Environmental Assessment

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

Project Information

Project ID: PR-RGRW-01505

Project Name: Finca Agricola

Responsible Entity: Puerto Rico Department of Housing

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

State/Local Identifier: Puerto Rico / Municipio of Coamo, PR

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Project Location:

The proposed project, the purchase of a scale, trailer, and vehicle as well as the purchase and installation of a new headgate and a new generator, is located on a 39.32-acre parcel (Castradal Number 295-000-009-20-001) at Carretera 155 KM 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia Sector, Los Verdes, Coamo, PR 00769. (See **Appendix A, Figure 1- Site Location and Figure 2- Site Vicinity.)**

The applicant has identified one location for each project activity included in the Intended Use of Grant Funds that are being evaluated under this Environmental Assessment, also shown on Figures 1 and 2:

Head Gate (18.130080, -66.394975)

• Generator (18.130058, -66.395047)

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

The proposed project includes the purchase of a scale, trailer, and vehicle as well as the purchase and installation of a new headgate and a new generator. The headgate will be installed on an existing corral. Ground disturbance is not anticipated as the headgate will be attached to the existing stocks and not installed in the ground. The scale, trailer, and vehicle that will be purchased by the applicant as listed in the Intended Use of Grant Funds falls under the "categorically excluded, not subject to (CENST)" category under HUD guidelines (24 CFR 58.35(b)(4)). This Environmental Assessment (EA) also encompasses the CENST review requirements for the equipment.

The generator will be installed on a concrete pad with an area of 32 square ft (8 ft by 4 ft). Some work was completed in preparation for the installation of the generator prior to the applicant applying to the project. A meter and transfer switch have already been installed on site over 15 years ago, according to the applicant. The transfer switch is a requirement prior to acquiring a generator due to voltage problems in the community. Ground disturbance of approximately 2 ft will be required to install the concrete pad. No vegetation or tree clearing is required for construction. The headgate will be installed to a preexisting corral. The proposed location of the generator is on relatively flat ground with low grasses. Some grading or level may be necessary prior to installation. The applicant owns the property and operates as an existing farm; therefore, no acquisition or conversion is required.

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

In September of 2017, Hurricanes Irma and María produced sustained winds and intense rainfall that decimated agricultural production across the island of Puerto Rico. These hurricanes caused the loss of eighty percent of crop value island wide, exacerbating challenges to food security and agricultural business development. The Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture (PRDA) estimated seven hundred and eighty million dollars (\$780 million) worth of damages from the hurricanes to the agricultural sector of the economy.

Many properties were damaged in Hurricane Maria, resulting in struggling businesses. The Re-Grow Puerto Rico Urban-Rural Agriculture Program (Re-Grow Program) will develop greater agricultural capacity and address the needs created by Hurricanes Irma and María with a substantial investment of CDBG-DR funds for a wide variety of viable and sustainable agricultural activities.

Agricultural capacity and strong food systems are fundamental to resiliency of economies and, as Puerto Rico's entire agriculture sector was devastated by the Hurricanes, this Program is designed to revitalize this industry. The Re-Grow Program is an

integral part of the long-term expansion of jobs in the sector, food security and contributing to overall economic recovery of disaster impacted populations.

The applicant does not have the resources to fund the purchase and installation of a new generator, headgate, and other equipment for their agricultural operation nor has the applicant received any other outside source of funding for the project. The new generator, headgate, and equipment would improve agricultural use and production and will support continued local agricultural production during future disasters.

Agencies consulted for the proposed project are provided in the *List of Sources, Agencies* and *Persons Consulted* section of this Environmental Assessment (EA). Further discussion of the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives is provided in the *Cumulative Impact Analysis, Alternatives/No Action Alternative*, and *Summary of Findings* and *Conclusions* sections of this EA.

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

The area where the project is located is currently undeveloped land used for agriculture and ranching on an existing commercial farm. A corral is located at the site to which the proposed headgate would be attached. The proposed location of the generator is a relatively flat section of land covered with low grasses next to a transfer switch and meter which have already been installed. There are no trees, surface water or wetland resources located within the project site. It is anticipated this site would continue to be used for its current purpose in absence of the project due to the permanent corral feature.

Funding Information

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

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$44,801.14

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$44,801.14

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	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance Determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS,	AND REGULATIO	ONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 58.6
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes No	The project site is not within 2,500 feet (ft) of a civil primary or commercial service airport or within 15,000 ft of a military airport. The nearest civil primary or commercial service airport, Aeropuerto Internacional de Mercedita, is located 71,227 feet (13 miles) from the project site. The nearest military airport, Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport, is located 172,114 feet (33 miles) from the project site. Project activities are therefore an exempt activity. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with airport hazards requirements. The Airport Hazards Partner Worksheet and Airport Hazards Map (Figure B 1-1)
		are provided in Appendix B , Attachment 1 .
Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes No	The project site is not located in a Coastal Barrier Resource Systems Unit (CBRS) or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA). There are no CBRS units in Coamo. The closest CBRS unit, Rio Descalabrado, is located 54,615 feet (10 miles) from the project site. Project activities are therefore an exempt activity. No further evaluation is

		required. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. The Coastal Barrier Resources Act Partner Worksheet and Coastal Barrier Resources Map (Figure B 2-1) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 2.
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	A review of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Community Panel 72000C1145H (effective date 4/19/2005), shows the project site is in Flood Zone X, which is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Flood insurance is not required. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with the Flood Disaster Protection Act and National Flood Insurance Reform Act. The Flood Insurance Partner Worksheet
		and FIRM (Figure B 3-1) are provided in Appendix B , Attachment 3 .
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, A	AND REGULATION	DNS 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 in Coamo Municipio, which is within a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) designated attainment area. Municipios in Nonattainment or Maintenance areas include Arecibo, Bayamon, Catano, Guaynabo, Salinas, San Juan and Toa Baja. Project activities include the purchase of equipment, including a new headgate, and the purchase and installation of a new generator. The project is not anticipated to have a negative impact on air quality. Emissions associated with the proposed actions are temporary and limited to the use of small construction equipment and will be well below the Federal General Conformity Rule de minimis thresholds. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act. The Air Quality Partner Worksheet, List of Non-Attainment/Maintenance Status

		Counties in Puerto Rico, and Clean Air Map (Figure B 4-1) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 4.
Coastal Zone Management Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes No	The project site is not located within the Puerto Rico Coastal Management Zone. The closest coastal zone area is located 48,547 feet (9 miles) from the project site. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.
		The Coastal Zone Management Partner Worksheet and Coastal Zone Map (Figure B 5-1) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 5.
Contamination and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 58.5(i) (2)	Yes No	The project site was evaluated for potential contamination by conducting a field site inspection (Appendix C) on 6/12/2023 to identify any onsite hazards including, but not limited to, soil staining, above ground storage tanks, signs of underground storage tanks, odors, hazardous debris etc. No potential hazards were identified onsite. In addition, a desktop review of USEPA databases, NEPAssist, and other sources was conducted to determine if the project site was located near dump sites, junk yards, landfills, hazardous waste sites, or industrial sites, including USEPA National Priorities List Sites (Superfund sites), CERCLA or state-equivalent sites, RCRA Corrective Action sites with release(s) or suspected release(s) requiring clean-up action and/or further investigation. The desktop review did not find any of the above-listed toxic, hazardous or radioactive substances in or within 3,000 feet of the project area that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.

		The Contamination and Toxics Substances Partner Worksheet, Site Inspection Report, and Contamination and Toxic Substances Map (Figure B 6- 1) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 6.
Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes No	
		located 79,200 feet (15 miles) away and the closest final designated critical habitat is located 73,920 feet (14 miles) away. The project activities will result in ground disturbing activities, including

		construction of a new slab for the installation of a new generator. A qualified biologist reviewed the proposed activity location and determined that there is no suitable habitat present for any federal or state listed species at the proposed project location. Therefore, as currently designed, the proposed project activities will have No effect on any federally listed species or designated critical habitat and no impact to all state protected species. If a Puerto Rican Boa is found in the project action site, work shall cease until the Boa moves off on its own. If the Boa does not move off, the Construction Manager (CM) shall contact the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources and ask for them to relocate the Boa. The Endangered Species Act Partner Worksheet, Threatened and Endangered Species Technical Memorandum with IPaC, Critical Habitat Map (Figure B 7-1), and Essential Fish Habitat Map (Figure B 7-2) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 7.
Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No	The project includes the new construction of a slab for the installation of a new generator, purchase of a scale, trailer, and vehicle as well as the purchase and installation of a new headgate. The project itself is not the development of a hazardous facility nor will the project increase residential densities. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements. The Explosive and Flammable Hazards Partner Worksheet is provided in Appendix B, Attachment 8.

Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes No	This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to non-agricultural use. No prime farmland or farmlands of statewide importance are within the project area. Although the project includes new construction, the project is exempt from review under the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FFPA) as the project is limited to construction of onfarm structures needed for farm operations. No further review is required. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act. The Farmlands Protection Partner Worksheet and Prime Farmland Map (Figure B 9-1) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 9.
Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	Yes No	A review of the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) map, Community Panel 72000C1145H (effective date 4/19/2005), shows the project site is in Flood Zone X. The project is not located in the 100-year floodplain or ABFE special flood hazard area; therefore, no further action is required. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988. The Floodplain Management Partner Worksheet and ABFE Floodplain Map (Figure B 10-1) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 10.
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	Yes No	The project will involve the installation of a new headgate and a generator on a concrete pad on an undeveloped property and ground disturbing activities of previously undisturbed soil. State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) consultation was performed. A site visit was conducted on 6/12/2023 by an SOI-qualified Archaeologist. Record reviews and research were conducted at the SHPO and the Institute for Puerto Rican Culture (ICP) to determine if any archaeologically

		sensitive resources could be present within a 0.5-mile radius. The results of the Record Search and the Site Inspection indicate that there are no historic properties or cultural resources within the 0.50-mile radius study area or within the project Area of Potential Effect (APE). Based on the results of the historic property identification efforts, the Program has determined that project actions will not affect historic properties that compose the APE. The determination was submitted to SHPO by PRDOH for concurrence on February 22, 2023, and SHPO concurred with the No Historic Properties Affected
		determination on March 20, 2023. The Historic Preservation Partner Worksheet, SHPO consultation, Historic Property Map (Figure B 11-1), and Cultural Resources Map (Figure B 11-2) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 11.
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	Project activities include the new construction of a slab for the installation of a new generator, purchase of a scale, trailer, and vehicle as well as the purchase and installation of a new headgate. They do not involve residential new construction or rehabilitation. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with HUD's noise regulation.
Sole Source Aquifers Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149	Yes No	According to the USEPA's Source Water Protection, Sole Source Aquifer Protection Program, there are no sole source aquifers in Puerto Rico.
Wetlands Protection	Yes No	The project site was reviewed for wetlands using the USFWS Wetland

Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5		Inventory Mapper and a visual confirmation during the field site inspection. The site inspection identified a stream approximately 110 feet east of the site, but it will not be impacted by the projects if best management practices (BMPs), such as silt fencing and erosion control, are implemented during any ground-disturbing activities. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990. The Wetlands Protection Partner Worksheet and Wetland Map (Figure B 12-1) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 12.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No	A review of the USFWS National Wild and Scenic River mapper identified no Wild and Scenic Rivers or National Rivers Inventory (NRI) rivers present in Coamo Municipio. The closest Wild and Scenic River segment is located 215,308 feet (41 miles) from the project site. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Partner Worksheet and Wild and Scenic Rivers Map (Figure B 13-1) are provided in Appendix B, Attachment 13.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	Yes No	The ReGrow Program intends to alleviate negative economic impacts to, and strengthen, the agricultural industry in Puerto Rico. The project's direct and indirect impacts are limited to a small area on a single land parcel. The project will benefit the farm owner by improving agricultural use and production. The project would not facilitate development that would negatively affect human health or result in disproportionate adverse environmental impacts to low-income or minority populations. The project is in

compliance with Executive Order 12898.
The Environmental Justice Partner Worksheet and EJScreen Report are provided in Appendix B , Attachment 14 .

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 Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design		The project site location is classified as agricultural land use. The proposed action is continued agricultural use of property, which is compatible with zoning and existing land use.
		Construction actions include minor improvements which increase the current function of the existing land use. There is no change in land use since the land will continue to be used for agriculture purposes. The

		project site is in a rural area of Coamo Municipio, and project activities will not contribute to urban sprawl. Any necessary permits should be obtained by the applicant and/or contractor from the appropriate department prior to construction activities.
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	2	Soil suitability will be assessed prior to construction and will be addressed during local permitting processes. Contractors will be required to use best management practices during construction to control erosion and prevent runoff. The soil is currently being used for agriculture purposes.
		Landslide data from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) indicates no landslides per square kilometer for the project area (see Appendix A , Figure 3- USGS Landslide Map).
		Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) authorization may be required for any extraction, removal, excavation, and dredging of the components of the earth's crust.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise	2	Contractors will be required to provide health and safety plans and monitoring during construction. Noise levels will temporarily increase during construction; however, program activities are limited to the existing farm property and will not elevate ambient noise levels long-term. Contractors will be required to comply with the applicable local noise ordinances. Noise impacts will be mitigated by restricting construction activities to daylight hours.
Energy Consumption	2	The project will not result in significant additional energy consumption as it involves only the construction of a new headgate and generator using self-powered construction equipment on an existing farm and will not require any expansion to existing power facilities.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Income Patterns		The project will result in short-term benefit to employment if contractors are hired for the installation of the headgate and generator or construction of the concrete pad. After construction, the project will

		support the continuation of operations and intended use of the farm, which produces produce for Puerto Rico communities.
		The project is not anticipated to have a significant impact on employment and income patterns; however, the project may help restore employment opportunities and income patterns.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	The project is a rural area in Coamo Municipio and will not alter the demographics or character of the surrounding community. Project activities will not result in any direct or indirect displacement of individuals or families.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FACILIT	TES AND SER	VICES
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	The proposed project activities will occur on private land and will not contribute to any change in educational or cultural facilities or affect access to or capacity of educational or cultural facilities.
Commercial Facilities	2	The proposed project will increase agricultural production, resulting in a net positive impact to the applicant's farm commercial output and a positive benefit to surrounding commercial enterprises who purchase and sell the produce.
Health Care and Social Services	2	The proposed project activities will occur on private land and will not affect access to or capacity of health care and social services.
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	The proposed project may cause an increase in short- term generation of solid waste during construction. All construction debris will be disposed of at the proper facilities for the debris type (i.e. construction waste). The project will not contribute to long-term needs or changes to solid waste disposal and recycling.
Wastewater / Sanitary Sewers	2	The installation of the headgate and generator and construction of the concrete pad are not expected to result in significant changes in wastewater or sanitary sewer generation.
		Sewage will not be generated from the project. Wastewater from the project will not enter

		environmentally sensitive areas, nor will the project produce any noxious odors affecting quality of life for nearby residents.
Water Supply	2	The proposed project activities are not expected to result in significant changes to water supply as the applicant obtains water from a nearby stream and is not on municipal water supply.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	2	The proposed project activities will occur on private land and will not affect public safety concerns such as police, fire, and emergency medical services.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	The proposed project activities will occur on private land and will not result in any changes to access or use of parks, open space, and recreation areas.
Transportation and Accessibility	2	The project activities will occur on private land and have no relation to transportation services. The proposed activities will not result in any changes in transportation and accessibility.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources	2	Río Toa Vaca runs along the northeast boundary of the applicant's property. No construction or project activities will occur within the waterbody or affect quality or access to Río Toa Vaca.
Vegetation, Wildlife	2	The project area has already been previously disturbed for farm operations; therefore, the project is not anticipated to result in any new impacts to trees, vegetation, wildlife or native plant communities. No tree clearing or pruning is anticipated prior to the headgate and generator installation.
Climate Change	2	The proposed ReGrow program project aims to increase resiliency in the agricultural industry to prepare for future climate related disasters, including drought. The project will not contribute to climate change and will provide a minor net benefit by allowing for increased food production.

Additional Studies Performed:

None

Field Inspection (Date and completed by):

June 12, 2023 – Delise Torres-Ortiz, SWCA Environmental Consultants

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

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U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). 2022. Concentration of Landslides caused by Hurricane Maria, Puerto Rico. Accessed March 1, 2023. Available at: <u>U.S. Landslide Inventory (arcgis.com)</u>.

List of Permits Obtained:

No permits have been obtained.

Public Outreach [24 CFR 58.43]:

Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture has worked closely with the agricultural community. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations for HUD, the public will be notified of the project through publication of the combined Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) – Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI-RROF) notice with a 15-day public comment period.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

The installation of a headgate and generator at the project site is not anticipated to have a negative impact on environmental resources. None of the environmental assessment factors nor the regulations reviewed in the above checklist resulted in negative environmental impacts or the need for mitigation. Overall, the project will have a net positive impact by helping a small business increase their capacity for agricultural production. No other planned or ongoing projects were identified in the project vicinity that could contribute to cumulative impacts of environmental resources.

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

Within the boundaries of the property, other locations could be considered for the new generator. However, the proposed location is next to a transfer switch and meter. If an alternative location was selected, a new transfer switch and meter would need to be installed. Other locations may also result in tree clearing prior to construction. Similarly, the proposed location for the headgate is affixed to an existing corral which cannot be moved.

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

If the proposed project did not take place, the farm would not have an alternate power source during times of power outage, especially during future disasters. Without a headgate, they would not be able to effectively manage their cattle. In absence of these activities, the business may have difficulty continuing agricultural production during future disasters. Given the degree of need for greater agricultural capacity in Puerto Rico

following Hurricanes Irma and María, the costs of foregoing the Project would exceed the benefits.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

The proposed project would not result in any adverse impacts to the surrounding natural, historical, and water resources; generate significant air or noise pollution; or promote environmental or socioeconomic injustices. The proposed project is not located within a coastal zone or near a major water resource. There are no mitigation requirements for any of the laws and authorities assessed in this review.

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
Endangered Species Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	General Condition: The current project activities do not involve the removal of trees. If any tree clearing is to be proposed, the project will need to be re-evaluated for impacts to threatened and endangered species. If a Puerto Rican Boa (Boa) is found in the project
	activity site, work shall cease until the Boa moves off site on its own. If the Boa does not move off site, the construction manager shall contact the Puerto Rico DNER to relocate the Boa.
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	General Condition: If historic properties are discovered, unanticipated effects on historic properties are found, or cultural materials are encountered, work should cease in the immediate area; work can continue where no historic properties or cultural materials are present. Please contact PRDOH to consult on further actions that may be necessary to protect historic properties or cultural materials.
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and	Any necessary construction permits should be obtained by the applicant and/or contractor from

Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	the appropriate department prior to construction activities.	
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	Soil suitability will be assessed prior to construction. Contractors will be required to use best management practices during construction if erosion impacts will occur.	
	Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) authorization may be required for any extraction, removal, excavation, and dredging of the components of the earth's crust.	
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise	Contractors will be required to provide health and safety plans and monitoring during construction.	
	Contractors will be required to comply with the applicable local noise ordinances.	
	Noise impacts will be mitigated by restricting construction activities to daylight hours.	
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	All construction debris will be disposed of at the proper facilities for the debris type (i.e. construction waste).	

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.
Preparer Signature:Alaina Callinan
Name/Title/Organization: <u>Alaina Callinan, Deputy Program Manager, SWCA</u> Environmental Consultants
Certifying Officer Signature: Janta Officer Signature:
Name/Title: Santa D. Ramírez Lehrón / Permits 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 Project Overview Figures

Figure 1 Site Location Map

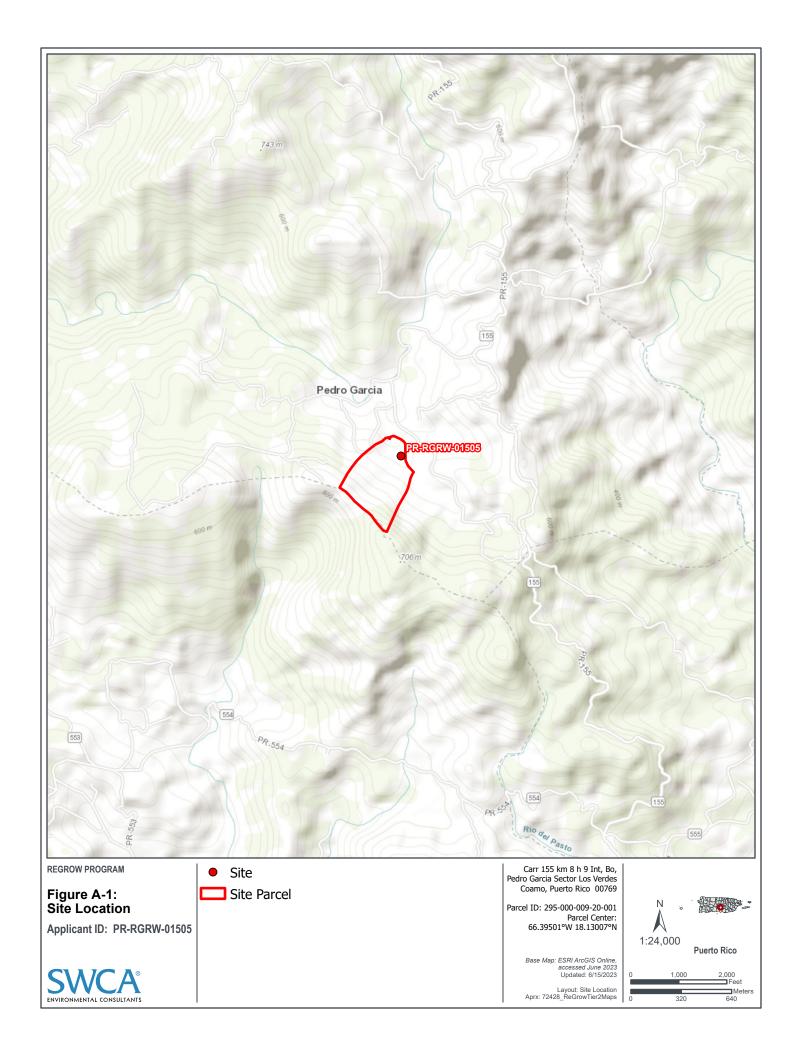


Figure 2 Site Vicinity Map

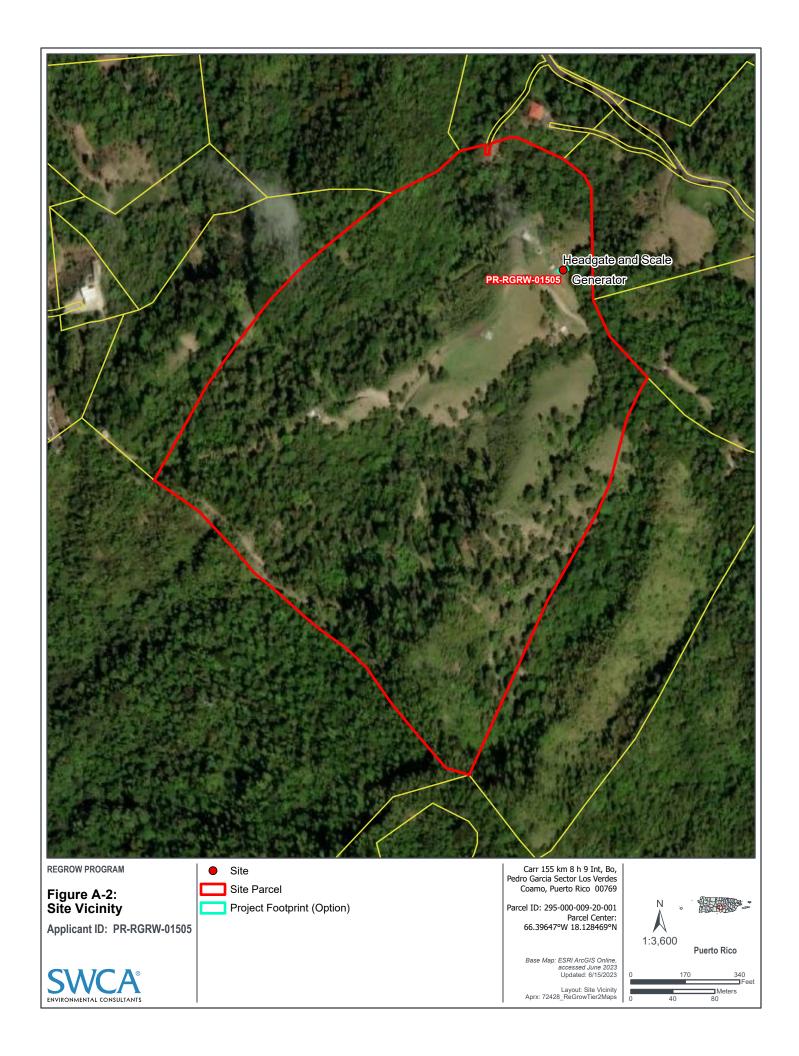
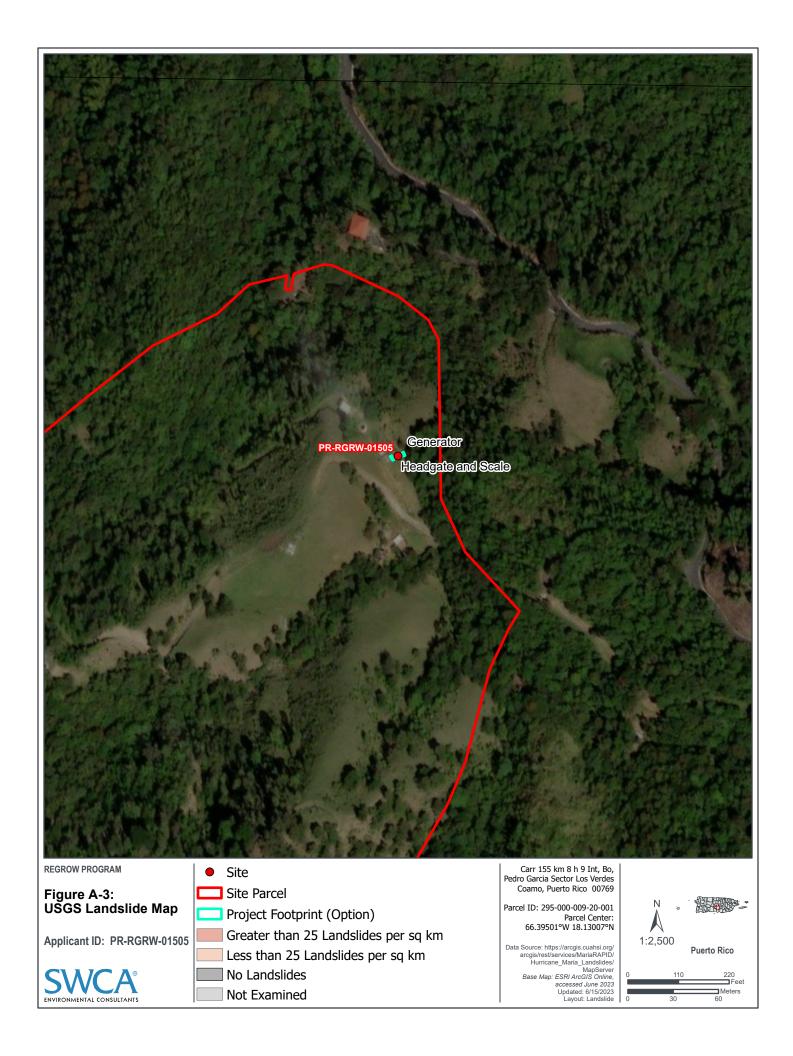


Figure 3 USGS Landslide Map



Appendix B Attachments and Supporting Documentation

Attachment 1 Airport Hazards Partner Worksheet and Airport Hazards Map



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approved. \rightarrow Project cannot proceed at this location.

car		responsibilities for these reviews themselves. Responsible Entities and HUD should use the RE/HUD Vorksheet.				
Ai	rport Ha	zards (CEST and EA) – PARTNER				
htt	tps://www	v.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/airport-hazards				
1.	To ensure compatible land use development, you must determine your site's proximity to civil and military airports. Is your project within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport?					
	⊠No →	If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within the applicable distances to a military or civilian airport.				
	□Yes →	Continue to Question 2.				
2.	Is your pr Zone (APZ	Is your project located within a Runway Potential Zone/Clear Zone (RPZ/CZ) or Accident Potential Zone (APZ)?				
	□Yes, pro	oject is in an APZ → Continue to Question 3.				
	\Box Yes, project is an RPZ/CZ \rightarrow Project cannot proceed at this location.					
	□No, proj	ject is not within an APZ or RPZ/CZ				
	Coi	he RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. ntinue to the Worksheet Summary below. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. ovide a map showing that the site is not within either zone.				
3.	Is the proj	ject in conformance with DOD guidelines for APZ?				
	\square Yes, project is consistent with DOD guidelines without further action.					
	Сог	he RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. ntinue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this termination.				
	□No, the	project cannot be brought into conformance with DOD guidelines and has not been				

If mitigation measures have been or will be taken, explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

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→ Work with the RE/HUD to develop mitigation measures. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documentation supporting this determination.

Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The project site is not within 2,500 feet (ft) of a civil primary or commercial service airport or within 15,000 ft of a military airport. The nearest civil primary or commercial service airport, Aeropuerto Internacional de Mercedita, is located 13 miles 71,227 feet (13 miles) from the project site. The nearest military airport, Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport, is located 172,114 feet (33 miles) from the project site. Project activities are therefore an exempt activity. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with airport hazards requirements.



Figure B 1-1: Airport Hazards Map

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Accident Potential Zones (APZ)

Runway Protection Zones (RPZ)

」2,500-FT Civil Airport Buffer 15,000-FT Military Airport Buffer Parcel ID: 295-000-009-20-001 Parcel Center: 66.283941°W 18.219661°N

Data Source: https://geodata.bts.gov/ Base Map: ESRI ArcGIS Online, accessed June 2023

Updated: 6/15/2023 Layout: Airport Hazards Aprx: 72428_ReGrowTier2Maps



Puerto Rico

Attachment 2 Coastal Barrier Resources Act Partner Worksheet and Coastal Barrier Resources Map



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Coastal Barrier Resources (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/coastal-barrier-resources

Projects located in the following states must complete this form.

Alabama	Georgia	Massachusetts	New Jersey	Puerto Rico	Virgin Islands
Connecticut	Louisiana	Michigan	New York	Rhode Island	Virginia
Delaware	Maine	Minnesota	North Carolina	South Carolina	Wisconsin
Florida	Maryland	Mississippi	Ohio	Texas	

1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?

 \square Yes \rightarrow Continue to 2.

<u>Federal assistance for most activities may not be used at this location. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project.</u> In very rare cases, federal monies can be spent within CBRS units for certain exempted activities (e.g., a nature trail), after consultation with the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (see <u>16 USC 3505</u> for exceptions to limitations on expenditures).

2. Indicate your recommended course of action for the RE/HUD

\square Consultation with the FW	9
☐ Cancel the project	

Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

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- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
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The project site is not located in a Coastal Barrier Resource Systems Unit (CBRS) or Otherwise Protected Area (OPA). There are no CBRS units in Coamo. The closest CBRS unit, Rio Descalabrado, is located 54,615 feet (10 miles) from the project site. Project activities are therefore an exempt activity. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.



Figure B 2-1: Coastal **Barrier Resources Map**

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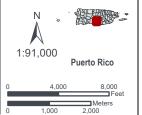
Otherwise Protected Area

System Unit

Carr 155 km 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia Sector Los Verdes Coamo, Puerto Rico 00769

Parcel ID: 295-000-009-20-001 Parcel Center: 66.424399°W 18.060318°N

Data Source: https://cbrsgis.wim.
usgs.gov/arcgis/rest/services/Coastal
BarrierResourcesSystem/MapServer
Base Map: ESRI ArcGIS Online,
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Layout: Coastal Barrier Resources
System



Attachment 3 Flood Insurance Partner Worksheet and Flood Insurance Rate Map



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Flood Insurance (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/flood-insurance

1.	Does this project involve mortgage insurance, refinance, acquisition, repairs, rehabilitation, or construction of a structure, mobile home, or insurable personal property? □No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance. → Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
	\boxtimes Yes \rightarrow Continue to Question 2.
2.	Provide a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The FEMA Map Service Center provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).
	Is the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area? ☑ No → Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
	\square Yes \rightarrow Continue to Question 3.
3.	Is the community participating in the National Flood Insurance Program <i>or</i> has less than one year passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards?
	 Yes, the community is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. Flood insurance is required. Provide a copy of the flood insurance policy declaration or a paid receipt for the current annual flood insurance premium and a copy of the application for flood insurance. → Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
	 Yes, less than one year has passed since FEMA notification of Special Flood Hazards. If less than one year has passed since notification of Special Flood Hazards, no flood Insurance is required. → Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
	 □ No. The community is not participating, or its participation has been suspended. Federal assistance may not be used at this location. Cancel the project at this location.

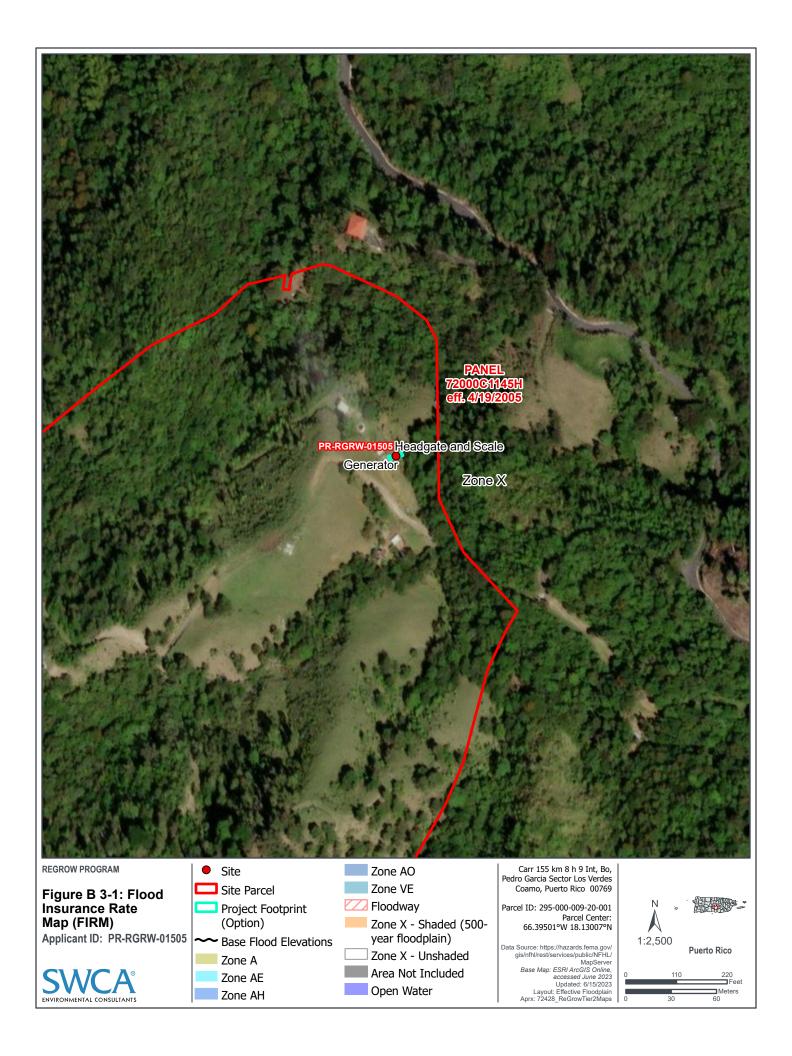
Worksheet Summary

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- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

A review of the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), Community Panel 72000C1145H (effective date 4/19/2005), shows the project site is in Flood Zone X, which is not in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Flood insurance is not required. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with the Flood Disaster Protection Act and National Flood Insurance Reform Act.



Attachment 4

Air Quality Partner Worksheet, List of Non-Attainment/Maintenance Status Counties in Puerto Rico, and Clean Air Map



You are here: EPA Home > Green Book > National Area and County-Level Multi-Pollutant Information > Puerto Rico Nonattainment/Maintenance Status for Each County by Year for All Criteria Pollutants

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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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 1617 18 192021 2223	//		Part	32,185	72/013
Bayamon Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	San Juan, PR	181920212223	//		Part	22,921	72/021
Catano Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	San Juan, PR	181920212223	//		Whole	28,140	72/033
Guaynabo Municipio	PM-10 (1987)	Mun. of Guaynabo, PR	929394959697989900010203040506070809	02/11/2010	Moderate	Part	90,470	72/061
Guaynabo Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	San Juan, PR	181920212223	//		Part	23,802	72/061
Salinas Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	Salinas, PR	181920212223	//		Part	23,401	72/123
San Juan Municipio		San Juan, PK	181920212223	//		Part	147,963	72/127
Toa Baja Municipio	Sulfur Dioxide (2010)	San Juan, PR	181920212223	//		Part	52,441	72/137
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Air Quality (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

threshold emissions.

https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/air-quality

1.	1. Does your project include new construction or conversion of land use facilitating the development of public, commercial, or industrial facilities OR five or more dwelling units?				
	⊠ Yes	→ Continue to Question 2.			
	□No	\rightarrow If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Provide any documents used to make your determination.			
2.	status f	project's air quality management district or county in non-attainment or maintenance for any criteria pollutants? the link below to determine compliance status of project county or air quality management			
	district				
		project's county or air quality management district is in attainment status for all criteria lutants			
		If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.			
		project's management district or county is in non-attainment or maintenance status for e or more criteria pollutants. Continue to Question 3.			
3.	that are	nine the <u>estimated emissions levels of your project for each of those criteria pollutants</u> e in non-attainment or maintenance status on your project area. Will your project exceed the <i>de minimis or threshold</i> emissions levels of non-attainment and maintenance level nts or exceed the screening levels established by the state or air quality management			
	district	?			
	□ No, t levels	the project will not exceed <i>de minimis</i> or threshold emissions levels or screening			
		If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Explain how you determined that the project would not exceed de minimis or			

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- → Continue to Question 4. Explain how you determined that the project would not exceed de minimis or threshold emissions in the Worksheet Summary.
- 4. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

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Worksheet Summary

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- Map panel numbers and dates
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- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The project site is in Coamo Municipio, which is within a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) designated attainment area. Project activities include the purchase of equipment, including a new headgate, and the purchase and installation of a new generator. The project is not anticipated to have a negative impact on air quality and will not increase residential density. Emissions associated with the proposed actions are temporary and limited to the use of small construction equipment and will be well below the Federal General Conformity Rule de minimis thresholds. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

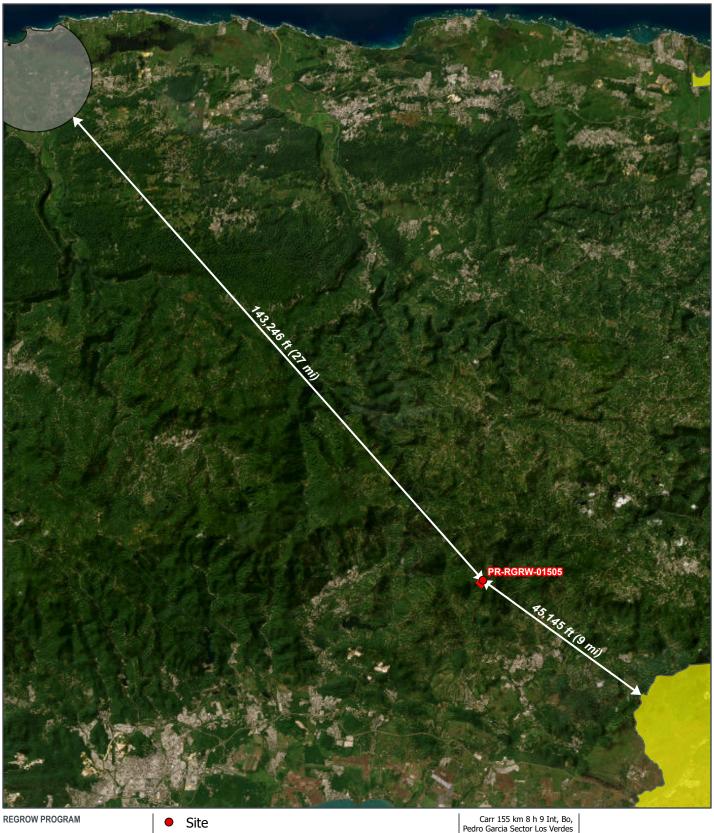


Figure B 4-1: Clean Air Map

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8-Hour Ozone (2015 Standard)*

Lead (2008 Standard)

PM-2.5 (2012 Standard)*

Sulfur Dioxide (2010 Standard)

*No Data in Puerto Rico

Carr 155 km 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia Sector Los Verdes Coamo, Puerto Rico 00769

Parcel ID: 295-000-009-20-001 Parcel Center: 66.479127°W 18.241262°N

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Attachment 5 Coastal Zone Management Partner Worksheet and Coastal Zone Map



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Coastal Zone Management Act (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/coastal-zone-management

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Alaska	Georgia	Maine	New Hampshire	Oregon	Virgin Islands
American	Guam	Maryland	New Jersey	Pennsylvania	Virginia
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California	Hawaii	Massachusetts	New York	Puerto Rico	Washington
Connecticut	Illinois	Michigan	North Carolina	Rhode Island	Wisconsin
Delaware	Indiana	Minnesota	Northern	South Carolina	
			Mariana Islands		

- 1. Is the project located in, or does it affect, a Coastal Zone as defined in your state Coastal Management Plan?
 - \Box Yes \rightarrow Continue to Question 2.

 \Box Yes \rightarrow

- ⋈ No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map showing that the site is not within a Coastal Zone.
- 2. Does this project include activities that are subject to state review?
 - □No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination.
- 3. Has this project been determined to be consistent with the State Coastal Management Program?

 ☐Yes, with mitigation. → The RE/HUD must work with the State Coastal Management

Program to develop mitigation measures to mitigate the impact or effect of the project.

 \square Yes, without mitigation. \Rightarrow If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide documentation used to make your determination.

 \square No \rightarrow Project cannot proceed at this location.

Continue to Question 3.

Worksheet Summary

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- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The project site is not located within the Puerto Rico Coastal Management Zone. The closest coastal zone area is located 48,547 feet (9 miles) from the project site. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act.

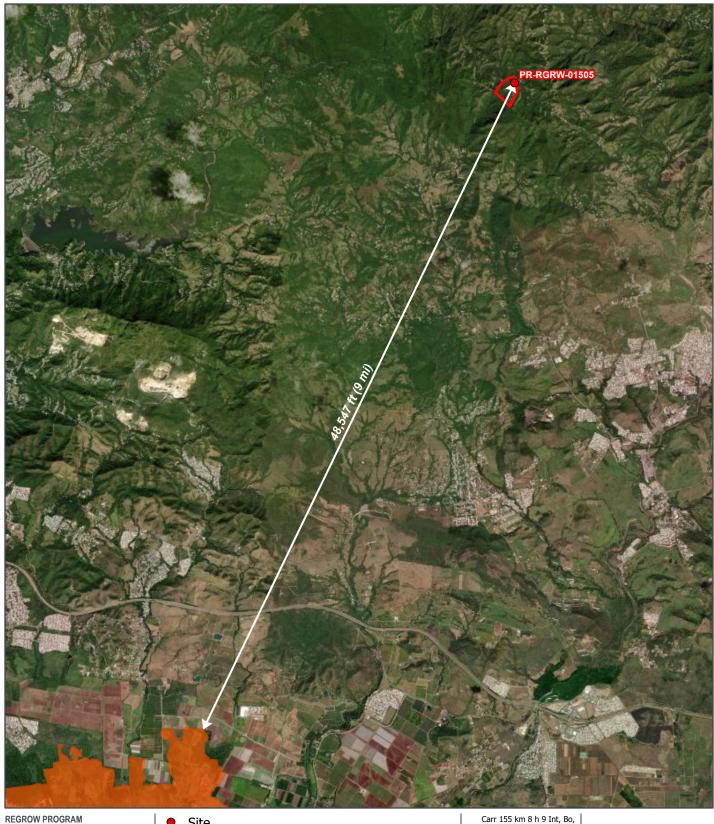


Figure B 5-1: Coastal Zone Management

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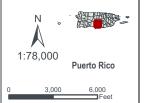
Site

Coastal Management Zone

Carr 155 km 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia Sector Los Verdes Coamo, Puerto Rico 00769

Parcel ID: 295-000-009-20-001 Parcel Center: 66.425352°W 18.06985°N

Data Source: https://coast.noaa.gov/ arcgis/rest/services/Hosted/ Coastal/ZoneManagementAct/ Base Map: ESRI Arc6IS Online, accessed June 2023 Updated: 6/15/2023 Layout: Coastal Zone Management Aprx: 72428_ReGrowTier2Maps



Attachment 6 Contamination and Toxics Substances Partner Worksheet, and Toxics and Contamination Map



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Contamination and Toxic Substances (Multifamily and Non-Residential Properties) – PARTNER

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/site-contamination

with the intended use of the property.

1.	How was site contamination evaluated? 1 Select all that apply.				
	☐ ASTM Phase I ESA				
	☐ ASTM Phase II ESA				
	☐ Remediation or clean-up plan				
	☐ ASTM Vapor Encroachment Screening				
	None of the above ■ None of the above None of t				
	→ Provide documentation and reports and include an explanation of how site contamination was evaluated in the Worksheet Summary.				
	Continue to Question 2.				
2.	Were any on-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances found that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property? (Were any recognized environmental conditions or RECs identified in a Phase I ESA and confirmed in a Phase II ESA?) No → Explain below.				
obser hazar	n-site hazards that could result in significant upset or accident conditions were ved at the proposed project location. Based on a desktop review, no toxic, dous or radioactive substances were identified in or within 3,000 feet of the cot area that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict				

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

¹ HUD regulations at 24 CFR § 58.5(i)(2)(ii) require that the environmental review for multifamily housing with five or more dwelling units or non-residential property include the evaluation of previous uses of the site or other evidence of contamination on or near the site. For acquisition and new construction of multifamily and nonresidential properties HUD strongly advises the review include an ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to meet real estate transaction standards of due diligence and to help ensure compliance with HUD's toxic policy at 24 CFR §58.5(i) and 24 CFR §50.3(i). Also note that some HUD programs require an ASTM Phase I ESA.

	\sqcup Yes \rightarrow Describe the findings, including any recognized environmental conditions
	(RECs), in Worksheet Summary below. Continue to Question 3.
3.	Can adverse environmental impacts be mitigated? ☐ Adverse environmental impacts cannot feasibly be mitigated → HUD assistance may not be used for the project at this site. Project cannot proceed at this location.
	 ☐ Yes, adverse environmental impacts can be eliminated through mitigation. → Provide all mitigation requirements² and documents. Continue to Question 4.
4.	Describe how compliance was achieved. Include any of the following that apply: State Voluntary Clean-up Program, a No Further Action letter, use of engineering controls ³ , or use of institutional controls ⁴ . Click here to enter text.
	If a remediation plan or clean-up program was necessary, which standard does it follow? ☐ Complete removal ☐ Risk-based corrective action (RBCA) → Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
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Worksheet Summary

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- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The project site was evaluated for potential contamination by conducting a field site inspection on 6/12/2023 to identify any onsite hazards including, but not limited to, soil staining, above ground storage tanks, signs of underground storage tanks, odors, hazardous debris etc. Two above ground storage tanks where identified that contain

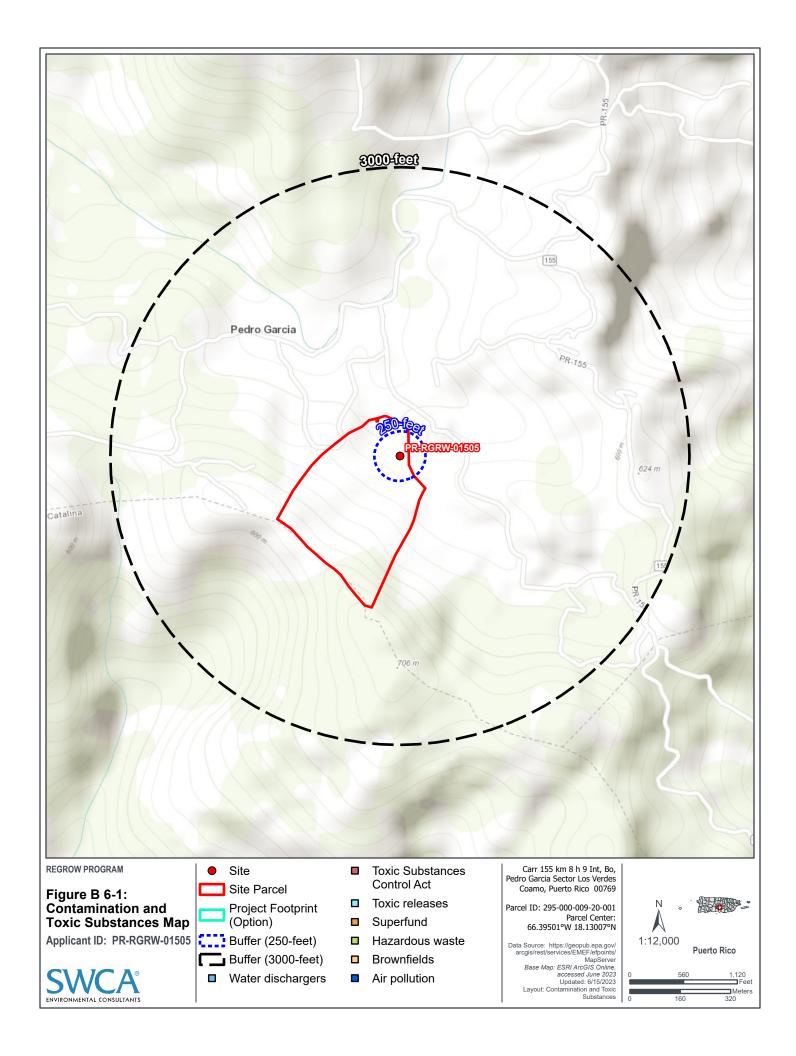
² Mitigation requirements include all clean-up actions required by applicable federal, state, tribal, or local law. Additionally, provide, as applicable, the long-term operations and maintenance plan, Remedial Action Work Plan, and other equivalent documents.

³ Engineering controls are any physical mechanism used to contain or stabilize contamination or ensure the effectiveness of a remedial action. Engineering controls may include, without limitation, caps, covers, dikes, trenches, leachate collection systems, signs, fences, physical access controls, ground water monitoring systems and ground water containment systems including, without limitation, slurry walls and ground water pumping systems.

⁴ Institutional controls are mechanisms used to limit human activities at or near a contaminated site, or to ensure the effectiveness of the remedial action over time, when contaminants remain at a site at levels above the applicable remediation standard which would allow for unrestricted use of the property. Institutional controls may include structure, land, and natural resource use restrictions, well restriction areas, classification exception areas, deed notices, and declarations of environmental restrictions.

molasses or "melaza" for the cattle. The tanks will be removed from the area. No other potential hazards were identified onsite.

In addition, a desktop review of USEPA databases, NEPAssist, and other sources was conducted to determine if the project site was located near dump sites, junk yards, landfills, hazardous waste sites, or industrial sites, including USEPA National Priorities List Sites (Superfund sites), CERCLA or state-equivalent sites, RCRA Corrective Action sites with release(s) or suspected release(s) requiring clean-up action and/or further investigation. The desktop review did not find any of the above-listed toxic, hazardous or radioactive substances in or within 3,000 feet of the project area that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.



Attachment 7

Endangered Species Act Partner
Worksheet, Threatened and Endangered
Species Technical Memorandum,
USFWS IPaC Species List, and Critical
Habitat Map



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Endangered Species Act (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/endangered-species

1.	Does the project involve any activities that have the potential to affect species or habitats?
	\square No, the project will have No Effect due to the nature of the activities involved in the project.
	ightarrow If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section.
	Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your
	determination.

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

Explain your determination:

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- → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section.

 Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.
- \boxtimes Yes, the activities involved in the project have the potential to affect species and/or habitats. \Rightarrow Continue to Question 2.
- 2. Are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area?

 Obtain a list of protected species from the Services. This information is available on the FWS Website.

□No, the project will have No Effect due to the absence of federally listed species and designated critical habitat.

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section.

Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation may include letters from the Services, species lists from the Services' websites, surveys or other documents and analysis showing that there are no species in the action area.

 \boxtimes Yes, there are federally listed species or designated critical habitats present in the action area. \Rightarrow Continue to Question 3.

- 3. Recommend one of the following effects that the project will have on federally listed species or designated critical habitat:
 - ⊠No Effect: Based on the specifics of both the project and any federally listed species in the action area, you have determined that the project will have absolutely no effect on listed species or critical habitat.
 - → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section.

 Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination. Documentation should include a species list and explanation of your conclusion, and may require maps, photographs, and surveys as appropriate.
 - ☐ May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect: Any effects that the project may have on federally listed species or critical habitats would be beneficial, discountable, or insignificant.
 - → Partner entities should not contact the Services directly. If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, they will have to complete Informal Consultation. Provide the RE/HUD with a biological evaluation or equivalent document. They may request additional information, including surveys and professional analysis, to complete their consultation.
 - □Likely to Adversely Affect: The project may have negative effects on one or more listed species or critical habitat.
 - → Partner entities should not contact the Services directly. If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, they will have to complete Formal Consultation. Provide the RE/HUD with a biological evaluation or equivalent document. They may request additional information, including surveys and professional analysis, to complete their consultation.

Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

No suitable habitat for any federal or state listed species is present within the proposed project location and no tree clearing or vegetation removal is proposed as a part of construction activities; therefore, project activities will have *no effect* to any federal listed species or critical habitat and *no impact* on state listed species. The project site is 14 miles away from the closest final designated critical habitat and 15 miles away from the closest proposed critical habitat. See the attached Threatened and Endangered Species Technical Memorandum.

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

For: Puerto Rico Department of Housing

CDBG-DR & CDBG-MIT Program ReGrow Environmental Assessment

From: Susan Fischer, Wildlife Ecologist

Date: July 3, 2023

Re: Threatened and Endangered Species Review for Carr 595 km 1.5 Barrio Pedro Garcia,

Coamo

Project Name: Finca Agricola / PR-RGRW-01505

Site Address: Carr 595 km 1.5 Barrio Pedro Garcia, Coamo

GPS Coordinates: 18.128676, -66.396261

This Threatened and Endangered Species Review evaluates the installation of a new generator and associated concrete pad . This parcel is located at Carr 595 km 1.5 Barrio Pedro Garcia, Coamo, Puerto Rico. To complete this review, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) system, Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) Species Ranges, and Puerto Rico State Wildlife Action Plan_a Ten Year Review online mapping databases were consulted, then a site inspection performed to evaluate on-site nest and habitat potential. For the purposes of this review, the evaluation encompasses a maximum 100-foot buffer around the proposed project location.

The species list for the site was generated by the USFWS Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office in Boqueron, Puerto Rico (attached). Since all project activities will occur on land, marine and aquatic species have been excluded from the evaluation. For any activities located near wetlands and/or waterbodies, best management practices (BMPs) will be implemented to prevent impacts to freshwater species. According to the IPaC results, the property is located within the habitat range of one terrestrial species considered to be threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act:

• Puerto Rican Boa (*Chilabothrus inornatus*)

A review of the Puerto Rico DNER Species Ranges online system indicated the following additional state-listed species may occur in within the review area:

- Puerto Rican Nightjar (Caprimulgus noctitherus)
- Mottled Coqui (*Eleutherodactylus eneidae*)
- Peregrine Falcon (Falco peregrinus tundrius)
- Brown Pelican (Pelecanus occidentalis)
- St. Thomas Prickly-ash (Zanthoxylum thomasianum)

A site inspection on June 12, 2023 found the parcel is situated in a rural area. The property is used for residential and agricultural production and the lot consists of a mix of cleared, and forested areas. The proposed project area consists of open pasture lawn. Representative photographs of the subject property are included in the Environmental Field Assessment Photographic Log. The review area does contain trees that could provide suitable habitat to multiple federal- and state-listed species; however, no tree or vegetation removal is planned to occur, and inspectors did not observe any suitable ground or vegetative habitat, individuals, or nests for any listed species at the proposed project location. There is no critical habitat for any species found within the subject property based on the USFWS and Puerto Rico State Wildlife Action Plan a Ten Year Review databases.

Based on agency data and site observations, this review concludes that the installation of the new generator and associate concrete pad will result in *no effect* to all state and federally protected species with the potential to occur in the area.

I can be reached by phone (346-388-1157) or email (Susan.Fischer@swca.com) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan Fischer Wildlife Ecologist

SWCA Environmental Consultants

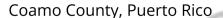
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IPaC resource list

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





Local office

Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office

\((787) 834-1600

(787) 851-7440

CARIBBEAN ES@FWS.GOV

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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 Fisheries</u> for <u>species under their jurisdiction</u>.

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</u> <u>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:

Reptiles

NAME STATUS

Puerto Rican Boa Chilabothrus inornatus

Endangered

Wherever found

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

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

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.

Bald & Golden Eagles

There are no documented cases of eagles being present at this location. However, if you believe eagles may be using your site, please reach out to the local Fish and Wildlife Service office.

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Eagle Managment https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management
- 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

What does IPaC use to generate the potential presence of bald and golden eagles in my specified location?

The potential for eagle presence 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). To see 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 of bald and golden eagles 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, banding, 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 if I have eagles on my list?

If your project has the potential to disturb or kill eagles, you may need to obtain a permit to avoid violating the <u>Eagle Act</u> should such impacts occur. Please contact your local Fish and Wildlife Service Field Office if you have questions.

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 <u>Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act</u> 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, banding, 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, banding, 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



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>.

Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

This location overlaps the following wetlands:

RIVFRINE

R5UBH

A full description for each wetland code can be found at the <u>National Wetlands Inventory</u> website

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.

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Figure B 7-1: Critical Habitat Map

Applicant ID: PR-RGRW-01505

Site Parcel Buffer (100-ft) Critical Habitat - Final Critical Habitat - Proposed National Wildlife Refuges

Carr 155 km 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia Sector Los Verdes Coamo, Puerto Rico 00769

Parcel ID: 295-000-009-20-001 Parcel Center: 66.36509°W 18.193507°N

Data Source: https://services.arcgis. com/QVENGdaPbd4LUKLV/arcgis/ rest/services/USFWS_Critical_Habitat/ Base Map: ESRI ArcGIS Online. accessed June 2023 Updated: 6/15/2023 Layout: Critical Habitat Aprx: 72428_ReGrowTier2Maps





Attachment 8 Explosive and Flammable Hazards Partner Worksheet



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, DC 20410-1000

This Worksheet was designed to be used by those "Partners" (including Public Housing Authorities, consultants, contractors, and nonprofits) who assist Responsible Entities and HUD in preparing environmental reviews, but legally cannot take full responsibilities for these reviews themselves. Responsible Entities and HUD should use the RE/HUD version of the Worksheet.

1. Does the proposed HUD-assisted project include a hazardous facility (a facility that mainly stores,

Explosive and Flammable Hazards (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/explosive-and-flammable-facilities

	dles or processes flammable or combustible chemicals such as bulk fuel storage facilities and neries)?
	⊠ No
	→ Continue to Question 2.
	□ Yes
	Explain:
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	→ Continue to Question 5.
	s this project include any of the following activities: development, construction, rehabilitation will increase residential densities, or conversion? \square No \rightarrow If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this
	section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.
	\boxtimes Yes \rightarrow Continue to Question 3.
	hin 1 mile of the project site, are there any current or planned stationary aboveground storage tainers:
•	Of more than 100-gallon capacity, containing common liquid industrial fuels OR Of any capacity, containing hazardous liquids or gases that are not common liquid industrial fuels?
	$oxtimes$ No \Rightarrow If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide all documents used to make your determination.
	\square Yes \rightarrow Continue to Question 4.
	s the Separation Distance from the project acceptable based on standards in the Regulation? elease visit HUD's website for information on calculating Acceptable Separation Distance.
	→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to any tanks and your separation distance calculations. If the map identifies more than one tank, please identify the tank you have chosen as the "assessed tank."

□ No

→ Continue to Question 6.

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to any tanks and your separation distance calculations. If the map identifies more than one tank, please identify the tank you have chosen as the "assessed tank."

5. Is the hazardous facility located at an acceptable separation distance from residences and any other facility or area where people may congregate or be present?

Please visit HUD's website for information on calculating Acceptable Separation Distance.

☐ Yes

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to residences and any other facility or area where people congregate or are present and your separation distance calculations.

□ No

→ Continue to Question 6.

Provide map(s) showing the location of the project site relative to residences and any other facility or area where people congregate or are present and your separation distance calculations.

6. For the project to be brought into compliance with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the exact measures that must be implemented to make the Separation Distance acceptable, including the timeline for implementation. If negative effects cannot be mitigated, cancel the project at this location.

Note that only licensed professional engineers should design and implement blast barriers. If a barrier will be used or the project will be modified to compensate for an unacceptable separation distance, provide approval from a licensed professional engineer.

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Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The project includes the new construction of a generator. The project itself is not the development of a hazardous facility nor will the project increase residential densities.

Project activities are therefore an exempt activity. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.

Attachment 9 Farmlands Protection Partner Worksheet and Prime Farmland Map



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, DC 20410-1000

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Farmlands Protection (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/farmlands-protection

1.	Does your project include any activities, including new construction, acquisition of undeveloped land or conversion, that could convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use? ☐ Yes → Continue to Question 2. ☑ No
	→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.
2.	Does "important farmland," including prime farmland, unique farmland, or farmland of statewide or local importance regulated under the Farmland Protection Policy Act, occur on the project site? You may use the links below to determine important farmland occurs on the project site: Utilize USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) Web Soil Survey http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm Check with your city or county's planning department and ask them to document if the project is on land regulated by the FPPA (zoning important farmland as non-agricultural does not exempt it from FPPA requirements) Contact NRCS at the local USDA service center http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs or your NRCS state soil scientist http://soils.usda.gov/contact/state offices/ for assistance
	□ No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide any documents used to make your determination.
	☐ Yes → Continue to Question 3.
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- 3. Consider alternatives to completing the project on important farmland and means of avoiding impacts to important farmland.
 - Complete form <u>AD-1006</u>, "Farmland Conversion Impact Rating" and contact the state soil scientist before sending it to the local NRCS District Conservationist.
 - Work with NRCS to minimize the impact of the project on the protected farmland. When you have finished with your analysis, return a copy of form AD-1006 to the USDA-NRCS State Soil Scientist or his/her designee informing them of your determination.

Work with the RE/HUD to determine how the project will proceed. Document the conclusion:

□ Project will proceed with mitigation.

Explain in detail the proposed measures that must be implemented to mitigate for the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation.

Click here to enter text.

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make your determination.

□ Project will proceed without mitigation.

Explain why mitigation will not be made here:

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→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide form AD-1006 and all other documents used to make your determination.

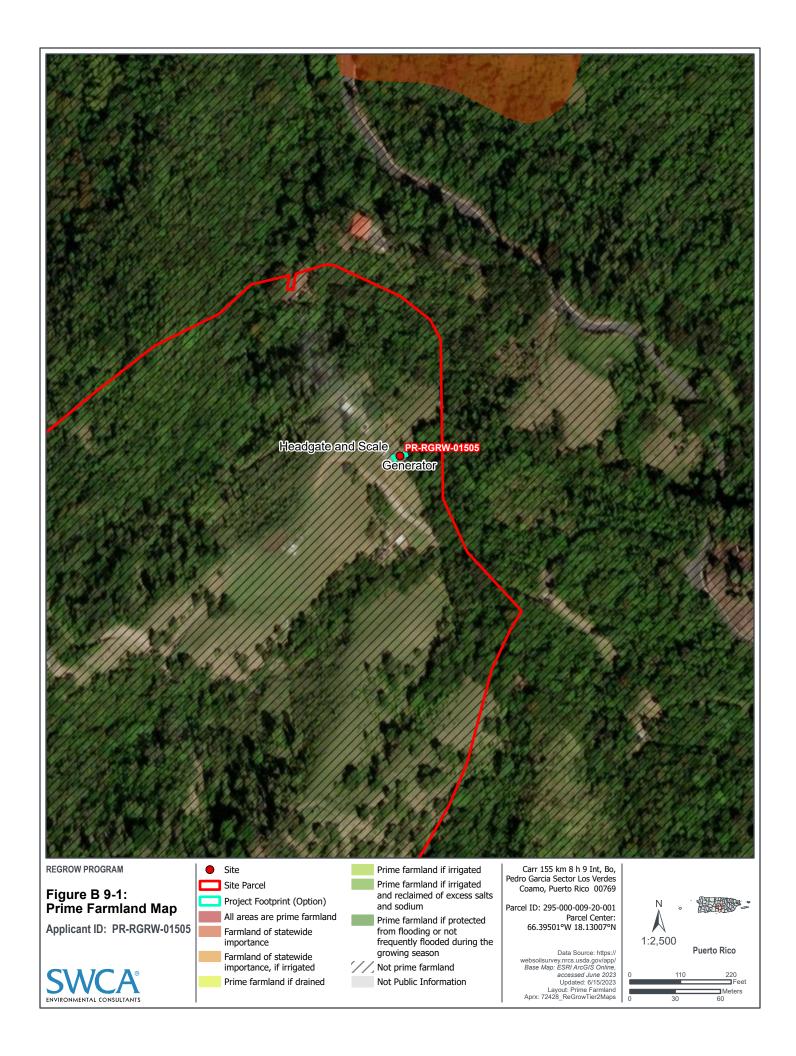
Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to non-agricultural use. No prime farmland or farmlands of statewide importance are within the project area. Although the project includes new construction, the project is exempt from review under the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FFPA) as the project is limited to construction of on-farm structures needed for farm operations. No further review is required. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.



Attachment 10 Floodplain Management Partner Worksheet and Advisory Base Flood Elevation Map



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Floodplain Management (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

https://www.hudexchange.info/environmental-review/floodplain-management

1.	Does 24 CFR 55.12(c) exempt this project from compliance with HUD's floodplain management regulations in Part 55? ☐ Yes
	Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(c) here. If project is exempt under 55.12(c)(6) or (8), provide supporting documentation. Click here to enter text.
	→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Continue to the Worksheet Summary.
	\boxtimes No \Rightarrow Continue to Question 2.
2.	Provide a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designates floodplains. The FEMA Map Service Center provides this information in the form of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).
	Does your project occur in a floodplain? ☑ No → Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.
	 ☐ Yes Select the applicable floodplain using the FEMA map or the best available information: ☐ Floodway → Continue to Question 3, Floodways
	☐ Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) → Continue to Question 4, Coastal High Hazard Areas
	☐ 500-year floodplain (B Zone or shaded X Zone) → Continue to Question 5, 500-year Floodplains
	☐ 100-year floodplain (A Zone) → The 8-Step Process is required. Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process
3.	Floodways Is this a functionally dependent use? ☐ Yes

	The 8-Step Process is required. Work with HUD or the RE to assist with the 8-Step Process. → Continue to Worksheet Summary.
	\square No \Rightarrow Federal assistance may not be used at this location unless an exception in 55.12(c) applies. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project.
4.	Coastal High Hazard Area Is this a critical action such as a hospital, nursing home, fire station, or police station? □ Yes → Critical actions are prohibited in coastal high hazard areas unless an exception in 55.12(c)
	applies. You must either choose an alternate site or cancel the project.
	□No
	Does this action include new construction that is not a functionally dependent use, existing construction (including improvements), or reconstruction following destruction caused by a disaster?
	☐ Yes, there is new construction of something that is not a functionally dependent use. New construction must be designed to FEMA standards for V Zones at 44 CFR 60.3(e) (24 CFR 55.1(c)(3)(i)).
	→ Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process
	 □ No, this action concerns only existing construction. Existing construction must have met FEMA elevation and construction standards for a coastal high hazard area or other standards applicable at the time of construction. → Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process
5.	500-year Floodplain
	Is this a critical action?
	□ No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.
	□Yes → Continue to Question 6, 8-Step Process
6.	8-Step Process.
	Is this 8-Step Process required? Select one of the following options:
	□ 8-Step Process applies.
	This project will require mitigation and may require elevating structure or structures. See the link to the HUD Exchange above for information on HUD's elevation requirements.
	→ Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 8-Step Process. Continue to Worksheet Summary.
	☐ 5-Step Process is applicable per 55.12(a)(1-3).
	Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(a) here.
	Click here to enter text. → Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 5-Step Process. Continue to Worksheet Summary.
	☐ 8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.12(b)(1-4). Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(b) here.

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→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

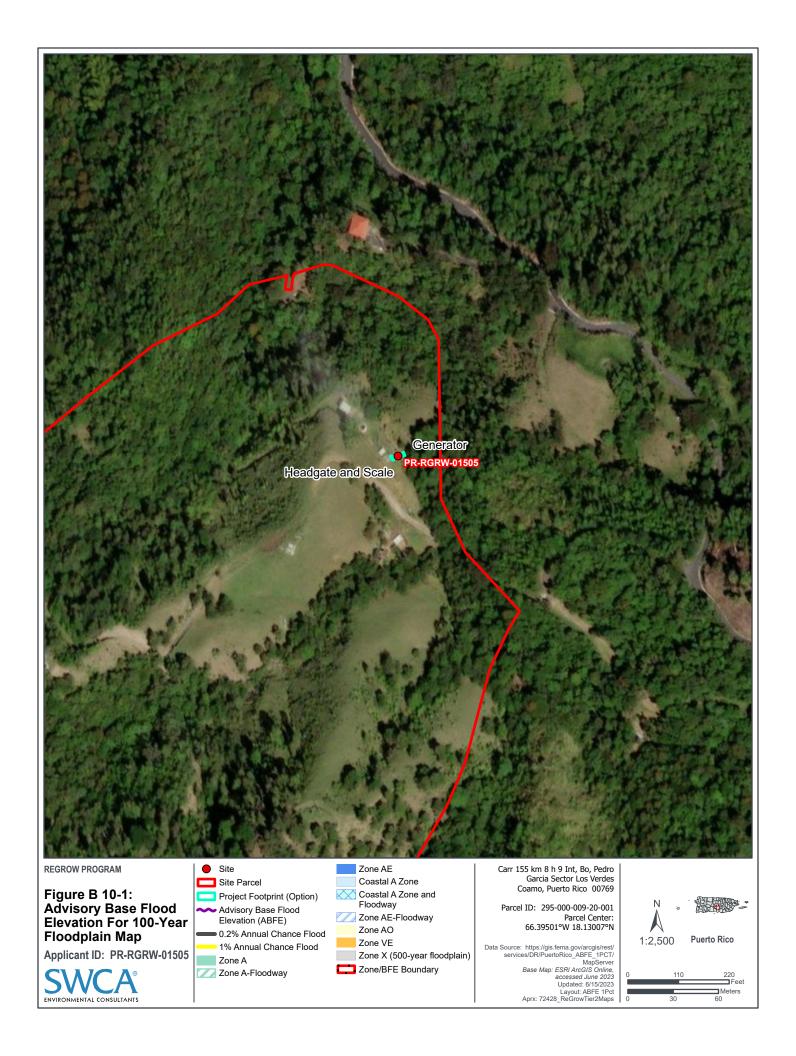
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- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

A review of the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) map, Community Panel 72000C1145H (effective date 4/19/2005), shows the project site is in Flood Zone X. The project is not located in the 100-year floodplain or ABFE special flood hazard area; therefore, no further action is required. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11988.



Attachment 11

Historic Preservation Partner Worksheet, SHPO Consultation, Historic Property Map, and Cultural Resources Map



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Historic Preservation (CEST and EA) - PARTNER

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Threshold

Is Section 106 review required for your project?

□ No, because a Programmatic Agreement states that all activities included in this project are exempt. (See the <u>PA Database</u> to find applicable PAs.)

Either provide the PA itself or a link to it here. Mark the applicable exemptions or include the text here:

Click here to enter text.

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

□ No, because the project consists solely of activities included in a No Potential to Cause Effects memo or other determination [36 CFR 800.3(a)(1)].

Either provide the memo itself or a link to it here. Explain and justify the other determination here:

Click here to enter text.

→ Continue to the Worksheet Summary.

The Section 106 Process

After determining the need to do a Section 106 review, HUD or the RE will initiate consultation with regulatory and other interested parties, identify and evaluate historic properties, assess effects of the project on properties listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, and resolve any adverse effects through project design modifications or mitigation.

Step 1: Initiate consultation

Step 2: Identify and evaluate historic properties

Step 3: Assess effects of the project on historic properties

Step 4: Resolve any adverse effects

Only RE or HUD staff may initiate the Section 106 consultation process. Partner entities may gather information, including from SHPO records, identify and evaluate historic properties, and make initial assessments of effects of the project on properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Place. Partners should then provide their RE or HUD with all of their analysis and documentation so that they may initiate consultation.

Step 1 - Initiate Consultation

The following parties are entitled to participate in Section 106 reviews: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs); federally recognized Indian tribes/Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs); Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs); local governments; and project grantees. The general public and individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in a project may participate as consulting parties at the discretion of the RE or HUD official. Participation varies with the nature and scope of a project. Refer to HUD's website for guidance on consultation, including the required timeframes for response. Consultation should begin early to enable full consideration of preservation options.

Use the When To Consult With Tribes checklist within Notice CPD-12-006: Process for Tribal Consultation to determine if the RE or HUD should invite tribes to consult on a particular project. Use the <u>Tribal Directory Assessment Tool (TDAT)</u> to identify tribes that may have an interest in the area where the project is located. Note that only HUD or the RE may initiate consultation with Tribes. Partner entities may prepare a draft letter for the RE or HUD to use to initiate consultation with tribes, but may not send the letter themselves.

List all organizations and individuals that you believe may have an interest in the project here: SHPO, PRDOH, applicant

See SHPO consultation package for more information.

 \rightarrow Continue to Step 2.

Step 2 - Identify and Evaluate Historic Properties

Provide a preliminary definition of the Area of Potential Effect (APE), either by entering the address(es) or providing a map depicting the APE. Attach an additional page if necessary.

Click here to enter text.

Gather information about known historic properties in the APE. Historic buildings, districts and archeological sites may have been identified in local, state, and national surveys and registers, local historic districts, municipal plans, town and county histories, and local history websites. If not already listed on the National Register of Historic Places, identified properties are then evaluated to see if they are eligible for the National Register. Refer to HUD's website for guidance on identifying and evaluating historic properties.

In the space below, list historic properties identified and evaluated in the APE.

Every historic property that may be affected by the project should be listed. For each historic property or district, include the National Register status, whether the SHPO has concurred with the finding, and whether information on the site is sensitive. Attach an additional page if necessary.

Finca Agricola at Carr 155 Km 8 H9 Int, Bo. Pedro Garcia, in Sector Los Verdes in the municipality of Coamo. The proposed undertaking for this project includes the purchase of a new generator and the construction of a new concrete pad to support the generator, which will require ground disturbance. Additionally, a new headgate will be installed at the head of the existing stocks, fixed directly to the stocks and not the ground; ground disturbance is not anticipated for this portion of the proposed undertaking.

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

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

If the APE contains previously unsurveyed buildings or structures over 50 years old, or there is a likely presence of previously unsurveyed archeological sites, a survey may be necessary. For Archeological surveys, refer to HP Fact Sheet #6, Guidance on Archeological Investigations in HUD Projects.

□ Yes → Provide survey(s) and report(s) and continue to Step 3.
Additional notes:

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 \boxtimes No \rightarrow Continue to Step 3.

Step 3 - Assess Effects of the Project on Historic Properties

Only properties that are listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places receive further consideration under Section 106. Assess the effect(s) of the project by applying the Criteria of Adverse Effect. (36 CFR 800.5) Consider direct and indirect effects as applicable as per HUD guidance.

Choose one of the findings below to recommend to the RE or HUD.

Please note: this is a recommendation only. It is **not** the official finding, which will be made by the RE or HUD, but only your suggestion as a Partner entity.

Document reason for finding:

- ☐ No historic properties present.
- ☐ Historic properties present, but project will have no effect upon them.

☐ No Adverse Effect

Document reason for finding and provide any comments below.

Comments may include recommendations for mitigation, monitoring, a plan for unanticipated discoveries, etc.

Click here to enter text.

☐ Adverse Effect

Document reason for finding:

Copy and paste applicable Criteria into text box with summary and justification.

Criteria of Adverse Effect: 36 CFR 800.5

Click here to enter text.

Provide any comments below:

Comments may include recommendations for avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation.

Click here to enter text.

Remember to provide all documentation that justifies your National Register Status determination and recommendations along with this worksheet.



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

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

March 20, 2023

Lauren Bair Poche

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

SHPO: 02-22-23-06 (PR-RGRW-01505) FINCA AGRÍCOLA LOCALIZADA EN LA CARR. 155 KM. 8 HM. 9 INT. BO. PEDRO GARCÍA SECTOR LOS VERDES, COAMO, PR

Dear Ms. Bair,

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,

Cárlos A. Rubio-Cancela

State Historic Preservation Officer

CARC/GMO/IMC





February 22, 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-01505 – Finca Agricola – Carr 155 Km 8 H9 Int, Bo. Pedro Garcia, Sector Los Verdes, Coamo, 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 Finca Agricola at Carr 155 Km 8 H9 Int, Bo. Pedro Garcia, in Sector Los Verdes in the municipality of Coamo. The proposed undertaking for this project includes the purchase of a new generator and the construction of a new concrete pad to support the generator, which will require ground disturbance. Additionally, a new headgate will be installed at the head of the existing stocks, fixed directly to the stocks and not the ground; ground disturbance is not anticipated for this portion of the proposed undertaking. Based on the submitted documentation prepared by SOI-qualified professionals, Lauren Bair Poche, M.A. and Jennifer Ort, M.S., 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

Enclosures

PUERTO RICO 2017 DISASTER RECOVERY, CDBG-DR PROGRAM
REGROW PUERTO RICO PROGRAM
Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination

Applicant: Finca Agricola

Case ID: PR-RGRW-01505

City: Coamo

Project Location: Carr 155 Km 8 H9 Int Bo. Pedro Garcia Sector Los Verdes

Project Coordinates: 18.130245, -66.395127 **TPID** (Número de Catastro): 295-000-009-20-001

Type of Undertaking:

☐ Substantial Repair/Improvements

Construction Date (AH est.): ca. 1972 **Property Size** (acres): 42.3 aces

SOI-Qualified Architect/Architectural Historian: Lauren Bair Poche, M.A.

Date Reviewed: 2/17/2023

SOI-Qualified Archaeologist: Jennifer Ort, M.S.

Date Reviewed: 2/17/2023

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 activities for Finca Agricola include the purchase of a new generator and the construction of a new concrete pad to support the generator, which will be located at 18.130278, -66.395000. The construction of the new concrete pad will require ground disturbance. Additionally, a new headgate will be installed at the head of the existing stocks, fixed directly to the stocks and not the ground; ground disturbance is not anticipated for this portion of the proposed undertaking. The project area is located at Carr 155 Km 8 H9 Int Bo. Pedro Garcia Sector Los Verdes within a rural residential area. Based on a review of historical aerial imagery, the project area has been a rural residential area since the earliest available aerial imagery (1958 imagery).

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 and the nature and scope of the Undertaking, the Program has determined that the direct APE for this project will be centered on the new concrete pad and include a 15-meter (m) buffer on all sides; the visual APE is the viewshed of the proposed project.

PUERTO RICO 2017 DISASTER RECOVERY, CDBG-DR PROGRAM REGROW PUERTO RICO PROGRAM Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination	GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING
Applicant: Finca Agricola	,
Case ID: PR-RGRW-01505	City: Coamo

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 there are no cultural properties within a half-mile (mi) radius of the project location. The proposed project is located within the mountainous interior region in the south-central part of the island. The area is on a northeast-facing toeslope at an elevation of 1,672 feet (ft; 509.6 m) above modern sea level. Per the USGS/NRCS Web Soil Survey, the APE crosses two mapped soil series: Mucara silty clay, 40 to 60 percent slopes, eroded (MuF2) to the southwest, and Morado clay loam, 40 to 60 percent slopes (MtF2) on the northeast side. The project area APE is situated on the east side of State Route PR-149 in secondary forest growth punctuated with residential lots. The closest freshwater source is the Río Toa Vaca, located 0.03 miles (mi; 0.05 kilometers [km]) east of the project parcel. The southern coast is approximately 12 mi (19.4 km) from the project area.

Identification of Historic Properties - Architecture

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 the project area is not within or adjacent to the boundaries of a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible or listed historic district or Traditional Urban Center.

PUERTO RICO 2017 DISASTER RECOVERY, CDBG-DR PROGRAM REGROW PUERTO RICO PROGRAM Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination	GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO GEPARITMENT OF HOUSING
Applicant: Finca Agricola	,
Case ID: PR-RGRW-01505	City: Coamo

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, the Program has determined that project actions will not affect historic properties that compose the Area of Potential Effect. The project area is not within or adjacent to the boundaries of a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible or listed historic district or Traditional Urban Center. No known archaeological sites or NRHP listed/eligible historic properties are within or adjacent to the property or the parcel in which the Area of Potential Effect of case PR-RGRW-01505 is located. The closest freshwater body is 0.03 mi (0.05 km) east of the project area. The construction of public roads has minimally impacted the surrounding terrain. Therefore, no impact to cultural properties is anticipated for this reconstruction project.

PUERTO RICO 2017 DISASTER RECOVERY, CDBG-DR PROGRAM	
REGROW PUERTO RICO PROGRAM	GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination	
Applicant: Finca Agricola	•
Case ID: PR-RGRW-01505	City: Coamo

Recommendation

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

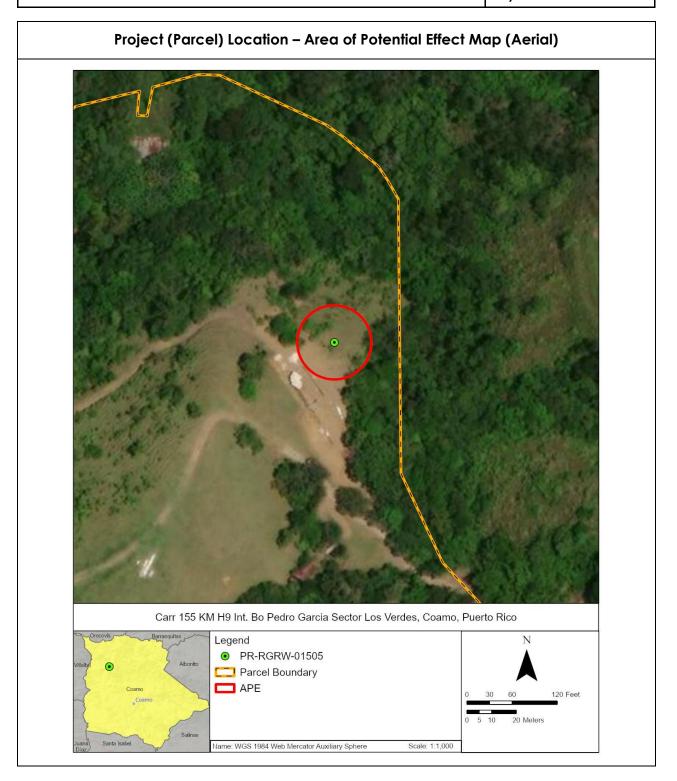
⋈ No Historic Properties Affected
□ No Adverse Effect
Condition (if applicable):
□ Adverse Effect
Proposed Resolution (if appliable)

This Section is to be Completed by SHPO Staff 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:



Case ID: PR-RGRW-01505 City: Coamo





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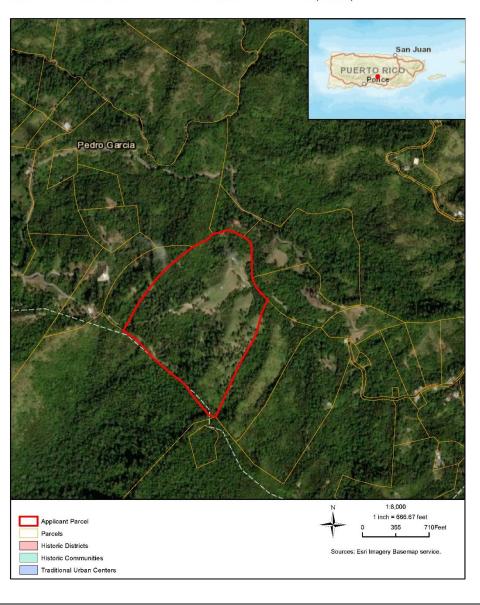
Project (Parcel) Location - Aerial Map

Historic Properties - Aerial Base Puerto Rico Department of Housing Re-Grow Program

Application ID#: PR-RGRW-01505

Address: Carr 155 Km 8 h9 int Bo. Pedro Garcia Sector Los Verdes, Coamo, PR 00769







Case ID: PR-RGRW-01505 City: Coamo

Project (Parcel) Location - USGS Topographic Map

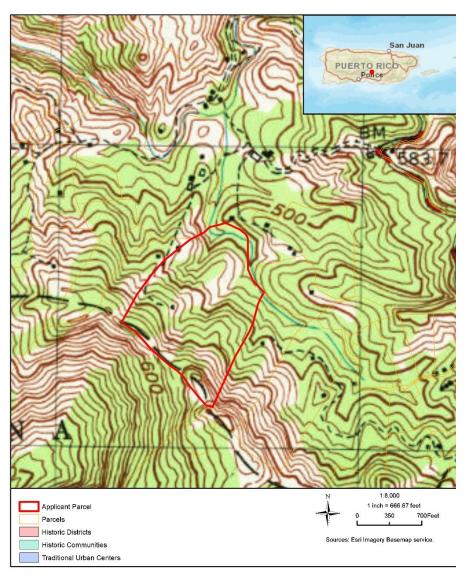
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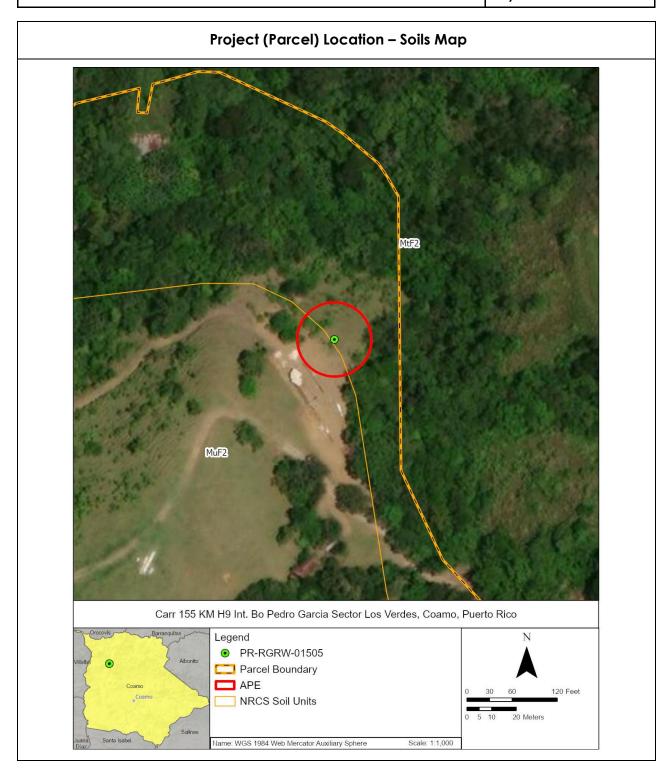
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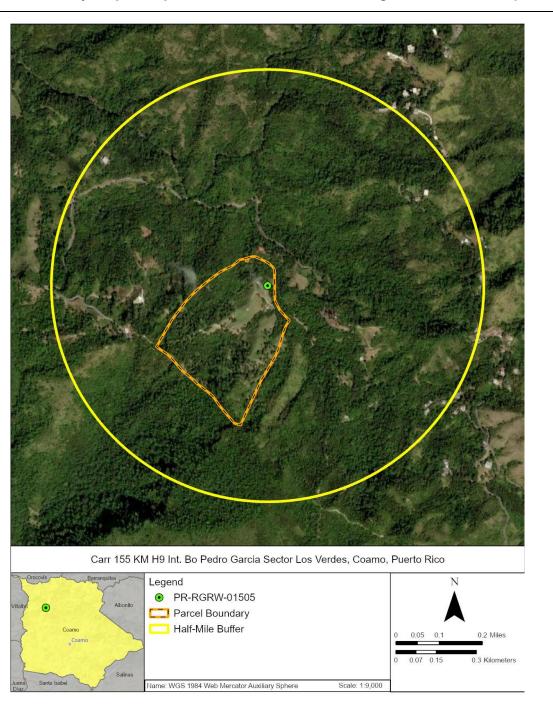
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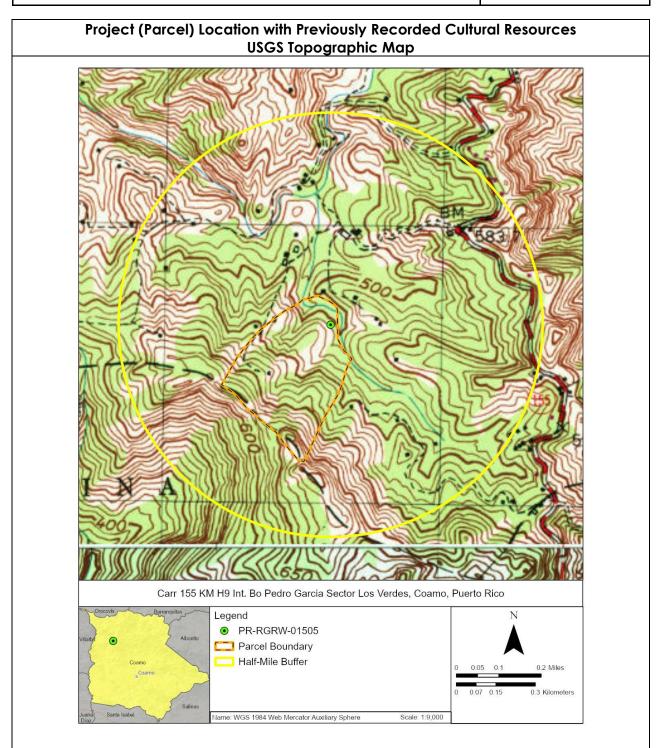
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Project (Parcel) Location with Previous Investigations - Aerial Map





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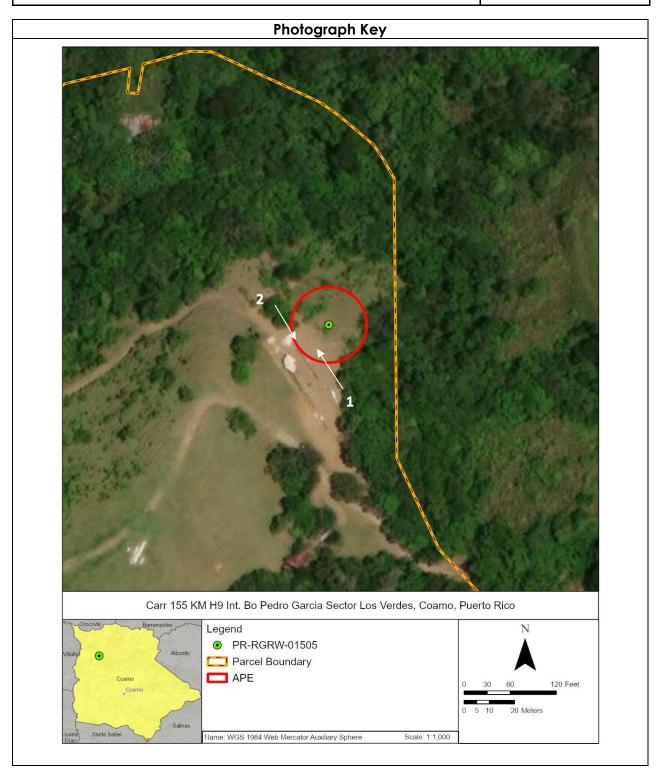


PUERTO RICO 2017 DISASTER RECOVERY, CDBG-DR PROGRAM REGROW PUERTO RICO PROGRAM Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination



Applicant: Finca Agricola

Case ID: PR-RGRW-01505 City: Coamo



PUERTO RICO 2017 DISASTER RECOVERY, CDBG-DR PROGRAM REGROW PUERTO RICO PROGRAM Section 106 NHPA Effect Determination



Applicant: Finca Agricola

Case ID: PR-RGRW-01505 City: Coamo



Photo #: 1

Date: 2/8/2023

Description (include direction): Overview of proposed location for the new generator and associated concrete pad. Looking northnorthwest.



Photo #: 2

Description (include direction): Current headgate configuration. Looking south-southeast.

Date: 2/82023



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:

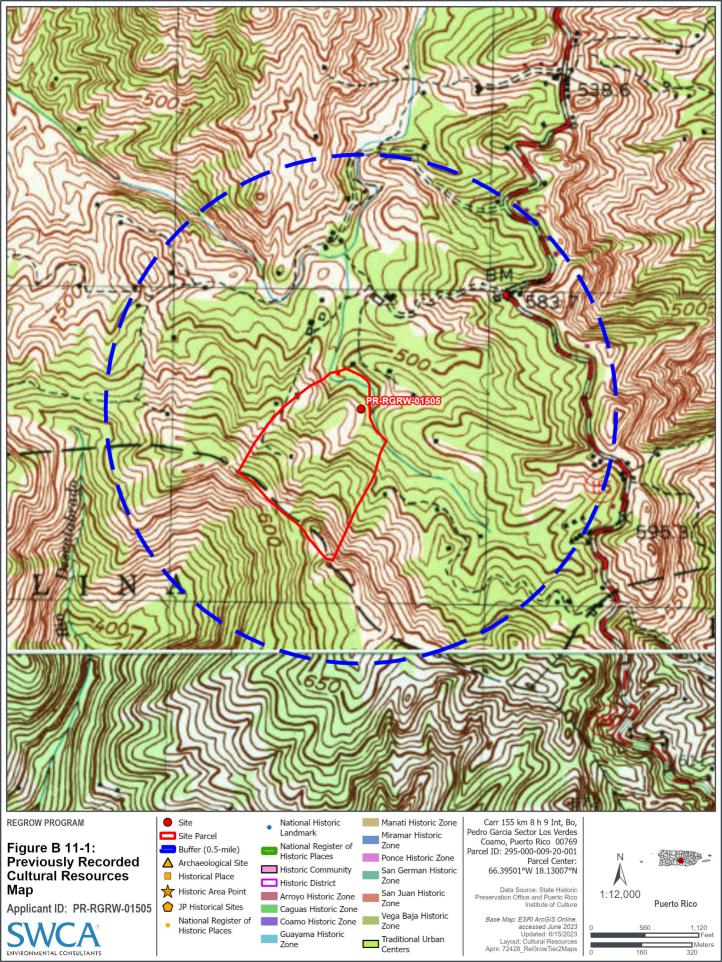
The U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) approved the allocations of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR) funds on February 9, 2018. It also approved the allocation of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds on January 27, 2020. The purpose of these allocations is to address 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.

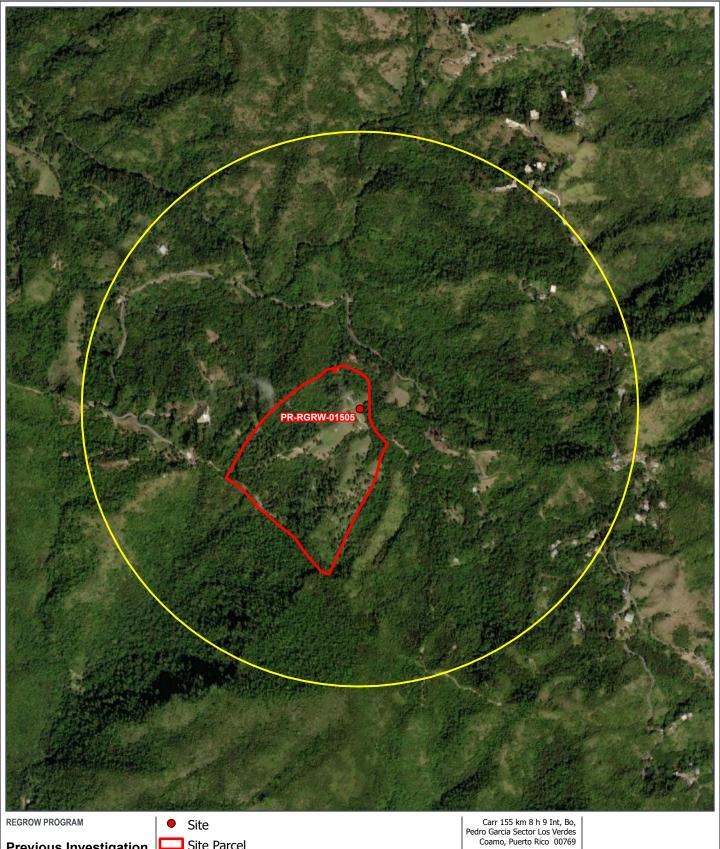
To comply with the environmental requirements established by HUD, the Department of Housing of Puerto Rico (PRDOH) contracted Horne Federal LLC to provide environmental registry review services, among others, that will support the objectives of the agenda for both CDBG-DR and CDBG -MIT Programs.

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 CDBG DR-MIT





Previous Investigation Мар

Applicant ID: PR-RGRW-01505



Site Parcel

Project Footprint (Option)

Buffer (0.5-mile)

Previously Recorded Survey

MIPR Arqueologia

Traditional Urban Centers

Parcel ID: 295-000-009-20-001 Parcel Center: 66.39501°W 18.13007°N

Data Source: State Historic Preservation Office and Puerto Rico Institute of Culture

Base Map: ESRI ArcGIS Online, accessed June 2023 Updated: 6/15/2023 Layout: Previous Investigation Aprx: 72428_ReGrowTier2Maps



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Attachment 12 Wetlands Protection Partner Worksheet and Wetland Map



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Wetlands (CEST and EA) - Partner

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1.	Does this project involve new construction as defined in Executive Order 11990, expansion of a building's footprint, or ground disturbance? The term "new construction" includes draining, dredging, channelizing, filling, diking, impounding, and related activities and construction of any any structures or facilities. □ No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.
	\boxtimes Yes \rightarrow Continue to Question 2.
2.	Will the new construction or other ground disturbance impact a wetland as defined in E.O. 11990?
	⋈ No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below. Provide a map or any other relevant documentation to explain your determination.
	\square Yes \rightarrow Work with HUD or the RE to assist with the 8-Step Process. Continue to Question 3.
3.	Does Section 55.12 state that the 8-Step Process is not required?
	 □ No, the 8-Step Process applies. This project will require mitigation and may require elevating structure or structures. See the link to the HUD Exchange above for information on HUD's elevation requirements. → Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 8-Step Process. Continue to Worksheet Summary.
	□ 5-Step Process is applicable per 55.12(a). Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(a) here. Click here to enter text. → Work with the RE/HUD to assist with the 5-Step Process. This project may require mitigation or alternations. Continue to Worksheet Summary.
	☐ 8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.12(b). Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(b) here.

- → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Worksheet Summary.
- ☐ 8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.12(c).

Provide the applicable citation at 24 CFR 55.12(c) here.

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→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to Worksheet Summary.

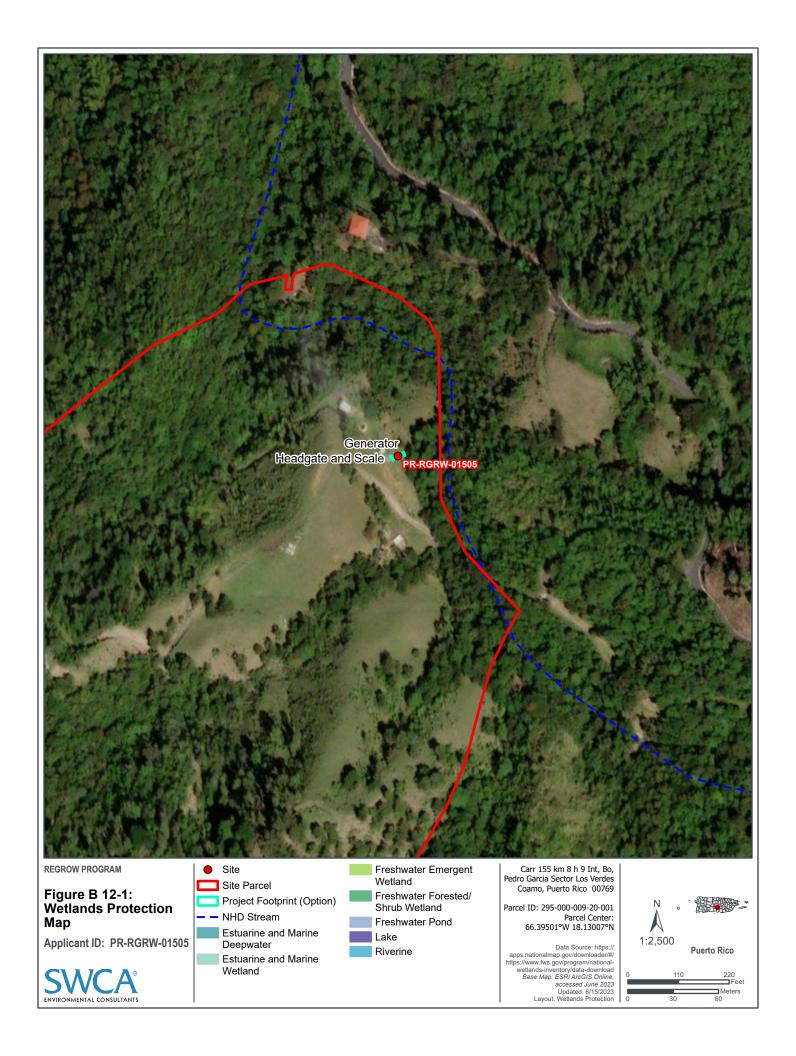
Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The project site was reviewed for wetlands using the USFWS Wetland Inventory Mapper and a visual confirmation during the field site inspection. The site inspection identified a stream about 110 feet east of the site, but it will not be impacted by the projects if BMPs, such as silt fencing and erosion control, are implemented during any ground-disturbing activities. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990.



Attachment 13 Wild and Scenic Rivers Partner Worksheet and Wild and Scenic Rivers Map

Wild and Scenic Rivers (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

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

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

Wild & Scenic Rivers: These rivers or river segments have been designated by Congress or by states (with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Interior) as wild, scenic, or recreational

<u>Study Rivers:</u> These rivers or river segments are being studied as a potential component of the Wild & Scenic River system.

<u>Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI):</u> The National Park Service has compiled and maintains the NRI, a register of river segments that potentially qualify as national wild, scenic, or recreational river areas

\boxtimes No

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Provide documentation used to make your determination, such as a map identifying the project site and its surrounding area or a list of rivers in your region in the Screen Summary at the conclusion of this screen.

	Yes, the project	is in proximity o	f a Nationwide	Rivers Inventory	(NRI) River.
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→ Continue to Question 2.

2. Could the project do any of the following?

- Have a direct and adverse effect within Wild and Scenic River Boundaries,
- Invade the area or unreasonably diminish the river outside Wild and Scenic River Boundaries, or
- Have an adverse effect on the natural, cultural, and/or recreational values of a NRI segment.

Consultation with the appropriate federal/state/local/tribal Managing Agency(s) is required, pursuant to Section 7 of the Act, to determine if the proposed project may have an adverse effect on a Wild & Scenic River or a Study River and, if so, to determine the appropriate avoidance or mitigation measures.

<u>Note</u>: Concurrence may be assumed if the Managing Agency does not respond within 30 days; however, you are still obligated to avoid or mitigate adverse effects on the rivers identified in the NWSRS

No, the Managing Agency has concurred that the proposed project will not alter, directly,
or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for
inclusion in the NWSRS.

- → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Provide documentation of the consultation (including the Managing Agency's concurrence) and any other documentation used to make your determination.
- ☐ Yes, the Managing Agency was consulted and the proposed project may alter, directly, or indirectly, any of the characteristics that qualifies or potentially qualifies the river for inclusion in the NWSRS.
- → The RE/HUD must work with the Managing Agency to identify mitigation measures to mitigate the impact or effect of the project on the river.

Worksheet Summary

Compliance Determination

Provide a clear description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your region

A review of the USFWS National Wild and Scenic River mapper identified no Wild and Scenic Rivers or National Rivers Inventory (NRI) rivers present in Coamo Municipio. The tc

closest Wild and Scenic River segment is located 215,308 feet (41 miles) from the projec site. No further evaluation is required. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?
☐ Yes
⊠ No

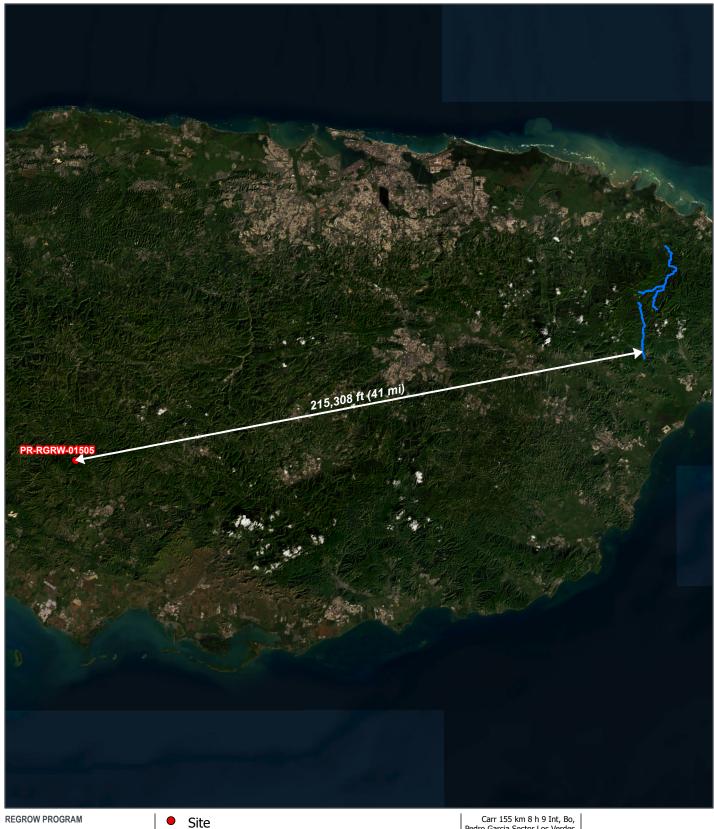


Figure B 13-1: National Wild and Scenic River Map

Applicant ID: PR-RGRW-01505

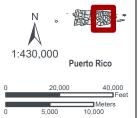


National Wild and Scenic River

Carr 155 km 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia Sector Los Verdes Coamo, Puerto Rico 00769

Parcel ID: 295-000-009-20-001 Parcel Center: 66.090387°W 18.185608°N

Data Source: https://apps.fs.usda.gov/ arcx/rest/services/EDW/ EDW_WildScenicRiverSegments, 01/ MapServer Base Map: ESRI ArcGIS Online, accessed June 2023 Updated: 6/15/2023 Layout: Wild and Scenic Rivers



Attachment 14 Environmental Justice Partner Worksheet and EJScreen Report



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, DC 20410-1000

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Environmental Justice (CEST and EA) – PARTNER

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

- 1. Were any adverse environmental impacts identified in any other compliance review portion of this project's total environmental review?
 - \square Yes \rightarrow Continue to Question 2.
 - ⊠No → If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.
- 2. Were these adverse environmental impacts disproportionately high for low-income and/or minority communities?

□Yes

Explain:

Click here to enter text.

→ The RE/HUD must work with the affected low-income or minority community to decide what mitigation actions, if any, will be taken. Provide any supporting documentation.

□No

Explain:

Click here to enter text.

→ If the RE/HUD agrees with this recommendation, the review is in compliance with this section. Continue to the Worksheet Summary below.

Worksheet Summary

Provide a full description of your determination and a synopsis of the information that it was based on, such as:

- Map panel numbers and dates
- Names of all consulted parties and relevant consultation dates
- Names of plans or reports and relevant page numbers
- Any additional requirements specific to your program or region

Include all documentation supporting your findings in your submission to HUD.

The ReGrow Program intends to alleviate negative economic impacts to, and strengthen, the agricultural industry in Puerto Rico. The project's direct and indirect impacts are limited to a small area on a single land parcel. The project will benefit the farm owner by improving agricultural use and production. The project would not facilitate development that would negatively affect human health or result in disproportionate adverse environmental impacts to low-income or minority populations. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898.



EJScreen Community Report

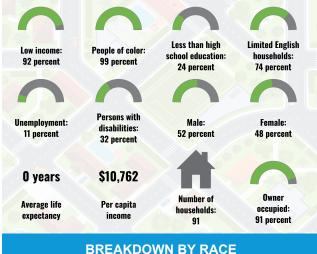
This report provides environmental and socioeconomic information for user-defined areas, and combines that data into environmental justice and supplemental indexes.

Coamo Municipio, PR

1 mile Ring Centered at 18.126014,-66.388014
Population: 200
Area in square miles: 3.14

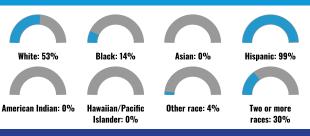
COMMUNITY INFORMATION





LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME

LANGUAGE	PERCENT
English	2%
Spanish	98%
Total Non-English	98%



BREAKDOWN BY AGE

From Ages 1 to 4	0%
From Ages 1 to 18	7%
From Ages 18 and up	93%
From Ages 65 and up	32%

LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING BREAKDOWN



Notes: Numbers may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic popultion can be of any race. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2017-2021. Life expectancy data comes from the Centers for Disease Control.

Environmental Justice & Supplemental Indexes

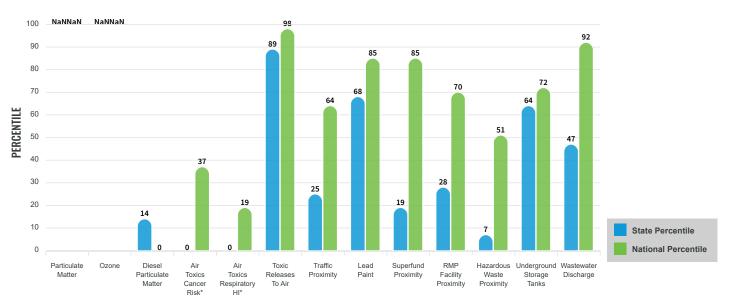
The environmental justice and supplemental indexes are a combination of environmental and socioeconomic information. There are thirteen EJ indexes and supplemental indexes in EJScreen reflecting the 13 environmental indicators. The indexes for a selected area are compared to those for all other locations in the state or nation. For more information and calculation details on the EJ and supplemental indexes, please visit the EJScreen website.

EJ INDEXES

The EJ indexes help users screen for potential EJ concerns. To do this, the EJ index combines data on low income and people of color populations with a single environmental indicator.

EJ INDEXES FOR THE SELECTED LOCATION



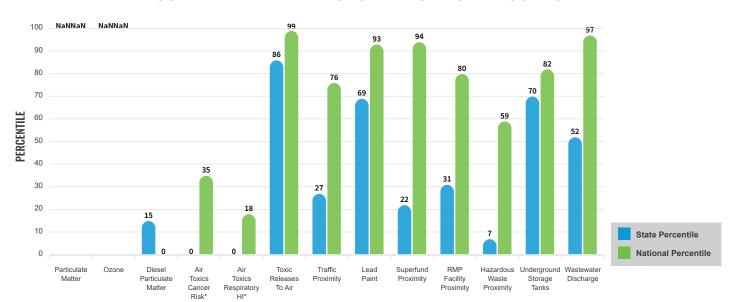


SUPPLEMENTAL INDEXES

The supplemental indexes offer a different perspective on community-level vulnerability. They combine data on percent low-income, percent linguistically isolated, percent less than high school education, percent unemployed, and low life expectancy with a single environmental indicator.

SUPPLEMENTAL INDEXES FOR THE SELECTED LOCATION





These percentiles provide perspective on how the selected block group or buffer area compares to the entire state or nation.

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EJScreen Environmental and Socioeconomic Indicators Data

SELECTED VARIABLES	VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	PERCENTILE IN STATE	USA AVERAGE	PERCENTILE IN USA
POLLUTION AND SOURCES					
Particulate Matter (µg/m³)	N/A	N/A	N/A	8.08	N/A
Ozone (ppb)	N/A	N/A	N/A	61.6	N/A
Diesel Particulate Matter (µg/m³)	0.0156	0.0667	13	0.261	0
Air Toxics Cancer Risk* (lifetime risk per million)	20	23	0	28	3
Air Toxics Respiratory HI*	0.1	0.19	0	0.31	1
Toxic Releases to Air	2,100	4,300	80	4,600	73
Traffic Proximity (daily traffic count/distance to road)	19	180	22	210	23
Lead Paint (% Pre-1960 Housing)	0.13	0.16	61	0.3	40
Superfund Proximity (site count/km distance)	0.046	0.15	15	0.13	40
RMP Facility Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.091	0.47	25	0.43	26
Hazardous Waste Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.068	0.76	5	1.9	13
Underground Storage Tanks (count/km²)	0.15	1.7	0	3.9	30
Wastewater Discharge (toxicity-weighted concentration/m distance)	0.0021	2.3	44	22	55
SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS					
Demographic Index	95%	83%	84	35%	99
Supplemental Demographic Index	50%	43%	66	14%	99
People of Color	99%	96%	23	39%	96
Low Income	92%	70%	85	31%	99
Unemployment Rate	11%	15%	45	6%	84
Limited English Speaking Households	73%	67%	57	5%	99
Less Than High School Education	24%	21%	60	12%	86
Under Age 5	0%	4%	0	6%	0
Over Age 64	32%	22%	84	17%	91
Low Life Expectancy	N/A	N/A%	N/A	20%	N/A

*Diesel particulate matter, air toxics cancer risk, and air toxics respiratory hazard index are from the EPA's Air Toxics Data Update, which is the Agency's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of air toxics in the United States. This effort aims to prioritize air toxics, emission sources, and locations of interest for further study. It is important to remember that the air toxics data presented here provide broad estimates of health risks over geographic areas of the country, not definitive risks to specific individuals or locations. Cancer risks and hazard indices from the Air Toxics Data Update are reported to one significant figures here are due to rounding. More information on the Air Toxics Data Update can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/haps/air-toxics-data-update.

Sites reporting to EPA within defined area:

Superfund	0
Hazardous Waste, Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities	0
Water Dischargers	0
Air Pollution	0
Brownfields	0
Toxic Release Inventory	O

Other community features within defined area:

Schools	
Hospitals 0	
Places of Worship 0	

Other environmental data:

\ir Non-attainment	No
mpaired Waters	Yes

Selected location contains American Indian Reservation Lands*
Selected location contains a "Justice40 (CEJST)" disadvantaged community
Selected location contains an EPA IRA disadvantaged community Yes

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EJScreen Environmental and Socioeconomic Indicators Data

HEALTH INDICATORS						
INDICATOR	HEALTH VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	STATE PERCENTILE	US AVERAGE	US PERCENTILE	
Low Life Expectancy	N/A	-99999900%	N/A	20%	N/A	
Heart Disease	N/A	-999999	N/A	6.1	N/A	
Asthma	N/A	-999999	N/A	10	N/A	
Cancer	N/A	-999999	N/A	6.1	N/A	
Persons with Disabilities	31.3%	21.6%	90	13.4%	98	

CLIMATE INDICATORS					
INDICATOR	HEALTH VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	STATE PERCENTILE	US AVERAGE	US PERCENTILE
Flood Risk	N/A	-99999900%	N/A	12%	N/A
Wildfire Risk	N/A	-99999900%	N/A	14%	N/A

CRITICAL SERVICE GAPS					
INDICATOR	HEALTH VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	STATE PERCENTILE	US AVERAGE	US PERCENTILE
Broadband Internet	37%	32%	64	14%	94
Lack of Health Insurance	5%	7%	37	9%	38
Housing Burden	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transportation Access	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Food Desert	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Footnotes

Report for 1 mile Ring Centered at 18.126014,-66.388014

Appendix C Environmental Site Inspection Report





Applicant Name: Finca Agricola	Program ID: PR-RGRW-01505
Project Coordinates:18.128676, -66.396261	Parcel ID: 295-000-009-20-001
Parcel Address: Carretera 155 KM 8 H 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia Sector, Los Verdes	Municipio: Coamo
Zip Code: 00769	

Inspector Name: Delise Torres-Ortiz	Inspection Date: June 12 th , 2023
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General Site Conditions

Was property accessible by vehicle?	Yes	Comment:
Access issues?	Yes	Comment: Locked gate and cattle
Are water wells present?	No	Comment:
Are creeks or ponds present?	Yes	Comment: Unnamed stream
Are any potential wetlands onsite or visible on adjacent parcel?	No	Comment:

Parcel Conditions

Note – for Any Yes answers specify type, contents and location

Do any of the proposed project work areas show evidence of site preparation?		Comment: The preparation work was completed years ago, before he applied to the Program, because the community has voltage problems, and it was required to install a transfer switch to acquire a generator.	
Are commercial or industrial hazardous facilities at parcel or within visual sight?	No	Comment:	
Are there signs of underground storage tanks?	No	Comment:	
Are above-ground tanks >10 gallons present? If Yes, also state condition.	Yes	Comment: The tanks contain molasses or "melaza" for the cows, but they will be removed from the area.	





Are 55-gallon drums present? If Yes, also state condition.	No	Comment:
Are abandoned vehicles or electrical equipment present?	Yes	Comment: After Hurricane Maria, they collected all the electrical posts and metal materials on the ground around the area to reuse and do fences inside the property.
Is other potential environmentally hazardous debris on the parcel?	No	Comment:
Is there non-environmentally hazardous debris on the parcel?	No	Comment:
Are any leaks, soil stains, or stressed vegetation present associated with any of the above or separately?	No	Comment:
Are there any pungent, foul or noxious odors?	No	Comment:
Are there any potentially hazardous trees that could fall?	No	Comment:
Are any bird nests visible?	No	Comment:
Are there any animal burrows visible?	No	Comment:
Are there any buildings in direct visual sight of the project locations?	No	Comment:





Additional Needs Analysis

Based on the above findings, does additional information need to be obtained from the applicant to determine whether an environmental hazard is present?	No	Comment:
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☑ I verify that I have physically visited this property and that the findings outlined above are accurate.

Delise Torres Ortiz {Delise Torres-Ortiz} {June 12th, 2023}





Following pages are used for:

Location Map with parcel boundaries and building point (Aerial base with streets labelled) Photos taken during inspection, with Date / Type / Direction associated with the photo

Location Address: Carretera 155 KM 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia

Sector, Los Verdes, Coamo, PR 00769

Photographer: Delise Torres-Ortiz

Coordinates: 18.128676, -66.396261

Photo #: 01

Date: 07/12/ 2023

Photo Direction:

Northwest

Description:

This picture is an overview of the site location for a generator with a concrete platform 8x4ft, 4 inches high over the ground, and the location for portable equipment that will be inside the corral, like a livestock scale and a headgate. The pictures show a partial view of the vehicle used in the farm, the corral, the electrical hardwood post, the concrete electrical post with the transfer switch and meter, and two aboveground tanks for molasse.



Photo #: 02

Date: 07/12/ 2023

Photo Direction:

Southeast

Description:

This picture is an overview of the site location for a generator with a concrete platform 8x4ft, 4 inches high over the ground, and the location for portable equipment (headgate and livestock scale) that will be inside the corral where the picture was taken. The picture also presents, the electrical the electrical hardwood post, the concrete electrical post with the transfer switch and meter, and two above-ground tanks for molasse.



Location Address: Carretera 155 KM 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia

Sector, Los Verdes, Coamo, PR 00769

Photographer: Delise Torres-Ortiz

Coordinates: 18.128676, -66.396261

Photo #: 03

Date: 07/12/ 2023

Photo Direction:

East

Description:

This picture overlooks the concrete post that contains the meter and the transfer switch that is required to plug in the generator. The applicant mentioned the problems with voltage in the community and the waiting on LUMA (energy company provider in Puerto Rico) to fix the problem. This is also the location for the 8x4ft, 4in H, platform (in front of the concrete post); there is a possibility the area will need some grading and the removal of the grass and the young tree.



Photo #: 04

Date: 07/12/ 2023

Photo Direction:Northwest

Description:

This picture overlooks the area where the head gate and the livestock scale will be installed. The equipment is portable and when it is not in use the applicant will store it.



Location Address: Carretera 155 KM 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia

Sector, Los Verdes, Coamo, PR 00769

Photographer: Delise Torres-Ortiz

Coordinates: 18.128676, -66.396261

Photo #: Date: 07/12/ 05 2023

Photo Direction:

North

Description:

This picture is an overview taken from the center of the site location for the installation and construction of a concrete platform 8x4ft (4in H) for a generator, a portable headgate, and a portable livestock scale (these last two will be installed inside the corral). The picture presents the entrance of the corral and the electrical post already in place and working.



Photo #: 06

Date: 07/12/ 2023

Photo Direction:

East

Description:

This picture is an overview taken from the center of the site location for the installation and construction of a concrete platform 8x4ft (4in H) for a generator, a portable headgate, and a portable livestock scale. The picture also presents two aboveground tanks for molasses to feed the cows, now empty, and reused materials for fixing the fences around the property.



Location Address: Carretera 155 KM 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia

Sector, Los Verdes, Coamo, PR 00769

Photographer: Delise Torres-Ortiz

Coordinates: 18.128676, -66.396261

Photo #: Date: 07/12/ 07 2023

Photo Direction:

South

Description:

This picture is an overview taken from the center of the site location for the installation and construction of a concrete platform 8x4ft (4in H) for a generator, a portable headgate, and a portable livestock scale (these last two will be installed inside the corral). The picture presents a partial view of the vehicle the applicant uses inside the property and the agricultural farm.



Photo #: 08

Date: 07/12/ 2023

Photo Direction:

West

Description:

This picture is an overview taken from the center of the site location for the installation and construction of a concrete platform 8x4ft (4in H) for a generator, a portable headgate, and a portable livestock scale (shown in the photo).



Location Address: Carretera 155 KM 8 h 9 Int, Bo, Pedro Garcia

Sector, Los Verdes, Coamo, PR 00769

Photographer: Delise Torres-Ortiz

Coordinates: 18.128676, -66.396261

Photo #: 09

Date: 07/12/ 2023

Photo Direction: South

Description:

This picture overlooks the unnamed stream with a constant flow crossing his property. The applicant uses this water for the crops and to water the



Photo #: 10

cows.

Date: 07/12/ 2023

Photo Direction:

Southeast

Description:

This picture overviews two above-ground tanks used for the molasse to feed the cows. The applicant mentioned they were empty, and that he will move them from the area due to the sun exposure. The picture also presents long hardwood posts, pipes, and other equipment the applicant has been reusing to do fences around his property.

