use of historic properties if any such properties exist. Based on this definition

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and the nature and scope of the Undertaking, the Program has determined that the direct APE for this rural project includes the footprint for a new greenhouse centered at 18.10133° N, -66.88647° W. The Scope of Work #1 consists of constructing a new greenhouse and purchasing the farming equipment listed in the Project Description. This terrain was an empty lot and is currently used for growing soursop and avocado. There is a ca. 2000 concrete structure located north of the APE. The direct APE includes a 15-meter buffer to all sides. The visual APE is the viewshed of the proposed project.

Identification of Historic Properties - Archaeology

Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been reviewed to determine if any such properties are located within the APE of this undertaking. The review of this existing information, by a Program contracted Historic Preservation Specialist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards (36 CFR Part 61), shows that there are no archaeological sites and/or NRHP listed/eligible historic properties within a half-mile radius of the property, as shown in Table 1 below. The proposed project is in mountain terrain, previously unused, and now used as a soursop and avocado farm. The terrain is classified as Caguabo clay loam (CbF), 20 to 60 percent slopes, surrounded by farmland and secondary forest vegetation further out, 360 meters above mean sea level. The south coast at Bahía de Guánica is 9.56 miles southwest of the property. The closest fresh-water bodies include an intermittent tributary of Lago Luchetti 0.02 miles southwest of the property, Quebrada Grande 0.55 miles southwest of the property, Río Yauco 0.86 miles northeast of the property and Lago Luchetti 0.84 miles southeast of the property. There are no archaeological studies within a half-mile radius, as reported in Table 2.

Table 1. Archaeological Sites and/or NRHP Listed/Eligible Historic Properties Within a Half-Mile Radius of Project Area

Name	SHPO ID	IPRC ID	Location	Description	NRHP
No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data

Table 2. Cultural Resource Studies Conducted Within a Half-Mile Radius of Project Area

Author	Title	Year	SHPO/IPRC ID	Results	Location
No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data

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An analysis of the historical aerial images shows no ground disturbance in the APE in 1975, 1977 or 1993 [see images below]. The 2002 aerial image shows a concrete structure on the parcel. Estimated year of construction of that structure is 2000. The construction of that structure created soil disturbance in that area of the parcel.

Aerial image c2002

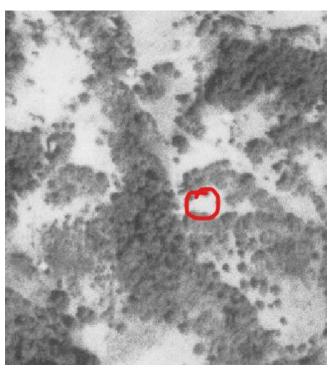


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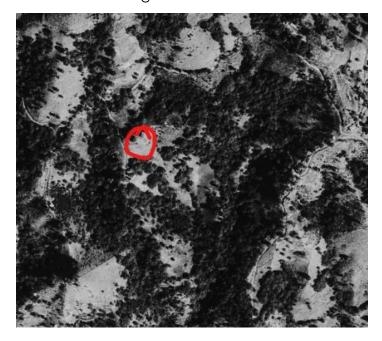


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Historic aerial image c1977



Historic aerial image c1975



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Case ID: PR-RGRW-01724	City: Yauco

Determination

The following historic properties have been identified within the APE:

- Direct Effect:
 - o N/A
- Indirect Effect:
 - o N/A

Based on the results of our historic property identification efforts, there are no reported historic sites or significant cultural properties within a half-mile radius of the proposed project area. There are no known archaeological sites or NRHP listed/eligible historic properties within or adjacent to where the direct Area of Potential Effect (APE) of case PR-RGRW-01724 is located. The proposed project area is not within the boundaries or visual APE of any NRHP listed/eligible historic properties, or to a Traditional Urban Center or Historic District. Therefore, the Program has determined that the project actions described in the undertaking will not impact any cultural properties.

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Recommendation

The Puerto Rico Department of Housing requests that the Puerto Rico SHPO concur that the
following determination is appropriate for the undertaking (Choose One):

⋈ No Historic Properties Affected	
□ No Adverse Effect	
Condition (if applicable):	
□ Adverse Effect	
Proposed Resolution (if applic	able)

This section is to be completed by shrO statt Only			
The Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed and:	d the above information		
□ Concurs with the information provided.			
□ Does not concur with the information provided.			
Comments:			
Carlos Rubio-Cancela State Historic Preservation Officer	Date:		



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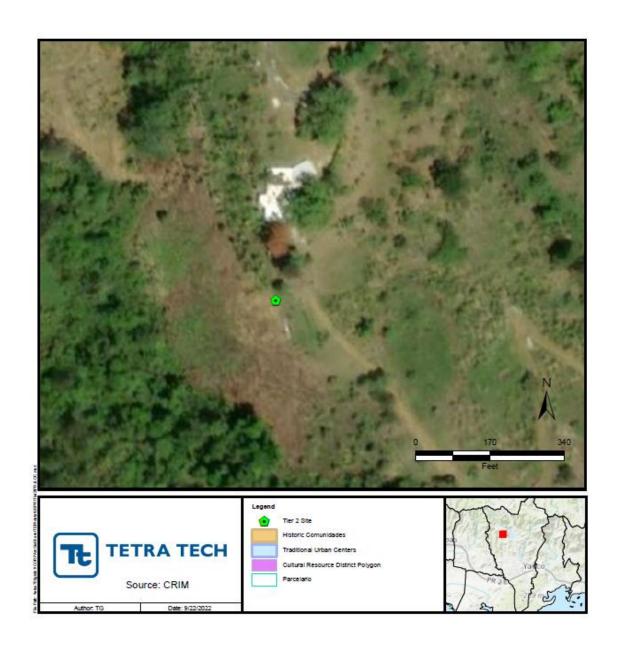
Project (Parcel) Location – Area of Potential Effect Map (Aerial) Legend Tier 2 Site TETRA TECH Parcelario Area of Potential Effect Source: CRIM



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Project (Parcel) Location - Aerial Map





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Project (Parcel) Location - USGS Topographic Map Quadrangle: Sabana Grande, Date: 3/25/1994 Legend Tier 2 Site TETRA TECH Historic Comunidades Traditional Urban Centers Source: USGS Cultural Resource District Polygon

Source:USDA



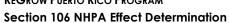
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Project (Parcel) Location – Soils Map MrE MuE CbF Tier 2 Site **TETRA TECH** CbF;Caguabo clay loam, 20 to 60 percent slopes

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MuE; Mucara loam, 20 to 40 percent slopes

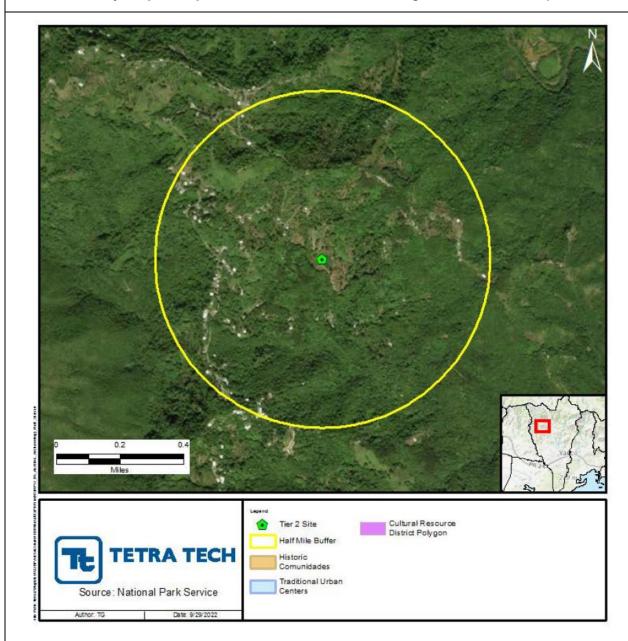




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Project (Parcel) Location with Previous Investigations - Aerial Map



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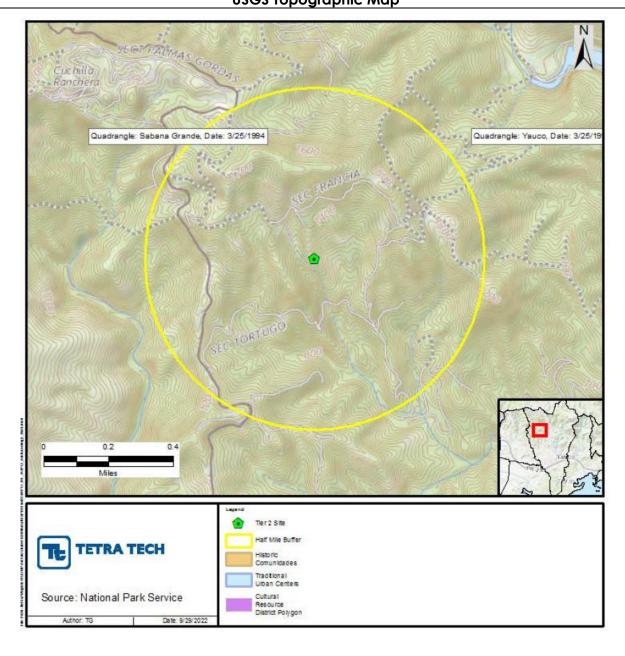




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Project (Parcel) Location with Previously Recorded Cultural Resources USGS Topographic Map

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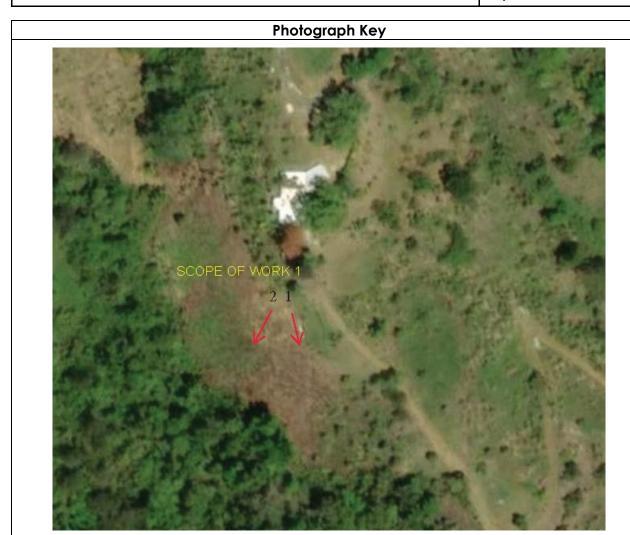


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Photo # 1:

Description (include direction): Scope of work area 1

Date: 11/23/2022

South



Photo # 2:

Description (include direction): Scope of work area 1

Date: 11/23/2022

Southwest



October 20, 2022

Arch. Carlos A. Rubio Cancela

Executive Director State Historic Preservation Officer Cuartel de Ballajá Bldg. San Juan, Puerto Rico

Re: Authorization to Submit Documents

Dear Arch. Rubio Cancela:

The U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) approved the allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) funds on February 9, 2018. It also approved the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds on January 27, 2020. The purpose of these allocations is to address unsatisfied needs as a result of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in September 2017; and to carry out strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses.

To comply with the environmental requirements established by HUD, the Department of Housing of Puerto Rico (PRDOH) contracted Horne Federal LLC to provide environmental registry review services, among others, that will support the objectives of the agenda for both CDBG-DR and CDBG -MIT Programs.

In line to expedite the processes, Horne Federal LLC, is authorized to submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer, documentation of projects related to both the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT on behalf of PRDOH.

Cordially,

Juan C. Pérez Bofill, P.E. M.Eng Director of Disaster Recovery

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