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**Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is  
Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5  
Pursuant to 24 CFR 58.35(a)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** PR-SBF-00667-Re-evaluation

**HEROS Number:** 900000010496208

**Start Date:** 09/11/2025

**State / Local Identifier:**

**Project Location:** , Salinas, PR 00751

**Additional Location Information:**

The project is located at latitude 17.981734, longitude -66.319927 at the address given above. Tax ID Number: 416-059-011-18-000.

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

This project entails the award of a small business recovery grant to Monchy Auto Collision, a Trade business, at 73 CALLE MARGARITA, BO. LAS OCHENTA, Salinas, PR 00751. The specific scope of work for this project includes the purchase of equipment including an affixed generator, a car lift, a rotary screw compressor, a paint wash lamp, a dent repair station, and a paint gun washer. Monchy Auto Collision is located at 73 Calle Margarita, Bo. Las Ochenta in the municipality of Salinas. We would like to inform you that due to a clerical error, the Program funding was awarded to the applicant in 2021, prior to the completion of an environmental review. Using a mix of Program and private funding, the applicant, Monchy Auto Collision, installed a new generator on a newly poured 15-foot by 16-foot concrete pad in 2022. A concrete column was built on the concrete pad in front of the generator, on which a new transfer switch was installed. New utility lines have been run to structures at the rear of the property in support of a new air compressor and chassis at a depth of 5 ft. Improvements include the installation of a new air compressor, which is not affixed, and a new chassis, which is affixed. Installation of the generator and new utility lines required ground disturbance. In good faith, we are submitting this case to your office for an after-the-fact review.

**Level of Environment Review Determination:**

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

**Funding Information**

| Grant Number | HUD Program            | Program Name                |                    |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| B-17-DM-72-  | Community Planning and | Community Development Block | \$1,507,179,000.00 |

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| 0001            | Development (CPD)                        | Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance)                             |                    |
| B-18-DE-72-0001 | Community Planning and Development (CPD) | Community Development Block Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance) | \$1,932,347,000.00 |
| B-18-DP-72-0001 | Community Planning and Development (CPD) | Community Development Block Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance) | \$8,220,783,000.00 |
| B-19-DP-78-0002 | Community Planning and Development (CPD) | Community Development Block Grants (Disaster Recovery Assistance) | \$277,853,230.00   |

**Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount:** \$49,698.05

**Estimated Total Project Cost [24 CFR 58.2 (a) (5)]:** \$49,698.05

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

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

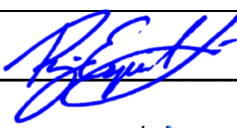
| Law, Authority, or Factor | Mitigation Measure or Condition                                                                                                                            | Comments on Completed Measures | Complete                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Floodplain Management     | Mitigation/minimization measures not required as the project activities are not substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased. | N/A                            | Mitigation/minimization measures not required as the project activities are not substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased. |

**Determination:**

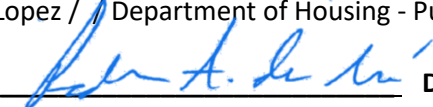
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | This categorically excluded activity/project converts to <b>EXEMPT</b> per Section 58.34(a)(12), because it does not require any mitigation for compliance with any listed statutes or authorities, nor requires any formal permit or license; <b>Funds may be committed and drawn down after certification of this part</b> for this (now) EXEMPT project; OR                                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | This categorically excluded activity/project cannot convert to Exempt status because one or more statutes or authorities listed at Section 58.5 requires formal consultation or mitigation. Complete consultation/mitigation protocol requirements, <b>publish NOI/RROF and obtain "Authority to Use Grant Funds"</b> (HUD 7015.16) per Section 58.70 and 58.71 before committing or drawing down any funds; OR |



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | This project is not categorically excluded OR, if originally categorically excluded, is now subject to a full Environmental Assessment according to Part 58 Subpart E due to extraordinary circumstances (Section 58.35(c)). |
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Preparer Signature:  Date: September 23, 2025

Name / Title/ Organization: Ricardo Espiet Lopez / Department of Housing - Puerto Rico

Responsible Entity Agency Official Signature:  Date: 9/25/2025

Name/ Title: Pedro A. de León Rodríguez, MSEM/Permits and Environmental Compliance Specialist

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environment Review Record (ERR) for the activity / project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in accordance with recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).

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Juan PR, 00928

**State / Local Identifier:**

**RE Preparer:** Ricardo Espiet Lopez

**Certifying Office**  
**r:**

**Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity):**

**Point of Contact:**

**Point of Contact:** Chris Rickard  
**Consultant (if applicable):** HORNE LLP

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

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

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**Direct Comments to:** environmentcdbg@vivienda.pr.gov

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

[PR-SBF-00667 ATF CEST Memorandum\\_PRDOH.pdf](#)

[PR-SBF-00667 IUGF.pdf](#)

**Level of Environmental Review Determination:**

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**58.5:**

58.35(a)(3)(iii)

**Determination:**

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**Approval Documents:**[00667-SIG-PAGE.pdf](#)

**7015.15 certified by Certifying Officer**  
**on:**

**7015.16 certified by Authorizing Officer**  
**on:**

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

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| <b>Compliance Factors:</b><br>Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §50.4, §58.5, and §58.6                                  | Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?                 | Compliance determination<br>(See Appendix A for source determinations)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 &amp; § 58.6</b>                                                              |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Airport Hazards</b><br>Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | The nearest airport RPZ/CZ is approximately 79,040 feet away. The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Coastal Barrier Resources Act</b><br>Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. It is 2,518 feet from a protected area. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Flood Insurance</b><br>Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a] | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Flood Map Number 72000C2080J, effective on 11/18/2009: The structure or insurable property is not located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with flood insurance requirements. |
| <b>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR §50.4 &amp; § 58.5</b>                                                              |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Air Quality</b><br>Clean Air Act, as amended,<br>particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40<br>CFR Parts 6, 51, 93 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Coastal Zone Management Act</b><br>Coastal Zone Management Act,<br>sections 307(c) & (d)                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. The Puerto Rican Planning Board (PRBR) determined the Small Business Financing (SBF) program will have no significant impact on Puerto Rican Coastal Resources and does not require a Federal Consistency Review (see attached Resolution JP-2024-004).                                                         |
| <b>Contamination and Toxic Substances</b><br>24 CFR 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)]                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. A review of science-based radon data offered a lack of data for the project site and radon testing was determined to be infeasible or impracticable. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements. |
| <b>Endangered Species Act</b><br>Endangered Species Act of 1973,<br>particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | This project will have No Effect on listed species based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Explosive and Flammable Hazards</b><br>Above-Ground Tanks)[24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Farmlands Protection</b><br>Farmland Protection Policy Act of                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658                                                                               |                                                                     | agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Floodplain Management</b><br>Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55                                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | FIRM Flood Map Number 72000C2080J, effective on 11/18/2009: PFIRMs in Puerto Rico were only developed for certain sections of the municipalities of Carolina, Canovanas, Loiza, San Juan and Trujillo Alto. The proposed project is located in the municipality of Salinas; therefore, PFIRM information was not available for the area and therefore not considered in the review. This project is located in the FFRMS floodplain. The 8-Step or 5-Step Process is required. With the 8-Step or 5-Step Process the project will be in compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 13690. |
| <b>Historic Preservation</b><br>National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Based on Section 106 consultation there are No Historic Properties Affected because there are no historic properties present. The project is in compliance with Section 106.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Noise Abatement and Control</b><br>Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under HUD's noise regulation. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sole Source Aquifers</b><br>Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Based on the project description, the project consists of activities that are unlikely to have an adverse impact on groundwater resources. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements. According to EPA, there are no sole source aquifers in Puerto Rico.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wetlands Protection</b><br>Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Based on the project description this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990. This project does not involve new construction, so a visual wetlands survey was not conducted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| <b>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act</b><br>Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968,<br>particularly section 7(b) and (c) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is located 207,687 feet from the nearest Wild and Scenic River. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>HUD HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS</b>                                                                    |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE</b>                                                                                  |                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Environmental Justice</b><br>Executive Order 12898                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | No adverse environmental impacts were identified in the project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898. On January 21, 2025, President Donald Trump issued the Executive Order titled "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity", which revoked Executive Order 12898 and eliminated federal mandates requiring agencies to assess environmental justice impacts. Consequently, there is no longer a federal requirement to address environmental justice concerns in the environmental compliance review process. |

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

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

| Law, Authority, or Factor | Mitigation Measure or Condition                                                 | Comments on Completed Measures | Mitigation Plan                                                                 | Complete |
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| Floodplain Management     | Mitigation/minimization measures not required as the project activities are not | N/A                            | Mitigation/minimization measures not required as the project activities are not |          |



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|  | substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased. |  | substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased. |  |
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**Project Mitigation Plan**

Mitigation/minimization measures not required as the project activities are not substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased.

**Supporting documentation on completed measures**

## APPENDIX A: Related Federal Laws and Authorities

### Airport Hazards

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

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

✓ No

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

Yes

### Screen Summary

#### Compliance Determination

The nearest airport RPZ/CZ is approximately 79,040 feet away. The project site is not within 15,000 feet of a military airport or 2,500 feet of a civilian airport. The project is in compliance with Airport Hazards requirements.

#### Supporting documentation

[PR-SBF-00667 Airports.pdf](#)

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No

## Coastal Barrier Resources

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

**1. Is the project located in a CBRS Unit?**

☒ No

Document and upload map and documentation below.

Yes

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project is not located in a CBRS Unit. It is 2,518 feet from a protected area. Therefore, this project has no potential to impact a CBRS Unit and is in compliance with the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

[PR-SBF-00667 CBRS.pdf](#)

#### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

☒ No

**Flood Insurance**

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

**1. Does this project involve financial assistance for construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition of a mobile home, building, or insurable personal property?**

No. This project does not require flood insurance or is excepted from flood insurance.

✓ Yes

**2. Upload a FEMA/FIRM map showing the site here:**

[PR-SBF-00667 FIRM.pdf](#)

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). For projects in areas not mapped by FEMA, use the best available information to determine floodplain information. Include documentation, including a discussion of why this is the best available information for the site. Provide FEMA/FIRM floodplain zone designation, panel number, and date within your documentation.

**Is the structure, part of the structure, or insurable property located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area?**

✓ No

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

Yes

**4. While flood insurance is not mandatory for this project, HUD strongly recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance**

**Program (NFIP). Will flood insurance be required as a mitigation measure or condition?**

Yes

✓ No

**Screen Summary**

**Compliance Determination**

Flood Map Number 72000C2080J, effective on 11/18/2009: The structure or insurable property is not located in a FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Area. While flood insurance may not be mandatory in this instance, HUD recommends that all insurable structures maintain flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The project is in compliance with flood insurance requirements.

**Supporting documentation**

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

**Air Quality**

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

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

Yes

☒ No

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

**Screen Summary****Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under the Clean Air Act. The project is in compliance with the Clean Air Act.

**Supporting documentation****Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

☒ No

**Coastal Zone Management Act**

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

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

Yes

☒ No

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

**Screen Summary****Compliance Determination**

This project is not located in or does not affect a Coastal Zone as defined in the state Coastal Management Plan. The project is in compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act. The Puerto Rican Planning Board (PRBR) determined the Small Business Financing (SBF) program will have no significant impact on Puerto Rican Coastal Resources and does not require a Federal Consistency Review (see attached Resolution JP-2024-004).

**Supporting documentation**

[CZM Resolution JP-2024-004 \(First Amendment Nov 20 2024\).pdf](#)  
[PR-SBF-00667 CZM.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

☒ No





**Contamination and Toxic Substances**

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

**1. How was site contamination evaluated?\* Select all that apply.**

ASTM Phase I ESA

ASTM Phase II ESA

Remediation or clean-up plan

ASTM Vapor Encroachment Screening.

☒ None of the above

\* HUD regulations at 24 CFR § 58.5(i)(2)(ii) require that the environmental review for multifamily housing with five or more dwelling units or non-residential property include the evaluation of previous uses of the site or other evidence of contamination on or near the site.

For acquisition and new construction of multifamily and nonresidential properties HUD strongly advises the review include an ASTM Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to meet real estate transaction standards of due diligence and to help ensure compliance with HUD's toxic policy at 24 CFR §58.5(i) and 24 CFR §50.3(i). Also note that some HUD programs require an ASTM Phase I ESA.

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

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

✓ No

Explain:

Based on NEPA data, there are no toxic sites within 3,000 feet of the applicant location. The environmental field observation did not note any items of concern. See the attached environmental field observation report. A google earth review of the area shows no visible hazards. The past land use for the last 10-15 year is urban.

Yes

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

\*\* Utilize EPA's Enviromapper, NEPAAssist, or state/tribal databases to identify nearby dumps, junk yards, landfills, hazardous waste sites, and industrial sites, including EPA National Priorities List Sites (Superfund sites), CERCLA or state-equivalent sites, RCRA Corrective Action sites with release(s) or suspected release(s) requiring clean-up action and/or further investigation. Additional supporting documentation may include other inspections and reports.

**3. Evaluate the building(s) for radon. Do all buildings meet any of the exemptions\* from having to consider radon in the contamination analysis listed in CPD Notice [CPD-23-103](#)?**

Yes

Explain:

✓ No

\* Notes:

- Buildings with no enclosed areas having ground contact.
- Buildings containing crawlspaces, utility tunnels, or parking garages would not be exempt, however buildings built on piers would be exempt, provided that there is open air between the lowest floor of the building and the ground.
- Buildings that are not residential and will not be occupied for more than 4 hours per day.
- Buildings with existing radon mitigation systems - document radon levels are below 4 pCi/L with test results dated within two years of submitting the application for HUD assistance and document the system includes an ongoing maintenance plan that includes periodic testing to ensure the system continues to meet the current EPA recommended levels. If the project does not require an application, document test results dated within two years of the date the environmental review is certified. Refer to program office guidance to ensure compliance with program requirements.

- Buildings tested within five years of the submission of application for HUD assistance: test results document indoor radon levels are below current the EPA's recommended action levels of 4.0 pCi/L. For buildings with test data older than five years, any new environmental review must include a consideration of radon using one of the methods in Section A below.

**4. Is the proposed project new construction or substantial rehabilitation where testing will be conducted but cannot yet occur because building construction has not been completed?**

Yes

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

✓ No

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

Yes

✓ No

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

Explain:

Radon testing is not feasible or practicable for this case, please see the attached Radon Memo.

File Upload:

[PR-SBF-00667 HORNE Radon Memo.docx](#)  
[Radon Attachments.pdf](#)

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

Non-radon contamination was found in a previous question.

**Screen Summary**

**Compliance Determination**

Site contamination was evaluated as follows: None of the above. On-site or nearby toxic, hazardous, or radioactive substances that could affect the health and safety of project occupants or conflict with the intended use of the property were not found. A review of science-based radon data offered a lack of data for the project site and radon testing was determined to be infeasible or impracticable. The project is in compliance with contamination and toxic substances requirements.

**Supporting documentation**

[PR-SBF-00667 Toxics.pdf](#)  
[PR-SBF-00667 EFOR.docx](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

**Endangered Species**

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

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

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

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

Explain your determination:

This project clears via the project criteria 4 of the USFWS Blanket Clearance Letter. See attached Endangered Species Act self-certification form.

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

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

**Screen Summary****Compliance Determination**

This project will have No Effect on listed species based on a letter of understanding, memorandum of agreement, programmatic agreement, or checklist provided by local HUD office. This project is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

**Supporting documentation**

[PR-SBF-00667 USFWS Self-Certification Form.pdf](#)

[PR-SBF-00667 EFOR\(1\).docx](#)

[PR-SBF-00667 iPaC.pdf](#)

[USFWS Letter UPDATED.pdf](#)

[PR-SBF-00667 Wetlands\(1\).pdf](#)

[PR-SBF-00667 Site Map.pdf](#)

[PR-SBF-00667 Endangered Species.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

## Explosive and Flammable Hazards

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

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

✓ No

Yes

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

✓ No

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

Yes

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description the project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with explosive and flammable hazard requirements.

#### **Supporting documentation**

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

## Farmlands Protection

| General requirements                                                                                                              | Legislation                                                    | Regulation                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) discourages federal activities that would convert farmland to nonagricultural purposes. | Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981 (7 U.S.C. 4201 et seq.) | <a href="#">7 CFR Part 658</a> |

**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

✓ No

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

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

### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project does not include any activities that could potentially convert agricultural land to a non-agricultural use. The project is in compliance with the Farmland Protection Policy Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

[PR-SBF-00667 Farmlands.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No



**Floodplain Management**

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

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

Yes

(a) HUD-assisted activities described in 24 CFR 58.34 and 58.35(b).

(b) HUD-assisted activities described in 24 CFR 50.19, except as otherwise indicated in § 50.19.

(c) The approval of financial assistance for restoring and preserving the natural and beneficial functions and values of floodplains and wetlands, including through acquisition of such floodplain and wetland property, where a permanent covenant or comparable restriction is place on the property's continued use for flood control, wetland projection, open space, or park land, but only if:

(1) The property is cleared of all existing buildings and walled structures; and

(2) The property is cleared of related improvements except those which:

(i) Are directly related to flood control, wetland protection, open space, or park land (including playgrounds and recreation areas);

(ii) Do not modify existing wetland areas or involve fill, paving, or other ground disturbance beyond minimal trails or paths; and

(iii) Are designed to be compatible with the beneficial floodplain or wetland function of the property.

(d) An action involving a repossession, receivership, foreclosure, or similar acquisition of property to protect or enforce HUD's financial interests under previously approved loans, grants, mortgage insurance, or other HUD assistance.

(e) Policy-level actions described at 24 CFR 50.16 that do not involve site-based decisions.

(f) A minor amendment to a previously approved action with no additional adverse impact on or from a floodplain or wetland.

(g) HUD's or the responsible entity's approval of a project site, an incidental portion of which is situated in the FFRMS floodplain (not including the floodway, LiMWA, or coastal high hazard area) but only if: (1) The proposed project site does not include any existing or proposed buildings or improvements that modify or occupy the FFRMS floodplain except de minimis improvements such as recreation areas and trails; and (2) the proposed project will not result in any new construction in or modifications of a wetland .

(h) Issuance or use of Housing Vouchers, or other forms of rental subsidy where HUD, the awarding community, or the public housing agency that administers the contract awards rental subsidies that are not project-based (i.e., do not involve site-specific subsidies).

(i) Special projects directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to elderly and persons with disabilities.

Describe:

✓ No

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

Yes

Describe:

✓ No

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

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain can be determined using a Climate Informed Science Approach (CISA), 0.2 percent flood approach (0.2 PFA), or freeboard value approach (FVA). For projects in areas without available CISA data or without FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) or Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs), use the best available information<sup>1</sup> to determine flood elevation. Include documentation and an explanation of why this is the best available information<sup>2</sup> for the site. Note that newly constructed and substantially improved<sup>3</sup> structures must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain regardless of the approach chosen to determine the floodplain.

Select one of the following three options:

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Sources which merit investigation include the files and studies of other federal agencies, such as the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Soil Conservation Service and the U. S. Geological Survey. These agencies have prepared flood hazard studies for several thousand localities and, through their technical assistance programs, hydrologic studies, soil surveys, and other investigations have collected or developed other floodplain information for numerous sites and areas. States and communities are also sources of information on past flood 'experiences within their boundaries and are particularly knowledgeable about areas subject to high-risk flood hazards such as alluvial fans, high velocity flows, mudflows and mudslides, ice jams, subsidence and liquefaction.

<sup>2</sup> If you are using best available information, select the FVA option below and provide supporting documentation in the screen summary. Contact your [local environmental officer](#) with additional compliance questions.

<sup>3</sup> Substantial improvement means any repair or improvement of a structure which costs at least 50 percent of the market value of the structure before repair or improvement or results in an increase of more than 20 percent of the number of dwelling units. The full definition can be found at [24 CFR 55.2\(b\)\(12\)](#).

5. Does your project occur in the FFRMS floodplain?

☒ Yes

No

6. Is your project located in any of the floodplain categories below?

Select all that apply:

Floodway.

Do the floodway exemptions at 55.8 or 55.21 apply?

Yes

No

Coastal High Hazard Area (V Zone) or Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA).

Yes

No

☒ None of the above.

7. Does the 8-Step Process apply? Select one of the following options:

8-Step Process is inapplicable per 55.13.

(a) HUD's mortgage insurance actions and other financial assistance for the purchasing, mortgaging, or refinancing of existing one- to four-family properties in communities that are in the Regular Program of the NFIP and in good standing ( i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24), where the action is not a critical action and the property is not located in a floodway, coastal high hazard area, or LiMWA;

(b) Financial assistance for minor repairs or improvements on one- to four-family properties that do not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(12);

(c) HUD or a recipient's actions involving the disposition of individual HUD or recipient held, one- to four-family properties;

(d) HUD guarantees under the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund Program (24 CFR part 573), where any new construction or rehabilitation financed by the existing loan or mortgage has been completed prior to the filing of an application under the program, and the refinancing will not allow further construction or rehabilitation, nor result in any physical impacts or changes except for routine maintenance;

(e) The approval of financial assistance to lease units within an existing structure located within the floodplain, but only if;

(1) The structure is located outside the floodway or coastal high hazard area, and is in a community that is in the Regular Program of the NFIP and in good standing (i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24); and

(2) The project is not a critical action; and.

(3) The entire structure is or will be fully insured or insured to the maximum extent available under the NFIP for at least the term of the lease.

(f) Special projects for the purpose of improving efficiency of utilities or installing renewable energy that involve the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing structures or infrastructure, do not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(12), and do not include the installation of equipment below the FFRMS floodplain elevation;

✓ 5-Step Process is applicable per 55.14.

(a) HUD actions involving the disposition of HUD-acquired multifamily housing projects or "bulk sales" of HUD-acquired one- to four-family properties in communities that are in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and in good standing (i.e., not suspended from program eligibility or placed on probation under 44 CFR 59.24).

(b) HUD's actions under the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1701) for the purchase or refinancing of existing multifamily housing projects, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, and intermediate care facilities, in communities that are in good standing under the NFIP.

(c) HUD's or the recipient's actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing multifamily housing projects, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, intermediate care facilities, and one- to four-family properties, in communities that are in the Regular Program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and are in good standing, provided that the number of units is not increased more than 20 percent, the action does not involve a conversion from nonresidential to residential land use, the action does not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(10), and the footprint of the structure and paved areas is not increased by more than 20 percent.

- ✓ (d) HUD's (or the recipient's) actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, modernization, weatherization, or improvement of existing nonresidential buildings and structures, in communities that are in the Regular Program of the NFIP and are in good standing, provided that the action does not meet the thresholds for "substantial improvement" under § 55.2(b)(10) and that the footprint of the structure and paved areas is not increased by more than 20 percent.

(e) HUD's or the recipient's actions under any HUD program involving the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing nonstructural improvements including streets, curbs and gutters, where any increase of the total impervious surface area of the facility is de minimis. This provision does not include critical actions, levee systems, chemical storage facilities (including any tanks), wastewater facilities, or sewer lagoons.

8-Step Process applies.

## 8. Mitigation

For the project to comply with this section, all adverse impacts must be mitigated. Explain in detail the measures that must be implemented to mitigate the impact or effect, including the timeline for implementation. Note: newly constructed and substantially improved structures within the FFRMS floodplain must be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain elevation or floodproofed, if applicable.

Explain:

Mitigation/minimization measures not required as the project activities are not substantial improvement and the building footprint is not being increased.

Which of the following if any mitigation/minimization measures have been identified for this project in the 8-Step or 5-Step Process?

Buyout and demolition or other supported clearance of floodplain structures.

Insurance purchased in excess of statutory requirement th eunder the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

Permeable surfaces.

Natural landscape enhancements that maintain or restore natural hydrology.

Planting or restoring native plant species.

Bioswales.

Stormwater capture and reuse.

Green or vegetative roofs with drainage provisions.

Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation easements or similar easements.

Floodproofing of structures as allowable (e.g. non-residential floors) .

Elevating structures (including freeboard above the required base flood elevations) .

Levee or structural protection from flooding.

Channelizing or redefining the floodway or floodplain through a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).

### **Screen Summary**

#### **Compliance Determination**

FIRM Flood Map Number 72000C2080J, effective on 11/18/2009: PFIRMs in Puerto Rico were only developed for certain sections of the municipalities of Carolina, Canovanas, Loiza, San Juan and Trujillo Alto. The proposed project is located in the

municipality of Salinas; therefore, PFIRM information was not available for the area and therefore not considered in the review. This project is located in the FFRMS floodplain. The 8-Step or 5-Step Process is required. With the 8-Step or 5-Step Process the project will be in compliance with Executive Orders 11988 and 13690.

**Supporting documentation**

[PR-SBF-00667 5-Step Process.docx](#)

[PR-SBF-00667 FIRM\(1\).pdf](#)

[PR-SBF-00667 ABFE.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

✓ Yes

No



**Historic Preservation**

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

**Threshold****Is Section 106 review required for your project?**

No, because the project consists solely of activities listed as exempt in a Programmatic Agreement (PA ). (See the PA Database to find applicable PAs.)

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

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

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

- ✓ State Historic Preservation Offer (SHPO) Completed

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

Other Consulting Parties

**Describe the process of selecting consulting parties and initiating consultation here:**

Only SHPO was consulted as No Historic Properties Affected was determined and no Tribal Lands were identified.

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

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

Yes

No

***Step 2 – Identify and Evaluate Historic Properties***

1. Define the Area of Potential Effect (APE), either by entering the address(es) or uploading a map depicting the APE below:

73 CALLE MARGARITA, BO. LAS OCHENTA, Salinas, PR 00751

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

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

| Address / Location<br>/ District | National Register<br>Status | SHPO Concurrence | Sensitive<br>Information |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|

**Additional Notes:**

No historic properties within the APE.

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

Yes

✓ No

***Step 3 –Assess Effects of the Project on Historic Properties***

Only properties that are listed on or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places receive

further consideration under Section 106. Assess the effect(s) of the project by applying the Criteria of Adverse Effect. (36 CFR 800.5)] Consider direct and indirect effects as applicable as per guidance on direct and indirect effects.

**Choose one of the findings below - No Historic Properties Affected, No Adverse Effect, or Adverse Effect; and seek concurrence from consulting parties.**

✓ No Historic Properties Affected

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

**Document reason for finding:**

✓ No historic properties present.

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

No Adverse Effect

Adverse Effect

**Screen Summary**

**Compliance Determination**

Based on Section 106 consultation there are No Historic Properties Affected because there are no historic properties present. The project is in compliance with Section 106.

**Supporting documentation**

[PR-SBF-00667 Historic.pdf](#)

[PR-SBF-00667 SHPO Consultation Package.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

## Noise Abatement and Control

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

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

New construction for residential use

Rehabilitation of an existing residential property

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

An interstate land sales registration

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

✓ None of the above

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description, this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under HUD's noise regulation. The project is in compliance with HUD's Noise regulation.

#### **Supporting documentation**

#### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

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evaluation

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✓ No

### Sole Source Aquifers

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

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

✓ Yes

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

No

#### Screen Summary

##### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description, the project consists of activities that are unlikely to have an adverse impact on groundwater resources. The project is in compliance with Sole Source Aquifer requirements. According to EPA, there are no sole source aquifers in Puerto Rico.

##### **Supporting documentation**

[PR-SBF-00667 SSA.pdf](#)

##### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

## Wetlands Protection

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

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

✓ No

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

Yes

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

Based on the project description this project includes no activities that would require further evaluation under this section. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 11990. This project does not involve new construction, so a visual wetlands survey was not conducted.

#### **Supporting documentation**

[PR-SBF-00667 Wetlands.pdf](#)

**Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No

## Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

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

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

✓ No

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

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

### Screen Summary

#### **Compliance Determination**

This project is not within proximity of a NWSRS river. The project is located 207,687 feet from the nearest Wild and Scenic River. The project is in compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

#### **Supporting documentation**

[PR-SBF-00667 Wild and Scenic.pdf](#)

#### **Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?**

Yes

✓ No



**Environmental Justice**

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

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

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

Yes

✓ No

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

**Screen Summary****Compliance Determination**

No adverse environmental impacts were identified in the project's total environmental review. The project is in compliance with Executive Order 12898. On January 21, 2025, President Donald Trump issued the Executive Order titled "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity", which revoked Executive Order 12898 and eliminated federal mandates requiring agencies to assess environmental justice impacts. Consequently, there is no longer a federal requirement to address environmental justice concerns in the environmental compliance review process.

**Supporting documentation**

Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?

Yes

✓ No



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO  
PUERTO RICO PLANNING BOARD

November 20, 2024

**RESOLUTION JP-2024-004**  
**First Amendment**

Federal Consistency Certification with the  
Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program  
Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) and  
Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)

The United States (U.S.) Government, through Major Disaster Declarations (DR-4336 and DR-4339), declared Puerto Rico a disaster area after the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and María. Considering this event, the U.S. Congress approved Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds for Puerto Rico's unmet disaster recovery needs, and Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds for the Commonwealth's long-term planning and risk mitigation activities. Moreover, the Congress approved additional CDBG-DR funds for the Commonwealth in response to Major Disaster Declarations: DR-4336, DR-4339, DR-4473, and DR-4671.

The damage caused by high-speed winds, storm surges, earthquakes, flooding, and landslides attributed to major disasters, had devastating effects on Puerto Rico's coastal areas that need to be addressed in an expeditious manner. While many of the direct emergency needs have been met, disaster recovery and mitigation need of the Commonwealth are on-going and will continue into the near future.

The Law Number 75 of June 24, 1975, as amended (Organic law of the Puerto Rico Planning Board) grants the Puerto Rico Planning Board (PRPB) the responsibility and powers to guide the comprehensive development of Puerto Rico, guaranteeing the general well-being of its current and future inhabitants.

The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq) establishes that federal agency activities including the award of Federal Assistance must be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of approved state management programs. The Puerto Rico Planning Board (PRPB) is the designated state agency to review and determine Federal Consistency with the PR Coastal Zone Management Program according to established procedures at 15 CFR Part 930.

The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is formally the Grantee for the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT funds. The Governor of Puerto Rico designated the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) as the grantee for the purposes of administering these funds and executing grant agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the federal oversight agency for the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT funding.

Taking into consideration the high volume of requests for federal assistance that has been generated as part of the recovery process following the disaster declarations and the current need to expedite this process, the PRPB proceeded to carry out a review of Federal Consistency with the PMZCPR for the following federal assistance programs:

- CDBG-DR eligible activities provided in Section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA), and outlined in the applicable Federal Register Notices, the CDBG-DR Action Plan and CDBG-DR Program Guidelines.
- CDBG-MIT eligible activities provided in Section 105(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (HCDA), and outlined in the applicable Federal Notices, the CDBG-MIT Action Plan and CDBG-MIT Program Guidelines.



After considering the information provided by PRDOH in relation to the eligible projects and activities to be awarded by the above-mentioned programs, the PR Planning Board (PRPB) in their meeting held on July 24, 2024, agreed the following:

- A. The following activities or projects to be financed under the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT programs have no significant impact on Puerto Coastal Resources and do not require Federal Consistency review:
  - 1. Activities to be financed under the following subprograms:
    - a. **Community Energy and Water Resilience Installations Program (CEWRI)**: The Program provide single-family homeowners energy and water efficiency improvements to promote resilience by installing PV systems with battery backup for critical loads and water storage systems.
    - b. **The Workforce Training Program (WFT)**: supports entities throughout the Island to offer training in job skills related to the reconstruction and economic growth of Puerto Rico. Also, those skills necessary to situate the Island in the economy of the future.
    - c. **Small Business Financing Program (SBF)**: will provide a Recovery Grants phase (grants awards of up to \$150,000) for working capital and movable equipment for small businesses and microenterprises that suffered physical and/or financial losses due to the Hurricanes. Start-ups created after the Hurricanes are also eligible if they can show their creation was the result of a closure of a previous business of same owner(s), after damages caused by the Hurricanes.
    - d. **Re-grow PR Urban-Rural Agriculture Program**: Develop, Increase and improve agricultural capacity and addresses 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.
  - 2. Projects or activities that are exempt from construction permits according to Act 161-2009, as amended, known as the "Puerto Rico Permit Process Reform Act" and the "Joint Regulation for Evaluation and Expedition of Permits Related to Development, Land Use and Business Operation" (Regulation Number 9473).
- B. Federal assistance awarded under the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT programs for demolition of structures with the purpose of restoring green areas, beaches, water retention areas and habitat recovery is consistent with the PRCZMP.
- C. Federal assistance awarded under the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT programs for projects that involve demolition for reconstruction, reconstruction or construction of a new structure is consistent with the PRCZMP if the project fulfills the following requirements:
  - 1. The project must comply with land use regulations established under the PR Land Use Plan, Territorial Plans and special plans that apply according to the location of the project.
  - 2. The structure to be constructed or reconstructed must comply with applicable regulations and parameters established in the "Joint Regulation for Evaluation and Expedition of Permits Related to Development, Land Use and Business Operation" (Regulation Number 9473).



3. Each project must provide evidence of compliance with the PR Environmental Policy Law (Law number 416 of September 22, 2004) by providing copy of the Environmental Compliance Determination emitted by OGPe.
  4. The structure to be built or rehabilitated must be located outside flood risk zones according to the “Recommended Base Flood Level Maps” (FEMA Advisory Maps) effective on April 13, 2018, or the most recent FEMA map that applies according to the location of the project.
  5. Structures located within a flood hazard zone must evidence compliance with the Special Flood Hazard Zone Regulations (Planning Regulation Number 13) by providing copy of the FEMA Elevation Certificate (form ff-206-fy22-152) completed and signed by an engineer or surveyor.
  6. In the case of projects that are located within Historic Zones designated by the PR Planning Board, or if the structure was designated as a Historic Site, the project must have the endorsement of the Puerto Rican Culture Institute and the State Historic Preservation Office.
- D. Federal assistance awarded under the CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT programs for infrastructure projects (sidewalks, roads, highways, service lines, public squares) are consistent with the PRCZMP with the condition that the applicant fulfill the following requirements before the construction phase of the project:
1. Evidence compliance with the PR Environmental Policy Law (Law number 416 of September 22, 2004) by providing copy of the Environmental Compliance Determination emitted by the PR Permit Management Office (OGPe).
  2. Evidence compliance with the Special Flood Hazard Zone Regulations (Planning Regulation Number 13) when it is required depending on the nature and location of the project.
  3. In the case of projects that are located within Historic Zones designated by the PR Planning Board, the project must have the endorsement of the Puerto Rican Culture Institute.

The Office of Geology and Hydrogeology (OGH) of the Puerto Rico Planning Board will provide a conditioned certification letter which will allow the applicant to have access to the funds to finance the design and permitting phase. The Puerto Rico Planning Board in its meeting of November 20, 2024 determined that the applicant must fulfill the above mentioned requirements **120 days from receipt of the OGH Conditioned Certification letter**. If the applicant needs additional time to fulfill the required documents, it must be justified and requested referring to the assigned case number through [comentariosjp.pr.gov](http://comentariosjp.pr.gov).

- E. Furthermore, The PR Planning Board on February 1, 2023, issued Resolution JP-339 that covers Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Public Assistance Program (PA) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Therefore, federal assistance awarded through the “Infrastructure Coordination Program” to match the non-federal items that are required for projects under PA and HMGP programs **are covered by Resolution JP-339 and will not require to be submitted to the PRPB for federal consistency review**.

- F. Hence, Projects for the reconstruction, repair, or rehabilitation of structures for water-dependent uses (piers, boat ramps etc.) **are not covered under this Resolution and must be filed at the US Army Corps of Engineers through RSS.**

This General Federal Consistency Certification will be in effect for five (5) years from the notification date of this resolution. The Certification at reference will be renewed or amended if necessary to extend its validity or address other matters.

**The following parties shall be notified:** William Rodríguez, Secretary, PR Department of Housing (PRDH); **Angel G. López Guzmán**, Permits and Environmental Compliance Division, PRDH; **Juan C. Perez Bofill**, PRDH; **Aldo A. Rivera**, PRDH; Alberto Mercado, **Jose A. Cedeño Maldonado**, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), **Donna M. Mahon**, HUD and **Magaly Massanet Rodríguez**, Director, Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program, DNER.

**ADOPTED** in San Juan, Puerto Rico on July 24, 2024.

**Amended** today, November 20, 2024.

Plan. Julio Lassús Ruiz, LLM, MP, PPL  
President

Ing. José Díaz Díaz, MEM, BSIE  
Associate Member

Lemuel Rivera Rivera, BSEE, CAPM  
Associate Member

Plan. Rebecca Rivera Torres, MPR, PPL  
Alternate Member

**Certify:** That this Resolution is copy of the agreement adopted by Puerto Rico Planning Board in its meeting of **November 20, 2024**. I expedite and notify this copy to the parties under my sign and official stamp of the Puerto Rico Planning Board stamp, for general use and knowledge.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today,

DEC 23 2024

Edgardo Vázquez  
Secretary



GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO  
JUNTA DE PLANIFICACIÓN





## Self-Certification

<https://www.fws.gov/office/caribbean-ecological-services>

### Endangered Species Act Certification

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office developed a Blanket Clearance Letter in compliance with Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act for federally funded projects.

The Service determined that projects in compliance with the following criteria are not likely to adversely affect federally-listed species.

The Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) certifies that the following project **Monchy Auto Collision (PR-SBF-00667)**, under the CDBG-DR Re-grow Puerto Rico Program, consisting of the purchase of equipment including an affixed generator, a car lift, a rotary screw compressor, a paint wash lamp, a dent repair station, and a paint gun washer, located at 73 CALLE MARGARITA, BO. LAS OCHENTA, Salinas, PR 00751, complies with:

| Check                    | Project Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Activities related to the resurfacing existing streets or roads; maintenance of existing upland gabion or reinforced concrete retention walls; construction, reconstruction or repair of gutters and sidewalks along existing roads.                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct and/or rehabilitate facilities in already established public transportation systems (signs, sidewalks and ramps, bus stops and existing routes).                                                                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, rehabilitate and/or expanding existing public transportation facilities located in urban or developed areas.                                                                                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Construction of new facilities for public transportation systems (e.g. school bus stops, city buses, trolleybuses, public car stops, public car terminal) in urban or developed areas.                                                                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, or rehabilitate existing bridges or rip-rap. We recommend following FWS rip-rap guidance for design: <a href="https://www.fws.gov/media/guidance-repair-replacement-and-clean-">https://www.fws.gov/media/guidance-repair-replacement-and-clean-</a> |

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|                                     | <a href="#"><u>structures-streams-and-waterways-puerto-rico-and-us</u></a>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 6. Reconstruction, or emergency repairs, of existing structures, including but not limited to buildings, facilities and homes.                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 7. Demolition of dilapidated single-family homes or buildings.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 8. Rebuilding of demolished single-family homes or buildings.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 9. Retrofitting existing buildings.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 10. Construction of residential and/or commercial facilities.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 11. Construction, repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, and/or rehabilitate recreational facilities.                                                                                                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 12. Addition of concrete pads to the existing footprint of a residential and/or commercial structure, provided that the resulting addition is less than 20% of the size of the existing structure.                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 13. Improvement or renovations to existing structures (exterior and interior) renovations resulting in an exterior increase greater than 20%.                                                                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 14. Improvements or renovations to existing structures (exterior and interior renovations) resulting in an exterior increase of less than 20%.                                                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 15. Acquisition of residential and/or commercial properties in urban or developed areas for the relocation of families and/or activities.                                                                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 16. Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and/or expansion of cemeteries.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 17. Installation/drilling of new water well and associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground.                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 18. Establishment of power facilities, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.                                                                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 19. Construction of electrical system infrastructure and associated components, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 20. Construction of land based small electric generating facilities, including those fueled with wind, sun, or biomass, capable of producing no more than 10 MW.                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 21. Activities within existing Right of Ways (ROWs) related to water and sanitary infrastructure; communication infrastructure; roads, bridges and highways without the removal of native vegetation and/or major earth movement. |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 22. Construction of rooftop or urban telecommunications systems and associated components, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.                                                 |



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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 23. Establishment of temporary debris storage (TDS) facilities.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 24. Establishment and/or closure of solid waste management facilities. <b>But not new landfills.</b>                                                                                                                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 25. Installation of water storage systems (cisterns) and associated infrastructure, either above ground or underground, including but not limited to installations on existing or new concrete pads, or existing or new roofs.                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 26. Installation of solar panels, battery storage systems and/or associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground, on existing or new concrete pads, existing or new roofs, ground or pole mounted.                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 27. Installation of generators on existing or new concrete slabs, and associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground.                                                                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 28. Repair of existing agricultural structures including but not limited to greenhouses, warehouses, canopies, fences, corrals, and shade structures with less than 20% expansion of footprint.                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 29. New construction of agricultural structures in established farms including but not limited to greenhouses, warehouses, canopies, fences, corrals, and shade structures with or without underground and/or aboveground infrastructure utility connections. |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 30. Construction of fences, cattle corrals, concrete slabs.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 31. Installation of storage containers on new concrete slab.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | 32. New construction or work which expands the footprint of an existing structure and occurs entirely on disturbed, regularly maintained, upland property, including the staging of equipment.                                                                |



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*Sept. 23, 2025*

Date

Attachments:

1. Project Site Map (Location Map)

2. Project Site Photos
3. Copy of the Blanket Clearance Letter
4. Others, as necessary to demonstrate compliance with the criteria (e.g. Explanatory Memorandum, Critical Habitat Map, National Wetlands Inventory Map, etc.)



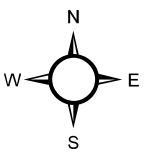
# PR-SBF-00667 Endangered Species



## Legend

 USFWS Critical Habitat - Final

0 2.75 5.5 11 mi



Endangered Species Habitat

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# 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

Salinas County, Puerto Rico



## Local office

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NOT FOR CONSULTATION

# 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 species<sup>1</sup> and their critical habitats are managed by the [Ecological Services Program](#) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries<sup>2</sup>).

Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not** shown on this list. Please contact [NOAA Fisheries](#) for [species under their jurisdiction](#).

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1. Species listed under the [Endangered Species Act](#) are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the [listing status page](#) for more information. IPaC only shows species that are regulated by USFWS (see FAQ).
  2. [NOAA Fisheries](#), 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

Bald and Golden Eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act <sup>2</sup> and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup>. Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to Bald or Golden Eagles, or their nests, should follow appropriate regulations and implement required avoidance and minimization measures, as described in the various links on this page.

The [data](#) in this location indicates that no eagles have been observed in this area. This does not mean eagles are not present in your project area, especially if the area is difficult to survey. Please review the 'Steps to Take When No Results Are Returned' section of the [Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles document](#) to determine if your project is in a poorly surveyed area. If it is, you may need to rely on other resources to determine if eagles may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys).

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Eagle Management <https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds  
<https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/avoiding-and-minimizing-incident-take-migratory-birds>

- Nationwide avoidance and minimization measures for birds  
<https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/nationwide-standard-conservation-measures.pdf>
- Supplemental Information for Migratory Birds and Eagles in IPaC  
<https://www.fws.gov/media/supplemental-information-migratory-birds-and-bald-and-golden-eagles-may-occur-project-action>

## Bald & Golden Eagles FAQs

### 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 [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). The AKN data is based on a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#) 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 an eagle ([Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) requirements may apply).

### Proper interpretation and use of your eagle report

On the graphs provided, please look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical line) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal line). 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 line or no data line (red horizontal) 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 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 and associated information help you know what to look for to confirm presence and helps guide you in knowing when to implement avoidance and minimization measures to eliminate or reduce potential impacts from your project activities or get the appropriate permits should presence be confirmed.

### How do I know if eagles are 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 resident), you may query your location using the [RAIL Tool](#) and view the range maps provided for birds in your area at the bottom of the profiles provided for each bird in your results. If an eagle on your IPaC migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it (indicated by yellow vertical bars on the phenology graph in your "IPaC PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY" at the top of your results list), 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.

### Interpreting the Probability of Presence Graphs

Each green bar represents the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during a particular week of the year. A taller bar indicates a higher probability of species presence. The survey effort can be used to establish a level of confidence in the presence score.

### ***How is the probability of presence score calculated? The calculation is done in three steps:***

The probability of presence for each week is calculated as the number of survey events in the week where the species was detected divided by the total number of survey events for that week. For example, if in week 12 there were 20 survey events and the Spotted Towhee was found in 5 of them, the probability of presence of the



Spotted Towhee in week 12 is 0.25.

To properly present the pattern of presence across the year, the relative probability of presence is calculated. This is the probability of presence divided by the maximum probability of presence across all weeks. For example, imagine the probability of presence in week 20 for the Spotted Towhee is 0.05, and that the probability of presence at week 12 (0.25) is the maximum of any week of the year. The relative probability of presence on week 12 is  $0.25/0.25 = 1$ ; at week 20 it is  $0.05/0.25 = 0.2$ .

The relative probability of presence calculated in the previous step undergoes a statistical conversion so that all possible values fall between 0 and 10, inclusive. This is the probability of presence score.

### Breeding Season ()

Yellow bars denote a very liberal estimate of the time-frame inside which the bird breeds across its entire range. If there are no yellow bars shown for a bird, it does not breed in your project area.

### Survey Effort ()

Vertical black lines superimposed on probability of presence bars indicate the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps.

### No Data ()

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

### Survey Timeframe

Surveys from only the last 10 years are used in order to ensure delivery of currently relevant information. The exception to this is areas off the Atlantic coast, where bird returns are based on all years of available data, since data in these areas is currently much more sparse.

## Migratory birds

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup> prohibits the take (including killing, capturing, selling, trading, and transport) of protected migratory bird species without prior [authorization](#) by the Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

1. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
2. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Eagle Management <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>
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The [data](#) in this location indicates that no migratory birds of concern have been observed in this area. This does not mean [birds of concern](#) are not present in your project area, especially if the area is difficult to survey. Please review the 'Steps to Take When No Results Are Returned' section of the [Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles document](#) to determine if your project is in a poorly surveyed area. If it is, you may need to rely on other resources to determine what migratory birds of concern may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys).

## Migratory Bird FAQs

**Tell me more about avoidance and minimization measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.**

[Nationwide Avoidance & Minimization Measures for Birds](#) describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year-round. When birds may be breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and avoiding their destruction is one of the most effective ways to minimize impacts. To see when birds are most likely to occur and breed 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 [Birds of Conservation Concern \(BCC\)](#) and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location, such as those listed under the Endangered Species Act or the [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) and those species marked as "Vulnerable". See the FAQ "What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?" for more information on the levels of concern covered in the IPaC migratory bird species list.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). The AKN data is based on a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#) and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) with which your project intersects. These species have been identified as warranting special attention because they are BCC species in that area, an eagle ([Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) 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, and to verify survey effort when no results present, please visit the [Rapid Avian Information Locator \(RAIL\) Tool](#).

**Why are subspecies showing up on my list?**

Subspecies profiles are included on the list of species present in your project area because observations in the AKN for **the species** are being detected. If the species are present, that means that the subspecies may also be present. If a subspecies shows up on your list, you may need to rely on other resources to determine if that subspecies may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys).

## 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 [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). This data is derived from a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#).

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 to 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 resident), you may query your location using the [RAIL Tool](#) and view 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 IPaC migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it (indicated by yellow vertical bars on the phenology graph in your "IPaC PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY" at the top of your results list), 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 [Birds of Conservation Concern](#) (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 [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) 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 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 BCC species. For more information on avoidance and minimization measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird impacts, please see the FAQ "Tell me more about avoidance and minimization measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds".

## 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.

## 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 look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical line) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal line). 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 does not represent all birds present in your project area. 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 and associated information help you know what to look for to confirm presence and helps guide implementation of avoidance and minimization measures to eliminate or reduce potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learn more about avoidance and minimization measures, visit the FAQ "Tell me about avoidance and minimization measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds".

### **Interpreting the Probability of Presence Graphs**

Each green bar represents the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during a particular week of the year. A taller bar indicates a higher probability of species presence. The survey effort can be used to establish a level of confidence in the presence score.

#### ***How is the probability of presence score calculated? The calculation is done in three steps:***

The probability of presence for each week is calculated as the number of survey events in the week where the species was detected divided by the total number of survey events for that week. For example, if in week 12 there were 20 survey events and the Spotted Towhee was found in 5 of them, the probability of presence of the Spotted Towhee in week 12 is 0.25.

To properly present the pattern of presence across the year, the relative probability of presence is calculated. This is the probability of presence divided by the maximum probability of presence across all weeks. For example, imagine the probability of presence in week 20 for the Spotted Towhee is 0.05, and that the probability of presence at week 12 (0.25) is the maximum of any week of the year. The relative probability of presence on week 12 is  $0.25/0.25 = 1$ ; at week 20 it is  $0.05/0.25 = 0.2$ .

The relative probability of presence calculated in the previous step undergoes a statistical conversion so that all possible values fall between 0 and 10, inclusive. This is the probability of presence score.

### **Breeding Season ()**

Yellow bars denote a very liberal estimate of the time-frame inside which the bird breeds across its entire range. If there are no yellow bars shown for a bird, it does not breed in your project area.

### **Survey Effort ()**

Vertical black lines superimposed on probability of presence bars indicate the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps.

### **No Data ()**

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

### **Survey Timeframe**

Surveys from only the last 10 years are used in order to ensure delivery of currently relevant information. The exception to this is areas off the Atlantic coast, where bird returns are based on all years of available data, since data in these areas is currently much more sparse.

# Facilities

## Wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries

Refuge and fish hatchery information is not available at this time

## Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) 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.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

This location did not intersect any wetlands mapped by NWI.

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

### Data limitations

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

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

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

### Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters.

Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tubercid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

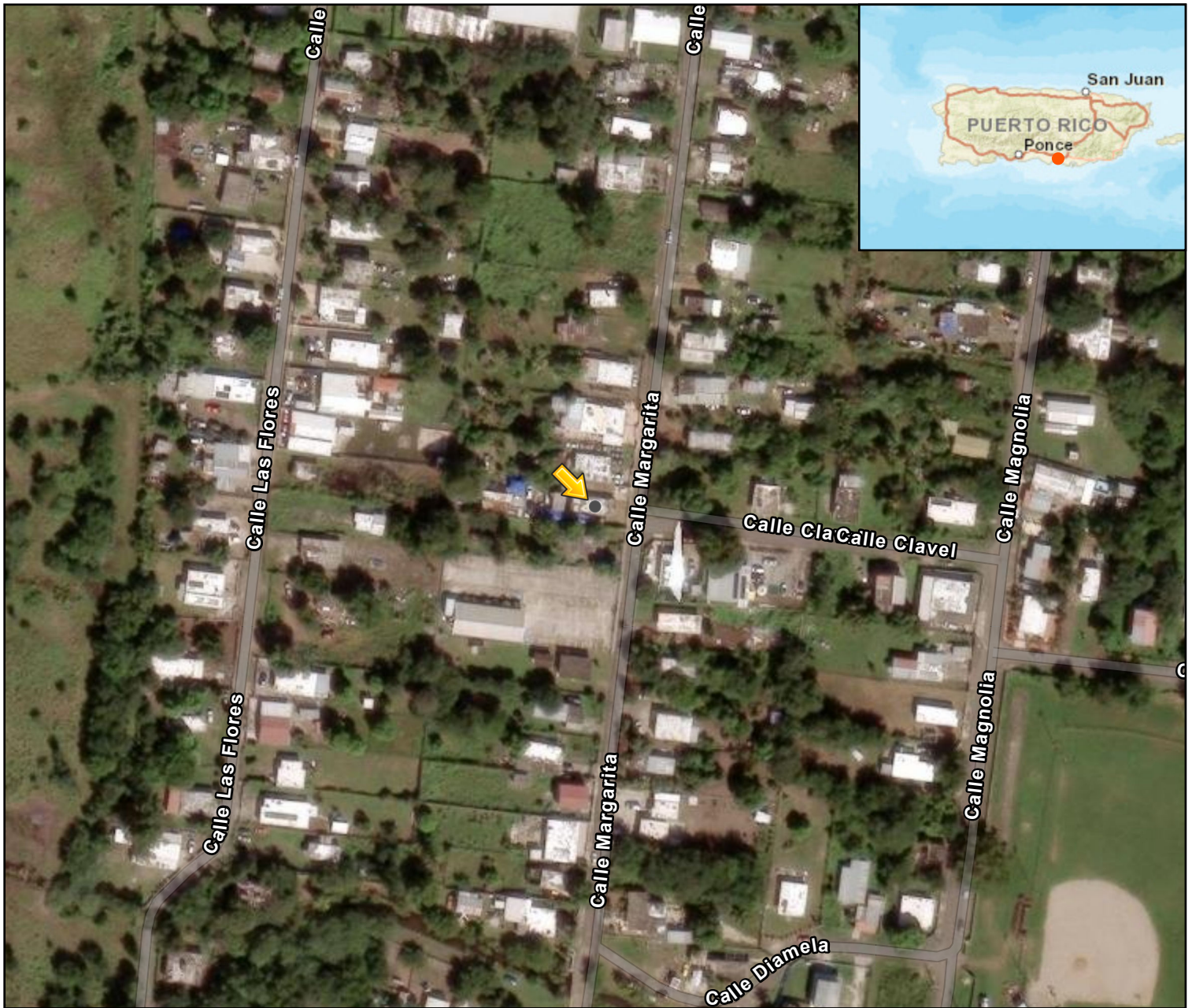
**Data precautions**

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.

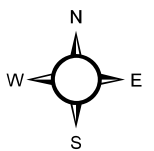
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# PR-SBF-00667 Site Map



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## REQUIRED PHOTOS



**Front of Property**



**Rear of Property**



**Left Side of Property**



**Right Side of Property**



## PHOTOS OF RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS



**Front of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Front of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Front of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Front of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Rear of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Rear of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Rear of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Rear of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Left Side of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Left Side of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Left Side of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Left Side of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Right Side of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Right Side of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Right Side of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Right Side of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Front of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Rear of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



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## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



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## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



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## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



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## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Right Side of the Property Outwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Right Side of the Property Outwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Front of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Rear of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



Left Side of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure



Right Side of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure



Front of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure



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## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



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## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Right Side of the Property Outwards 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Right Side of the Property Outwards 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Entrance of the Property**



**Streetscape**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Streetscape**



**Streetscape**



**Evidence of damage from previous disasters (Metals) |  
Roof location was between second and third structure**



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## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



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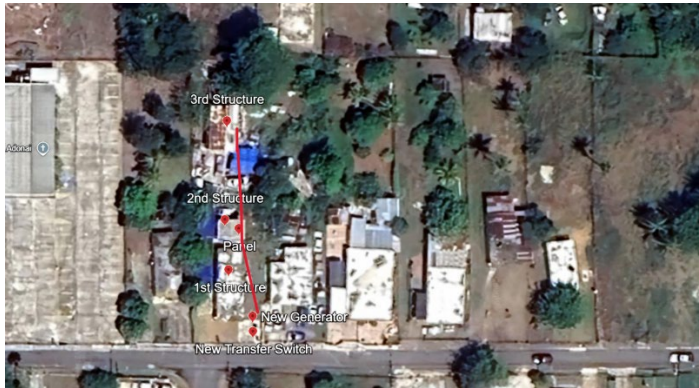
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**Aerial View**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



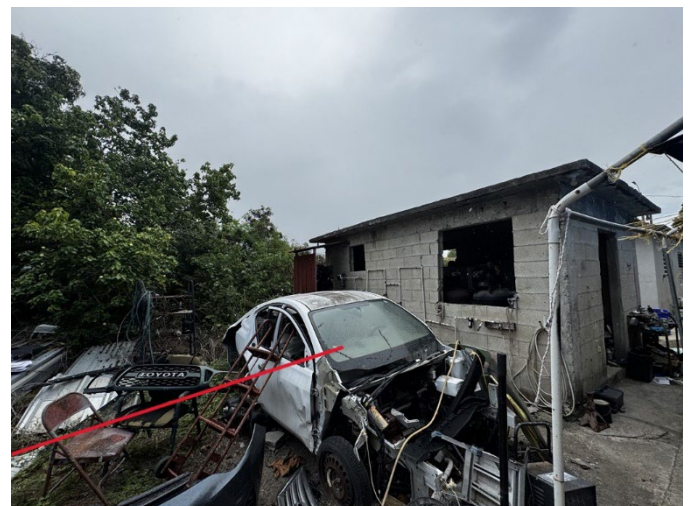
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**New underground utility connection route**



**New underground utility connection route**



**New underground utility connection route**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**New underground utility connection route**



**Connections at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



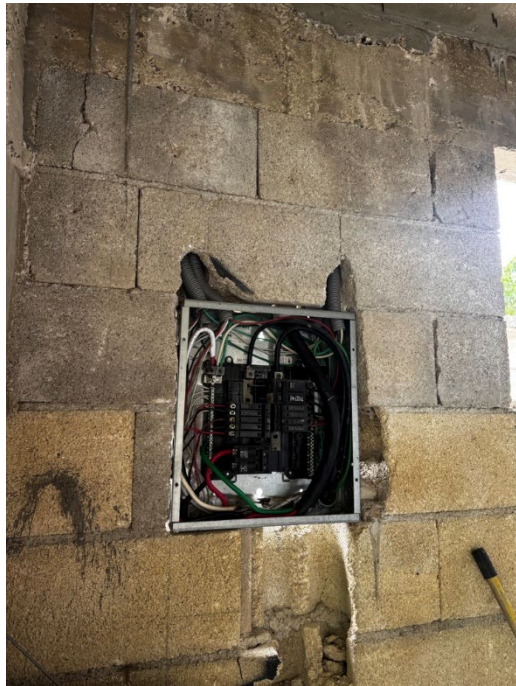
**New Generator | AST**



**New Transfer Switch**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Main Panel**



**New Concrete Slab (15'x16')**



**New Car Lift**



**AST**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



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**AST**



**55 – Gallon Drum**



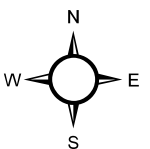
# PR-SBF-00667 Wetlands



## Legend

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

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National Wetlands Inventory

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In Reply Refer To:  
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Mr. Efrain Maldonado  
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Re: Blanket Clearance Letter for Federally  
sponsored projects, Housing and Urban  
Development

Dear Mr. Maldonado:

On January 14, 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in coordination with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), signed the Blanket Clearance Letter (BCL) to expedite the consultation process, for federally sponsored projects. On March 20, 2025, the USFWS and the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) acting as the responsible entity designated by HUD decided to review and update the BCL to ensure that new available information regarding the consultation process is included. This letter replaces the January 14, 2013, Blanket Clearance Letter for HUD sponsored projects.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is one of two lead Federal Agencies responsible for the protection and conservation of Federal Trust Resources, including threatened or endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (ESA). In the U.S. Caribbean, the USFWS has jurisdiction over terrestrial plants and animals, the Antillean manatee and sea turtles when nesting. The National Marine Fisheries Service has jurisdiction over marine species, except for the manatee. The ESA directs all Federal agencies to participate in conserving these species. Section 7 of the ESA requires Federal agencies to consult with the USFWS to ensure that actions they fund authorize, permit, or otherwise carry out will not jeopardize the continued existence of any listed species or adversely modify designated critical habitat.

The USFWS issued regulations in 1986 detailing the consultation process. As part of this consultation process, the USFWS reviews development projects to assist Federal agencies on the compliance of the ESA. Since HUD typically allocate grant funds for rural and urban development projects, obligations under the ESA, as well as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), require HUD to perform consultation and an environmental impact review prior to the project's

authorization. Primarily, these projects involve repair or reconstruction of existing facilities associated with developed land.

In order to expedite the consultation process, the Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office (CESFO) has developed this BCL to cover for activities and projects that typically result in no adverse effects to federally-listed species under our jurisdiction. The proposed project criteria discussed below are subject to the following conditions:

1. The project is located within an urban or developed area.
  - An urban or developed area is defined as an area that has one or more of the following characteristics:
    - Presence of existing buildings, residential areas, and commercial establishments.
    - Well-established infrastructure including roads, utilities, and urban facilities.
    - High population density.
    - Established neighborhood and urban amenities (“urbanizaciones”).
    - Developed landscape with paved surfaces, parking lots, and industrial areas.
    - Signs of human activity and urbanization, such as shopping centers and recreational facilities.
    - Location within the boundaries of a city or town ("casco urbano").
    - High concentration of built-up structures and limited open spaces.
    - Aerial imagery might be requested to the applicant<sup>1</sup>.
2. If the project is located in a rural area, and the project is located within a disturbed area that does not require additional clearing of forested (trees) areas.
3. The project is not located within (or adjacent to) drainages, rivers, streams, wetlands, aquatic systems, or coastal areas.
4. If the project is located in a rural area, and the project is not located immediately adjacent to forested areas (e.g., rock walls and haystack hills (“mogotes”); wet montane forest; lowland wet forest; remnant coastal; mangrove forest; damp and dry limestone karst forests; pastureland with patches of exotic trees<sup>2</sup>).
5. The lighting associated to the facilities is not visible directly or indirectly from the shoreline or beach area.

Proposed projects that **do not** meet the above conditions **Do Not Qualify** for review under the Blanket Clearance Letter developed for compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

<sup>1</sup> This is the definition used by the USFWS in IPaC.

<sup>1</sup> *Ibid.*

**Project Criteria:**

1. Activities related to the resurfacing existing streets or roads; maintenance of existing upland gabion or reinforced concrete retention walls; construction, reconstruction or repair of gutters and sidewalks along existing roads.
2. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct and/or rehabilitate facilities in already established public transportation systems (Signs, sidewalks and ramps, bus stops and existing routes).
3. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, rehabilitate and/or expanding existing public transportation facilities located in urban or developed areas.
4. Construction of new facilities for public transportation systems (e.g. School bus stops, city buses, trolleybuses, public car stops, Public car terminal) in urban or developed areas.
5. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, or rehabilitate existing bridges or rip-rap. (follow FWS rip-rap guidance for design).
6. Reconstruction, or emergency repairs, of existing structures, including but not limited to buildings, facilities and homes.
7. Demolition of dilapidated single-family homes or buildings.
8. Rebuilding of demolished single-family homes or buildings.
9. Retrofitting existing buildings.
10. Construction of residential and/or commercial facilities.
11. Construction, repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, and/or rehabilitate recreational facilities.
12. Addition of concrete pads to the existing footprint of a residential and/or commercial structure, provided that the resulting addition is less than 20% of the size of the existing structure.
13. Improvement or renovations to existing structures (exterior and interior) renovations resulting in an exterior increase greater than 20%.
14. Improvements or renovations to existing structures (exterior and interior renovations) resulting in an exterior increase of less than 20%.
15. Acquisition of residential and/or commercial properties in urban or developed areas for the relocation of families and/or activities.
16. Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and/or expansion of cemeteries.

17. Installation/drilling of new water well and associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground.
18. Establishment of power facilities, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.
19. Construction of electrical system infrastructure and associated components, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.
20. Construction of land based small electric generating facilities, including those fueled with wind, sun, or biomass, capable of producing no more than 10 MW. \*
21. Activities within existing Right of Ways (ROWs) related to water and sanitary infrastructure; communication infrastructure; roads, bridges and highways without the removal of native vegetation and/or major earth movement.
22. Construction of rooftop or urban telecommunications systems and associated components, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.
23. Establishment of temporary debris storage (TDS) facilities.
24. Establishment and/or closure of solid waste management facilities. But not new landfills.
25. Installation of water storage systems (cisterns) and associated infrastructure, either above ground or underground, including but not limited to installations on existing or new concrete pads, or existing or new roofs.
26. Installation of solar panels, battery storage systems and/or associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground, on existing or new concrete pads, existing or new roofs, ground or pole mounted.
27. Installation of generators on existing or new concrete slabs, and associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground.
28. Repair of existing agricultural structures including but not limited to greenhouses, warehouses, canopies, fences, corrals, and shade structures with less than 20% expansion of footprint.
29. New construction of agricultural structures in established farms including but not limited to greenhouses, warehouses, canopies, fences, corrals, and shade structures with or without underground and/or aboveground infrastructure utility connections.
30. Construction of fences, cattle corrals, concrete slabs.
31. Installation of storage containers on new concrete slab.



32. New construction or work which expands the footprint of an existing structure and occurs entirely on disturbed, regularly maintained, upland property, including the staging of equipment.

\*Comply with USFWS wind energy guidelines if more than one wind turbine, consider painting one blade black to help birds see the blades. <https://www.fws.gov/media/land-based-wind-energy-guidelines>

### **Determination:**

Based on the nature of the projects described above and habitat characteristics described on project criteria, we have determined that the actions and type of projects described above may be conducted within this BCL without adversely affecting federally-listed species under our jurisdiction. Thus, consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required.

For all projects, HUD and its funded partners (municipalities) are expected to implement Best Management Practices to enhance the conservation of our trust resources (i.e.; listed species, wetlands, aquatic habitats, migratory birds and marine mammals) and avoid impacts from project development to aquatic habitat such as erosion and stream sedimentation. The Service provides the following recommendations that have proven to help achieve this effort.

### **Water Crossing Structures:**

1. Use of bottomless culverts or single span bridges instead of traditional box or RCP culverts or any other water crossing structure that impacts the stream bottom, particularly in streams which support native fish. The use of bottomless culverts or a short span bridge would provide a more stable crossing and would not alter the stream habitat. However, if bottomless structures or bridges are not feasible due to cost or engineering constraints, we recommend the following criteria be used to maintain good habitat in the streams:
  - a. The stream should not be widened to fit the bridge since this can lead to sedimentation during low flows and possible bank erosion during high flows. Rather, the bridge should be designed to fit the stream channel at the point of crossing. Culverts should be sized to carry natural bank full flow. Additional flow can be capture by culverts placed at a higher elevation so as not to impact bank full flows.
  - b. Bridge abutments, wing walls or any other structures should not intrude into the active stream channel.
  - c. All culvert footings must be countersunk into the stream channel at both the invert and outlet ends at a minimum of 10% of the culvert height. This will align the water crossing structure with the slope of the stream.
  - d. Waterways must not be blocked as to impede the free movement of water and fish. Materials moved during construction, such as grubbing, earth fills, and earth cut

materials must not be piled where they can fall back into the stream and block the drainage courses.

- e. Appropriate erosion and/or sedimentation controls measures are to be undertaken to protect water quality until riverbanks are re-vegetated. It has been our experience that appropriate erosion and/or sedimentation control measures are not implemented properly by project contractors. In order to function properly, silt fences need to be buried 6" (proper depth is marked by a line on the silt fence) and supported at regular intervals by wood stakes. For that reason we are recommending that the enclosed drawing of proper silt fence installation is included in all final project construction plans.
- f. Upon completion of a water crossing construction, any temporary fill, must be removed from the construction area and disposed in a landfill.

For a detailed guide to water crossing structures, the Service developed a detailed guide to water crossing structures for regulatory review by permitting agencies, protect damaged structures, reduce future damages, and prevent or minimize damage to natural resources. The document is titled "Guidance for Repair, Replacement, and Clean-up Projects in Streams and Waterways of Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands" and is available at:

<https://www.fws.gov/media/guidance-repair-replacement-and-clean-structures-streams-and-waterways-puerto-rico-and-us>

### **Limitations:**

Actions that do not meet the above project criteria, such as actions requiring placement of fill, disturbance, or modification to land outside of an existing access road or ROW; actions that occur on vacant property harboring a wetland and/or forest vegetation; actions requiring excavation, clearing of native vegetation, or alteration of storm water drainage patterns; or actions that require lighting which can be directly or indirectly seen from a beach, must be individually coordinated through the Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

### **The Service reserves the right to revoke or modify this BCL if:**

1. New information reveals that the categories of work covered in this BCL may affect listed or designated critical habitat in a manner, or to an extent, not previously considered.
2. The categories of work included in this BCL are subsequently modified to include activities not considered in this review.
3. New species are listed, or designated critical habitat may be affected.
4. Lack of compliance with criteria in this BCL.

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Sincerely,

Lourdes Mena  
Field Supervisor



DEPARTMENT OF

## HOUSING

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO



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## CDBG-DR PROGRAM

Small Business Financing (SBF) Program

## ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD OBSERVATION REPORT

## APPLICATION GENERAL INFORMATION

|                  |              |                 |                   |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Application No.: | PR-SBF-00667 | Applicant Name: | Ramón Colón Ortiz |
|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|

## PROPERTY INFORMATION

## Property Address:

BO. Las Ochenta 73 Calle Margarita Salinas P.R., 00751

|                      |                          |                          |           |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Latitude:            | 17.98173                 | Longitude:               | -66.31993 |
| Property Type:       | Residential / Commercial | Year Built:              | 1955      |
| Number of Buildings: | 3                        | Are Utilities Connected? | Yes       |

## Property Remarks:

2nd Structure is in the process of renovation.

|                                                       |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Is there evidence of damage from a previous disaster? | Yes |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|

## Damage Remarks:

During the past hurricanes the applicant lost part of the roof between the second and third structure.

## SIGNATURES OF INSPECTION REPORT

Environmental

Inspector:

Juan C. Colón

Printed Name

Signature

7-21-2025

Date



| ENVIRONMENTAL OBSERVATIONS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                        |                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Observation                                                                                            | Remarks                                           |
| <b>Are there any signs of poor housekeeping on the site?</b><br><i>(mounds of rubble, garbage, or solid waste or improperly stored household quantities of petroleum products, pesticides, paints, thinners, cleaning fluids, automotive batteries, damaged, abandoned, and/or dangerous vehicles or other motorized equipment; pits, pools, lagoons, or ponds of hazardous substances or petroleum products located on the site)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Are there any 55-gallon drums or containers visible on the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                 | 55 – Gallon Drum used as disposal bin.            |
| <b>If drums located, are they leaking?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |                                                   |
| <b>Are there any signs of petroleum underground storage tanks (PUSTs) on the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Are there any UST locations visible from the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Are there any signs of above-ground storage tanks (ASTs) on the site, or immediate adjacent visible sites?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                 | Generator & (3) Gas Tanks                         |
| <b>Are there any signs of surface staining?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Are there any ground water monitoring or injection wells on the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Is there evidence of a faulty septic system on the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Is there any permanent standing water, such as a pond or stream, located on the site?</b><br><i>(Do not include run-off or ponding from recent weather events.)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Is there any distressed vegetation on the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Does the subject lot have water frontage?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Is there any visible apparent indication of other environmental conditions?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Is there any visible apparent evidence of deteriorated paint (chipping, peeling, cracking) present in the structure?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Are there other unusual conditions on site?</b><br><i>(Explain in attached supporting material. Please take photographs, if possible.)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |
| <b>Is the structure 45 years or older?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                 | Applicant believe property was built around 1955. |
| <b>Is the applicant aware of any significant historical events or persons associated with the structure; or does the home have a historic marker?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                 |                                                   |

## REQUIRED PHOTOS



**Front of Property**



**Rear of Property**



**Left Side of Property**



**Right Side of Property**



## PHOTOS OF RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS



**Front of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Front of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Front of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Front of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Rear of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Rear of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Rear of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Rear of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Left Side of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Left Side of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Left Side of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Left Side of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Right Side of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Right Side of Property (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Right Side of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



**Right Side of Property Outwards (1<sup>st</sup> Building)**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Front of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Rear of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Left Side of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Right Side of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Front of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Front of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Front of the Property Outwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Front of the Property Outwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Rear of Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Rear of Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Rear of Property Outwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Rear of Property Outwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Left Side of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Left Side of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Right Side of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Right Side of the Property 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Right Side of the Property Outwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Right Side of the Property Outwards 2<sup>nd</sup> Structure**



**Front of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Rear of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



Left Side of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure



Right Side of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure



Front of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure



Front of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Front of the Property Outwards 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Front of the Property Outwards 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Rear of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



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## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Rear of the Property Outwards 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Rear of the Property Outwards 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Left Side of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Left Side of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



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**Right Side of the Property 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



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## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Right Side of the Property Outwards 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Right Side of the Property Outwards 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



**Entrance of the Property**



**Streetscape**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Streetscape**



**Streetscape**



**Evidence of damage from previous disasters (Metals) |  
Roof location was between second and third structure**



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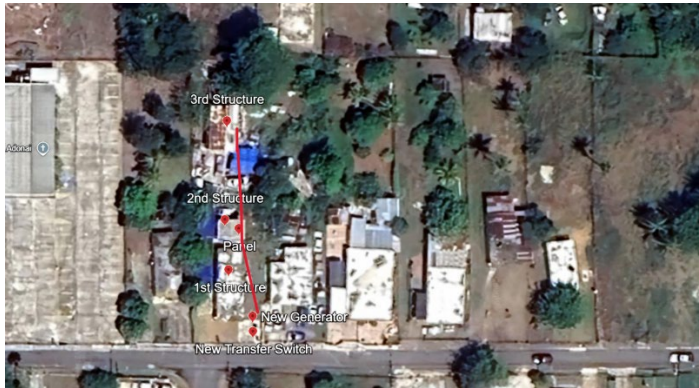
**Pile of materials to rebuild roof affected**



**Aerial View**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



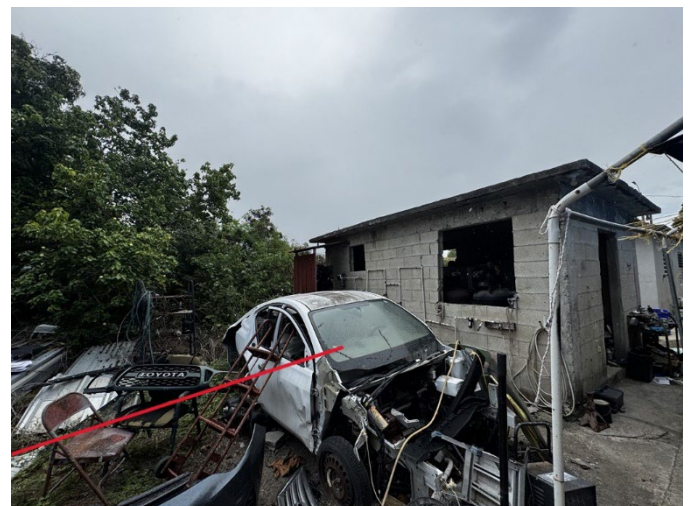
**Aerial View | Electrical Route**



**New underground utility connection route**



**New underground utility connection route**



**New underground utility connection route**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**New underground utility connection route**



**Connections at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Structure**



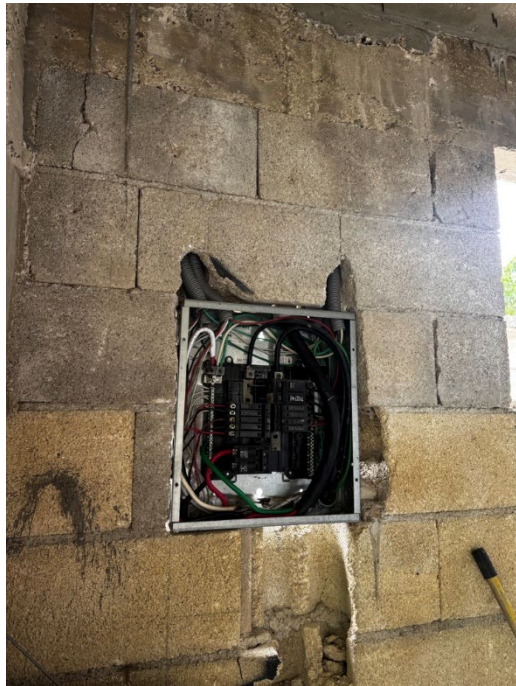
**New Generator | AST**



**New Transfer Switch**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**Main Panel**



**New Concrete Slab (15'x16')**



**New Car Lift**



**AST**



## ADDITIONAL PHOTOS



**AST**



**AST**



**55 – Gallon Drum**

1. Generator:

a. It isn't clear if a new cement base was constructed for the generator. If so, what are the dimensions of the slab?

**Applicant built a new cement base and the dimensions are: 15' width x 16' length.**

b. Was a transfer panel switch necessary to install? Photos of where the transfer switch was installed.

**A new column was built in front of the generator in concrete on which the new transfer switch was installed.**

c. Were any utility connections made underground? If so, how deep are they?

**Yes, there were utility connections made underground, and they were 4' deep.**

**NOTE: Applicant doesn't have any photo prior to equipment installation.**



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In Reply Refer To:  
FWS/R4/CESFO/BKT/HUD

Mr. Efrain Maldonado  
Field Office Director  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
235 Federico Costa Street, Suite 200  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918

Re: Blanket Clearance Letter for Federally  
sponsored projects, Housing and Urban  
Development

Dear Mr. Maldonado:

On January 14, 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in coordination with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), signed the Blanket Clearance Letter (BCL) to expedite the consultation process, for federally sponsored projects. On March 20, 2025, the USFWS and the Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH) acting as the responsible entity designated by HUD decided to review and update the BCL to ensure that new available information regarding the consultation process is included. This letter replaces the January 14, 2013, Blanket Clearance Letter for HUD sponsored projects.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is one of two lead Federal Agencies responsible for the protection and conservation of Federal Trust Resources, including threatened or endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) (ESA). In the U.S. Caribbean, the USFWS has jurisdiction over terrestrial plants and animals, the Antillean manatee and sea turtles when nesting. The National Marine Fisheries Service has jurisdiction over marine species, except for the manatee. The ESA directs all Federal agencies to participate in conserving these species. Section 7 of the ESA requires Federal agencies to consult with the USFWS to ensure that actions they fund authorize, permit, or otherwise carry out will not jeopardize the continued existence of any listed species or adversely modify designated critical habitat.

The USFWS issued regulations in 1986 detailing the consultation process. As part of this consultation process, the USFWS reviews development projects to assist Federal agencies on the compliance of the ESA. Since HUD typically allocate grant funds for rural and urban development projects, obligations under the ESA, as well as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), require HUD to perform consultation and an environmental impact review prior to the project's



authorization. Primarily, these projects involve repair or reconstruction of existing facilities associated with developed land.

In order to expedite the consultation process, the Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office (CESFO) has developed this BCL to cover for activities and projects that typically result in no adverse effects to federally-listed species under our jurisdiction. The proposed project criteria discussed below are subject to the following conditions:

1. The project is located within an urban or developed area.
  - An urban or developed area is defined as an area that has one or more of the following characteristics:
    - Presence of existing buildings, residential areas, and commercial establishments.
    - Well-established infrastructure including roads, utilities, and urban facilities.
    - High population density.
    - Established neighborhood and urban amenities (“urbanizaciones”).
    - Developed landscape with paved surfaces, parking lots, and industrial areas.
    - Signs of human activity and urbanization, such as shopping centers and recreational facilities.
    - Location within the boundaries of a city or town ("casco urbano").
    - High concentration of built-up structures and limited open spaces.
    - Aerial imagery might be requested to the applicant<sup>1</sup>.
2. If the project is located in a rural area, and the project is located within a disturbed area that does not require additional clearing of forested (trees) areas.
3. The project is not located within (or adjacent to) drainages, rivers, streams, wetlands, aquatic systems, or coastal areas.
4. If the project is located in a rural area, and the project is not located immediately adjacent to forested areas (e.g., rock walls and haystack hills (“mogotes”); wet montane forest; lowland wet forest; remnant coastal; mangrove forest; damp and dry limestone karst forests; pastureland with patches of exotic trees<sup>2</sup>).
5. The lighting associated to the facilities is not visible directly or indirectly from the shoreline or beach area.

Proposed projects that **do not** meet the above conditions **Do Not Qualify** for review under the Blanket Clearance Letter developed for compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

<sup>1</sup> This is the definition used by the USFWS in IPaC.

<sup>1</sup> *Ibid.*

**Project Criteria:**

1. Activities related to the resurfacing existing streets or roads; maintenance of existing upland gabion or reinforced concrete retention walls; construction, reconstruction or repair of gutters and sidewalks along existing roads.
2. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct and/or rehabilitate facilities in already established public transportation systems (Signs, sidewalks and ramps, bus stops and existing routes).
3. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, rehabilitate and/or expanding existing public transportation facilities located in urban or developed areas.
4. Construction of new facilities for public transportation systems (e.g. School bus stops, city buses, trolleybuses, public car stops, Public car terminal) in urban or developed areas.
5. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, or rehabilitate existing bridges or rip-rap. (follow FWS rip-rap guidance for design).
6. Reconstruction, or emergency repairs, of existing structures, including but not limited to buildings, facilities and homes.
7. Demolition of dilapidated single-family homes or buildings.
8. Rebuilding of demolished single-family homes or buildings.
9. Retrofitting existing buildings.
10. Construction of residential and/or commercial facilities.
11. Construction, repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, and/or rehabilitate recreational facilities.
12. Addition of concrete pads to the existing footprint of a residential and/or commercial structure, provided that the resulting addition is less than 20% of the size of the existing structure.
13. Improvement or renovations to existing structures (exterior and interior) renovations resulting in an exterior increase greater than 20%.
14. Improvements or renovations to existing structures (exterior and interior renovations) resulting in an exterior increase of less than 20%.
15. Acquisition of residential and/or commercial properties in urban or developed areas for the relocation of families and/or activities.
16. Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and/or expansion of cemeteries.

17. Installation/drilling of new water well and associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground.
18. Establishment of power facilities, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.
19. Construction of electrical system infrastructure and associated components, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.
20. Construction of land based small electric generating facilities, including those fueled with wind, sun, or biomass, capable of producing no more than 10 MW. \*
21. Activities within existing Right of Ways (ROWs) related to water and sanitary infrastructure; communication infrastructure; roads, bridges and highways without the removal of native vegetation and/or major earth movement.
22. Construction of rooftop or urban telecommunications systems and associated components, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.
23. Establishment of temporary debris storage (TDS) facilities.
24. Establishment and/or closure of solid waste management facilities. But not new landfills.
25. Installation of water storage systems (cisterns) and associated infrastructure, either above ground or underground, including but not limited to installations on existing or new concrete pads, or existing or new roofs.
26. Installation of solar panels, battery storage systems and/or associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground, on existing or new concrete pads, existing or new roofs, ground or pole mounted.
27. Installation of generators on existing or new concrete slabs, and associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground.
28. Repair of existing agricultural structures including but not limited to greenhouses, warehouses, canopies, fences, corrals, and shade structures with less than 20% expansion of footprint.
29. New construction of agricultural structures in established farms including but not limited to greenhouses, warehouses, canopies, fences, corrals, and shade structures with or without underground and/or aboveground infrastructure utility connections.
30. Construction of fences, cattle corrals, concrete slabs.
31. Installation of storage containers on new concrete slab.



32. New construction or work which expands the footprint of an existing structure and occurs entirely on disturbed, regularly maintained, upland property, including the staging of equipment.

\*Comply with USFWS wind energy guidelines if more than one wind turbine, consider painting one blade black to help birds see the blades. <https://www.fws.gov/media/land-based-wind-energy-guidelines>

### **Determination:**

Based on the nature of the projects described above and habitat characteristics described on project criteria, we have determined that the actions and type of projects described above may be conducted within this BCL without adversely affecting federally-listed species under our jurisdiction. Thus, consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required.

For all projects, HUD and its funded partners (municipalities) are expected to implement Best Management Practices to enhance the conservation of our trust resources (i.e.; listed species, wetlands, aquatic habitats, migratory birds and marine mammals) and avoid impacts from project development to aquatic habitat such as erosion and stream sedimentation. The Service provides the following recommendations that have proven to help achieve this effort.

### **Water Crossing Structures:**

1. Use of bottomless culverts or single span bridges instead of traditional box or RCP culverts or any other water crossing structure that impacts the stream bottom, particularly in streams which support native fish. The use of bottomless culverts or a short span bridge would provide a more stable crossing and would not alter the stream habitat. However, if bottomless structures or bridges are not feasible due to cost or engineering constraints, we recommend the following criteria be used to maintain good habitat in the streams:
  - a. The stream should not be widened to fit the bridge since this can lead to sedimentation during low flows and possible bank erosion during high flows. Rather, the bridge should be designed to fit the stream channel at the point of crossing. Culverts should be sized to carry natural bank full flow. Additional flow can be capture by culverts placed at a higher elevation so as not to impact bank full flows.
  - b. Bridge abutments, wing walls or any other structures should not intrude into the active stream channel.
  - c. All culvert footings must be countersunk into the stream channel at both the invert and outlet ends at a minimum of 10% of the culvert height. This will align the water crossing structure with the slope of the stream.
  - d. Waterways must not be blocked as to impede the free movement of water and fish. Materials moved during construction, such as grubbing, earth fills, and earth cut

materials must not be piled where they can fall back into the stream and block the drainage courses.

- e. Appropriate erosion and/or sedimentation controls measures are to be undertaken to protect water quality until riverbanks are re-vegetated. It has been our experience that appropriate erosion and/or sedimentation control measures are not implemented properly by project contractors. In order to function properly, silt fences need to be buried 6" (proper depth is marked by a line on the silt fence) and supported at regular intervals by wood stakes. For that reason we are recommending that the enclosed drawing of proper silt fence installation is included in all final project construction plans.
- f. Upon completion of a water crossing construction, any temporary fill, must be removed from the construction area and disposed in a landfill.

For a detailed guide to water crossing structures, the Service developed a detailed guide to water crossing structures for regulatory review by permitting agencies, protect damaged structures, reduce future damages, and prevent or minimize damage to natural resources. The document is titled "Guidance for Repair, Replacement, and Clean-up Projects in Streams and Waterways of Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands" and is available at:

<https://www.fws.gov/media/guidance-repair-replacement-and-clean-structures-streams-and-waterways-puerto-rico-and-us>

### **Limitations:**

Actions that do not meet the above project criteria, such as actions requiring placement of fill, disturbance, or modification to land outside of an existing access road or ROW; actions that occur on vacant property harboring a wetland and/or forest vegetation; actions requiring excavation, clearing of native vegetation, or alteration of storm water drainage patterns; or actions that require lighting which can be directly or indirectly seen from a beach, must be individually coordinated through the Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

### **The Service reserves the right to revoke or modify this BCL if:**

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Sincerely,

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MENA

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Lourdes Mena  
Field Supervisor



# 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

Salinas County, Puerto Rico



## Local office

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NOT FOR CONSULTATION

# 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 species<sup>1</sup> and their critical habitats are managed by the [Ecological Services Program](#) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the fisheries division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries<sup>2</sup>).

Species and critical habitats under the sole responsibility of NOAA Fisheries are **not** shown on this list. Please contact [NOAA Fisheries](#) for [species under their jurisdiction](#).

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1. Species listed under the [Endangered Species Act](#) are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the [listing status page](#) for more information. IPaC only shows species that are regulated by USFWS (see FAQ).
  2. [NOAA Fisheries](#), 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 <i>Chilabothrus inornatus</i>                                                                                                         | Endangered |
| Wherever found                                                                                                                                         |            |
| No critical habitat has been designated for this species.<br><a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6628">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6628</a> |            |

## 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

Bald and Golden Eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act <sup>2</sup> and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup>. Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to Bald or Golden Eagles, or their nests, should follow appropriate regulations and implement required avoidance and minimization measures, as described in the various links on this page.

The [data](#) in this location indicates that no eagles have been observed in this area. This does not mean eagles are not present in your project area, especially if the area is difficult to survey. Please review the 'Steps to Take When No Results Are Returned' section of the [Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles document](#) to determine if your project is in a poorly surveyed area. If it is, you may need to rely on other resources to determine if eagles may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys).

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Eagle Management <https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management>
- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds  
<https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/avoiding-and-minimizing-incident-take-migratory-birds>

- Nationwide avoidance and minimization measures for birds  
<https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/nationwide-standard-conservation-measures.pdf>
- Supplemental Information for Migratory Birds and Eagles in IPaC  
<https://www.fws.gov/media/supplemental-information-migratory-birds-and-bald-and-golden-eagles-may-occur-project-action>

## Bald & Golden Eagles FAQs

### 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 [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). The AKN data is based on a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#) 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 an eagle ([Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) requirements may apply).

### Proper interpretation and use of your eagle report

On the graphs provided, please look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical line) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal line). 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 line or no data line (red horizontal) 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 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 and associated information help you know what to look for to confirm presence and helps guide you in knowing when to implement avoidance and minimization measures to eliminate or reduce potential impacts from your project activities or get the appropriate permits should presence be confirmed.

### How do I know if eagles are 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 resident), you may query your location using the [RAIL Tool](#) and view the range maps provided for birds in your area at the bottom of the profiles provided for each bird in your results. If an eagle on your IPaC migratory bird species list has a breeding season associated with it (indicated by yellow vertical bars on the phenology graph in your "IPaC PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY" at the top of your results list), 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.

### Interpreting the Probability of Presence Graphs

Each green bar represents the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during a particular week of the year. A taller bar indicates a higher probability of species presence. The survey effort can be used to establish a level of confidence in the presence score.

### ***How is the probability of presence score calculated? The calculation is done in three steps:***

The probability of presence for each week is calculated as the number of survey events in the week where the species was detected divided by the total number of survey events for that week. For example, if in week 12 there were 20 survey events and the Spotted Towhee was found in 5 of them, the probability of presence of the

Spotted Towhee in week 12 is 0.25.

To properly present the pattern of presence across the year, the relative probability of presence is calculated. This is the probability of presence divided by the maximum probability of presence across all weeks. For example, imagine the probability of presence in week 20 for the Spotted Towhee is 0.05, and that the probability of presence at week 12 (0.25) is the maximum of any week of the year. The relative probability of presence on week 12 is  $0.25/0.25 = 1$ ; at week 20 it is  $0.05/0.25 = 0.2$ .

The relative probability of presence calculated in the previous step undergoes a statistical conversion so that all possible values fall between 0 and 10, inclusive. This is the probability of presence score.

### Breeding Season ()

Yellow bars denote a very liberal estimate of the time-frame inside which the bird breeds across its entire range. If there are no yellow bars shown for a bird, it does not breed in your project area.

### Survey Effort ()

Vertical black lines superimposed on probability of presence bars indicate the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps.

### No Data ()

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

### Survey Timeframe

Surveys from only the last 10 years are used in order to ensure delivery of currently relevant information. The exception to this is areas off the Atlantic coast, where bird returns are based on all years of available data, since data in these areas is currently much more sparse.

## Migratory birds

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup> prohibits the take (including killing, capturing, selling, trading, and transport) of protected migratory bird species without prior [authorization](#) by the Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

1. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
2. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.

Additional information can be found using the following links:

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- Measures for avoiding and minimizing impacts to birds  
<https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/avoiding-and-minimizing-incidental-take-migratory-birds>
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- Supplemental Information for Migratory Birds and Eagles in IPaC  
<https://www.fws.gov/media/supplemental-information-migratory-birds-and-bald-and-golden-eagles-may-occur-project-action>



The [data](#) in this location indicates that no migratory birds of concern have been observed in this area. This does not mean [birds of concern](#) are not present in your project area, especially if the area is difficult to survey. Please review the 'Steps to Take When No Results Are Returned' section of the [Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles document](#) to determine if your project is in a poorly surveyed area. If it is, you may need to rely on other resources to determine what migratory birds of concern may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys).

## Migratory Bird FAQs

**Tell me more about avoidance and minimization measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.**

[Nationwide Avoidance & Minimization Measures for Birds](#) describes measures that can help avoid and minimize impacts to all birds at any location year-round. When birds may be breeding in the area, identifying the locations of any active nests and avoiding their destruction is one of the most effective ways to minimize impacts. To see when birds are most likely to occur and breed 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 [Birds of Conservation Concern \(BCC\)](#) and other species that may warrant special attention in your project location, such as those listed under the Endangered Species Act or the [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) and those species marked as "Vulnerable". See the FAQ "What are the levels of concern for migratory birds?" for more information on the levels of concern covered in the IPaC migratory bird species list.

The migratory bird list generated for your project is derived from data provided by the [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). The AKN data is based on a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#) and is queried and filtered to return a list of those birds reported as occurring in the 10km grid cell(s) with which your project intersects. These species have been identified as warranting special attention because they are BCC species in that area, an eagle ([Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) 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, and to verify survey effort when no results present, please visit the [Rapid Avian Information Locator \(RAIL\) Tool](#).

**Why are subspecies showing up on my list?**

Subspecies profiles are included on the list of species present in your project area because observations in the AKN for **the species** are being detected. If the species are present, that means that the subspecies may also be present. If a subspecies shows up on your list, you may need to rely on other resources to determine if that subspecies may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys).

## 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 [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#). This data is derived from a growing collection of [survey, banding, and citizen science datasets](#).

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 to 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?

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## 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 [Birds of Conservation Concern](#) (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 [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) 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 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 BCC species. For more information on avoidance and minimization measures you can implement to help avoid and minimize migratory bird impacts, please see the FAQ "Tell me more about avoidance and minimization measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds".

## 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.

## 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 look carefully at the survey effort (indicated by the black vertical line) and for the existence of the "no data" indicator (a red horizontal line). 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 does not represent all birds present in your project area. 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 and associated information help you know what to look for to confirm presence and helps guide implementation of avoidance and minimization measures to eliminate or reduce potential impacts from your project activities, should presence be confirmed. To learn more about avoidance and minimization measures, visit the FAQ "Tell me about avoidance and minimization measures I can implement to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds".

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# Facilities

## Wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries

Refuge and fish hatchery information is not available at this time

## Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) 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.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

This location did not intersect any wetlands mapped by NWI.

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

### Data limitations

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

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

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

### Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters.

Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tubercid 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.

NOT FOR CONSULTATION

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August 27, 2025

**Lauren B Poche**

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**Referencia: SHPO-CF-07-30-25-05 - PR-SBF-00667 (Salinas), Monchy Auto Collision, After the Fact**

Dear Ms. Poche,

Our Office has received and reviewed the above referenced project in accordance with 54 U.S.C. 306108 (commonly known as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act) and 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties.

Our records support your findings of **no historic properties affected** for this undertaking. Please note that should you discover other historic properties at any point during project implementation, you should notify the SHPO immediately.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please do not hesitate to contact our Office.

Sincerely,



**Carlos A. Rubio Cancela**



State Historic Preservation Officer  
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DEPARTMENT OF

# HOUSING

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO



March 24, 2025

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**RE: Authorization for Grant Management (GM) to Conduct the Required Environmental Consultations with Federal and Local Agencies on PRDOH's Behalf**

Dear Mr. El Hage,

Provisions at 24 C.F.R. Part 58 establish the environmental review procedures for entities assuming the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**) environmental responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (**NEPA**) and other applicable laws. The Puerto Rico Department of Housing (**PRDOH**), as the designated CDBG-DR/MIT grantee, has assumed HUD's environmental responsibilities under NEPA and related laws (**Responsible Entity**) by directly implementing multiple CDBG-DR/MIT projects.

One of the Responsible Entity's many responsibilities under 24 C.F.R. Part 58 is consulting with State, Federal, and non-federal entities in preparing an Environmental Review Record (**ERR**). Regarding a Responsible Entity's interactions with State, Federal, and non-Federal entities, 24 C.F.R. § 58.14 states that:

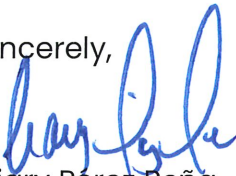
*A responsible entity shall consult with appropriate environmental agencies, State, Federal and non-Federal entities and the public in the preparation of an EIS, EA or other environmental reviews undertaken under the related laws and authorities cited in § 58.5 and § 58.6. [...].*

In conducting its role as a Responsible Entity that directly undertakes a project, as per 24 C.F.R. § 58.4(b)(1), PRDOH *"must assume the environmental review responsibilities for the State's activities **and those of any non-governmental entity that may participate in the project.**"* Accordingly, a Responsible Entity may delegate certain tasks in the preparation of ERRs but retains full legal responsibility for compliance with environmental requirements.

To effectively manage available environmental resources and expedite the preparation of ERRs, PRDOH—as Responsible Entity—wishes to delegate the task of consulting with State, Federal, and non-Federal entities contained in 24 C.F.R. § 58.14. Therefore, PRDOH hereby authorizes Alberto Mercado Vargas, GM Environmental SME, or his authorized representative) to conduct on its behalf the environmental consultations with Federal and local agencies required to prepare ERRs for the implementation of CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT projects, while still maintaining the ultimate and full legal responsibility for compliance with environmental requirements. This authorization extends to both early and formal consultations before Federal agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (**USFWS**) and the State Historic Preservation Office (**SHPO**), among others required for compliance with applicable laws and regulations as established in 24 C.F.R. § 58.14 and § 58.5. GM should include and copy the PRDOH Environmental Division in all communications with Federal and local agencies for these purposes.

PRDOH appreciates GM's commitment to Puerto Rico's recovery and is confident in its ability to execute this task effectively. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Ciary Pérez Peña

Secretary

Puerto Rico Department of Housing

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July 30, 2025

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PUERTO RICO DISASTER RECOVERY, CDBG-DR PROGRAM: SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING PROGRAM (SBF)

SECTION 106 NHPA EFFECT DETERMINATION SUBMITTAL – PR-SBF-00667, MONCHY AUTO COLLISION, 73 CALLE MARGARITA, BO. LAS OCHENTA, SALINAS, PUERTO RICO 00751, AFTER THE FACT REVIEW – *NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES AFFECTED*

Dear Architect Rubio Cancela,

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 (PRDOH) aims to lead a comprehensive and transparent recovery for the benefit of Puerto Rico residents. To faithfully comply with HUD's environmental requirements, the PRDOH contracted Horne Federal, LLC (HORNE) to provide environmental records review services that will support their objectives for CDBG-DR.

On behalf of PRDOH and the subrecipient for the Small Business Financing Program (SBF), the Economic Development Bank for Puerto Rico, we are submitting documentation for Monchy Auto Collision located 73 Calle Margarita, Bo. Las Ochenta in the municipality of Salinas. We would like to inform you that due to a clerical error, the Program funding was awarded to the applicant in 2021, prior to the completion of an environmental review. Using a mix of Program and private funding, the applicant, Monchy Auto Collision, installed a new generator on a newly poured 15-foot by 16-foot concrete pad in 2022. A concrete column was built on the concrete pad in front of the generator, on which a new transfer switch was installed. New utility lines have been run to structures at the rear of the property in support

of a new air compressor and chassis at a depth of 5 ft. Improvements include the installation of a new air compressor, which is not affixed, and a new chassis, which is affixed. Installation of the generator and new utility lines required ground disturbance. In good faith, we are submitting this case to your office for an after-the-fact review.

The project area is not located within or adjacent to the boundaries of a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible or listed historic district or a Traditional Urban Center. None of the buildings or structures on the site are individually eligible for the NRHP. The construction of public roads and residential structures has minimally impacted the surrounding terrain. Therefore, the potential for the presence of intact archaeological deposits is considered to be low within the project APE. A recommendation of "No Historic Properties Affected", pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(d)(1), has been made for this project.

We look forward to your response. Please contact me with any questions or concerns by email at [lauren.poche@horne.com](mailto:lauren.poche@horne.com) or phone at 225-405-7676.

Kindest regards,



**Lauren Bair Poche, M.A.**

Architectural Historian, EHP Senior Manager

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Attachments

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| PUERTO RICO 2017 DISASTER RECOVERY, CDBG-DR PROGRAM<br>SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING PROGRAM (SBF)<br>SECTION 106 NHPA EFFECT DETERMINATION |  DEPARTMENT OF<br><b>HOUSING</b><br><small>GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO</small> |
| PROGRAM ID NUMBER: PR-SBF-00667                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| APPLICANT: Monchy Auto Collision                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| PROJECT LOCATION: 73 Calle Margarita, Bo. Las Ochenta, Salinas, PR 00751                                                                 |                             |
| APPLICANT: 17.981734, -66.319927                                                                                                         |                             |
| TPID (Número de Catastro): 416-059-011-18-000                                                                                            |                             |
| TYPE OF UNDERTAKING:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Substantial Repair/Improvements<br><input type="checkbox"/> New Construction |                             |
| CONSTRUCTION DATE (AH est.): ca. 1965                                                                                                    | PROPERTY SIZE (acres): 0.22 |

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| SOI-QUALIFIED ARCHITECT/ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Caroline Warner, M.A. |
| DATE REVIEWED: July 28, 2025                                           |
| SOI-QUALIFIED ARCHAEOLOGIST: Jennifer Ort, M.S., RPA                   |
| DATE REVIEWED: 7/29/2025                                               |

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Program is responsible for identifying historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places (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)

Due to a clerical error, the Program funding was awarded to the applicant in 2021, prior to the completion of an environmental review. Using a mix of Program and private funding, the applicant, Monchy Auto Collision installed in 2022 an approximately 2-foot (ft; 0.61 meters [m]) by 3-foot (0.91 m) generator on a newly poured 15-foot (ft; 4.57 meters [m]) by 16-foot (ft; 4.87 meters [m]) concrete pad. A concrete column was built on the concrete pad in front of the generator, on which a new transfer switch was installed. New utility lines have been run to structures at the rear of the property in support of a new air compressor and chassis at a depth of 5 ft. Improvements include the installation of a new air compressor, which is not affixed, and a new chassis, which is affixed. Installation of the generator and new utility lines required ground disturbance.

The project area is located at 73 Calle Margarita, Bo. Las Ochenta, Salinas, PR 00751, within the Municipality of Salinas. Based on a review of historical aerial imagery, the general area is not located within or near a traditional urban center or historic district. The subject building is visible on aerial imagery from 1958 to 1967. It has an estimated construction date of circa 1965.



## 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 is the entire 0.22-acre parcel, and the visual APE is the viewshed of the proposed project.

## IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES - ARCHAEOLOGY

Existing information on previously identified historic properties has been reviewed to determine if any such properties are located within the APE of this undertaking. The review of this existing information by a Program contracted Historic Preservation Specialist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards (36 CFR Part 61), shows that there are three reported archaeological materials or significant cultural properties within a half-mile (mi) radius of the project location. The Canal de Juana Díaz (SX0200024) is located approximately 0.4 miles (mi; 0.64 kilometers [km]) north of the project APE. The portion of the Canal that is within the research radius is oriented east-to-west and is a part of the South Coast Irrigation District, which was constructed starting in 1914<sup>1</sup>. The location of the former Hacienda Isadora (SX0200026) is mapped approximately 0.48 mi (0.76 km) northeast of the project area, and the pre-Columbian site Las 80, Temporero 2 (SX0100071) is located approximately 0.2 mi (0.33 km) east.

The proposed project is located in the Southern Coastal Plains physiographic region at an elevation of 7.6 ft (2.3 m) above modern sea level. Per the USGS/NRCS Web Soil Survey, the project area crosses one mapped soil series: Meros sand, 2 to 5 percent slopes (MrB). The project area APE is in a residential neighborhood. The closest freshwater source is an unnamed stream, located 0.21 mi (0.33 km) southwest of the project area. Freshwater emergent wetlands are mapped 0.13 mi (0.2 km) east of the project area. The southern coast is approximately 0.26 mi (0.41 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

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<sup>1</sup> Electronic Document, <https://www.recursosaguapuertorico.com/distriego-costa-sur.html>, accessed July 29, 2025

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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 the boundaries or near the vicinity of a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible /listed Traditional Urban Center / Historic District.

The subject property consists of a one-story circa 1965 masonry vernacular single-family home on a concrete slab foundation (17.981734, -66.319927). The house has a flat concrete slab roof. Exterior materials include stucco, concrete and tile. The house has a full-width front porch with Solomonic columns on square bases. The main entrance is located within the porch on the left side and features a contemporary metal door with matching transom lite to the left. There is a metal casement window on the right side of the facade within the porch. There is a secondary entrance in the center of the rear elevation that consists of a flush metal door with jalousie window. Windows are metal jalousie units. The subject property, constructed circa 1965, is not within a historic district and does not meet any of the Criteria Considerations for individual listing on the NHRP.

The new air compressor has been placed within a concrete building located to the rear of the subject property (17.981772, -66.320055). The building has metal jalousie windows. This building appears on aerial imagery between 1977 and 1994, making the estimated construction date circa 1985. The chassis has been installed on a previously poured concrete pad located in front of a metal storage container on the rear of the property (17.981776, -66.320274). The structure appears on aerial imagery between 2004 and 1994, making the estimated construction date circa 2000. The structure has double metal doors and a gambrel shaped metal roof. It is covered by a secondary structure made of a corrugated metal roof supported by metal poles. Neither of these resources meet any of the Criteria Considerations for individual listing on the NRHP.

## DETERMINATION

The following historic properties have been identified within the APE:

- Direct Effect:
  - There are no historic properties in the Direct APE
- Indirect Effect:
  - There are no historic properties in the viewshed or Indirect APE.

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Based on the results of our historic property identification efforts, the Program has determined that the project area is not located within or adjacent to the boundaries of a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible or listed historic district or a Traditional Urban Center. None of the buildings or structures on the site are individually eligible for the NRHP. While the generator and transfer switch have been installed on the front right corner of the parcel in front of the subject building at 17.981734, -66.319927, and are visible from other properties in the viewshed, no historic properties will be affected since the property is not within the boundaries of a historic district nor is it individually eligible for the NRHP. The chassis and air compressor have been installed behind the subject building and are not visible from the street or impact other buildings in the viewshed.

There are three reported archaeological materials or significant cultural properties within a half-mile radius of the proposed project location. 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-SBF-00667 is located. The closest freshwater body is approximately 0.21 mi (0.33 km) southwest of the project area. The construction of public roads and residential structures has minimally impacted the surrounding terrain. Therefore, the potential for the presence of intact archaeological deposits is considered to be low within the project APE.

Based on the review, the Program has determined that no historic properties were affected by the completed project activities.



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**RECOMMENDATION (PLEASE KEEP ON SAME PAGE AS SHPO STAFF SECTION)**

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

- ☒ No Historic Properties Affected  
☐ No Adverse Effect  
     Condition (if applicable):  
☐ Adverse Effect  
     Proposed Resolution (if applicable)

**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SHPO STAFF ONLY**

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| The Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above information and:                                                               |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Concurs</b> with the information provided.<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Does not concur</b> with the information provided. |       |
| <b>Comments:</b>                                                                                                                                         |       |
| Carlos Rubio-Cancela<br>State Historic Preservation Officer                                                                                              | Date: |

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PROJECT (PARCEL) LOCATION - AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT (APE)

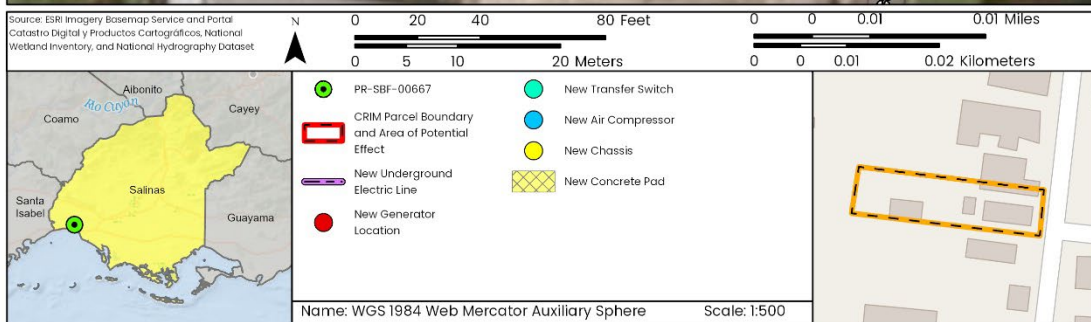
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PROJECT (PARCEL) LOCATION - AERIAL BASE



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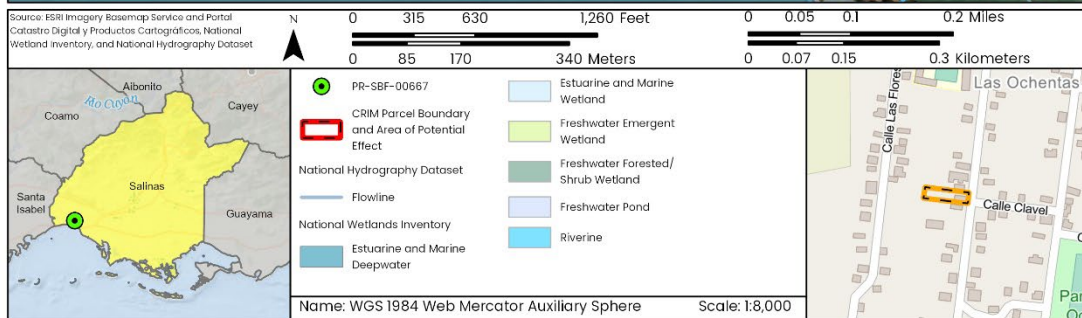


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PROJECT (PARCEL) LOCATION - TOPOGRAPHIC BASE



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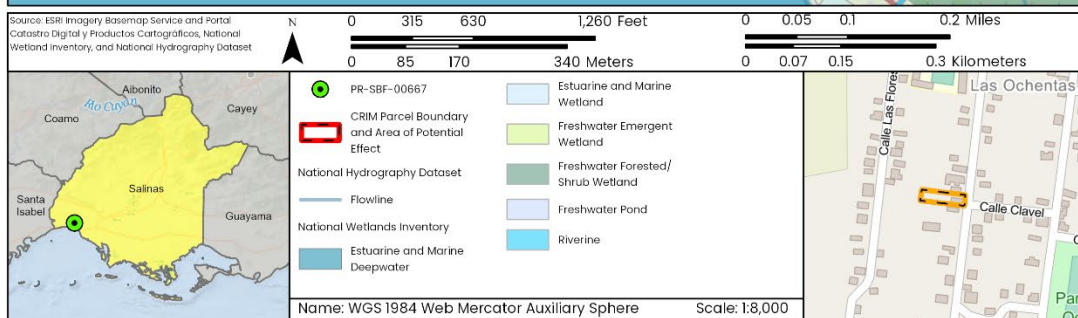
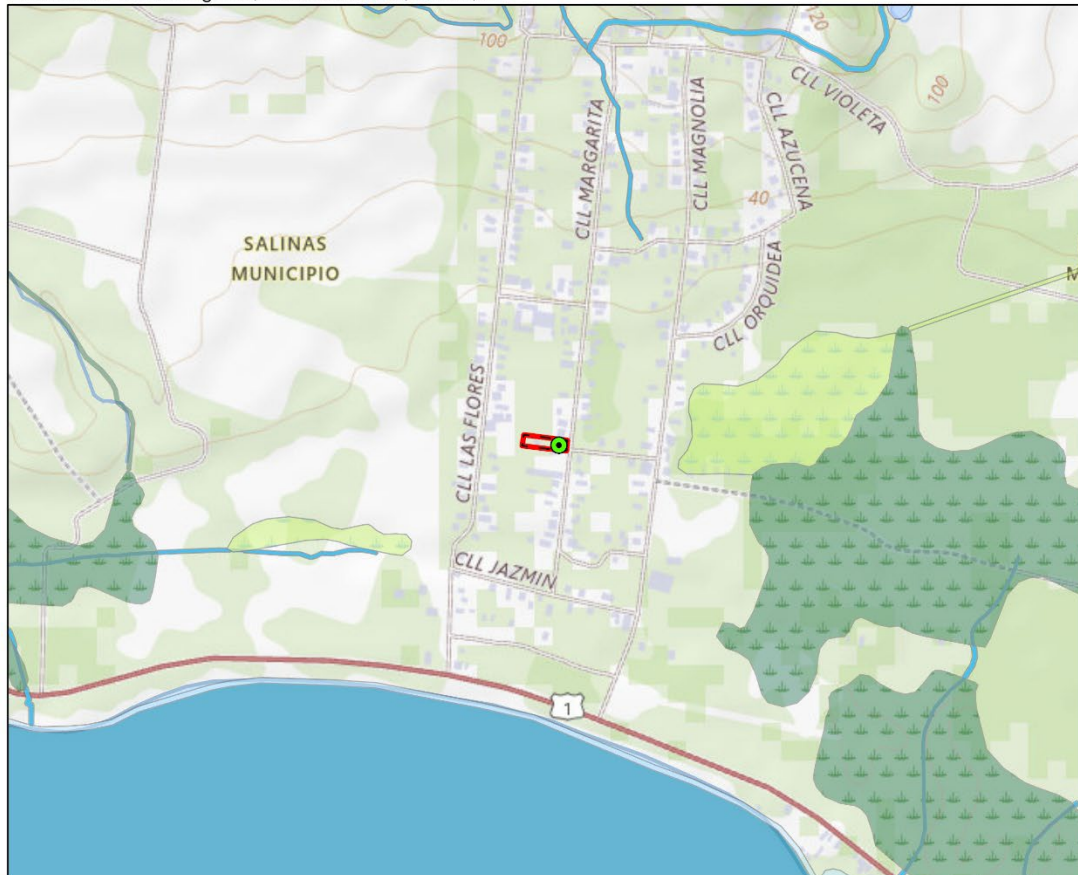


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PROJECT (PARCEL) LOCATION - SOILS MAP



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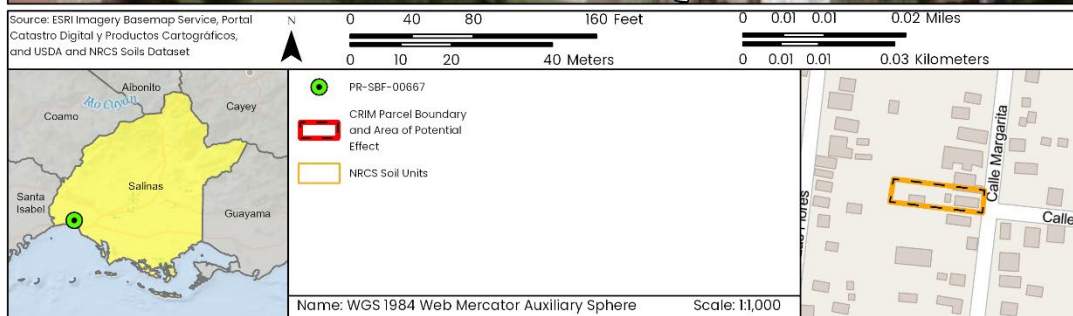


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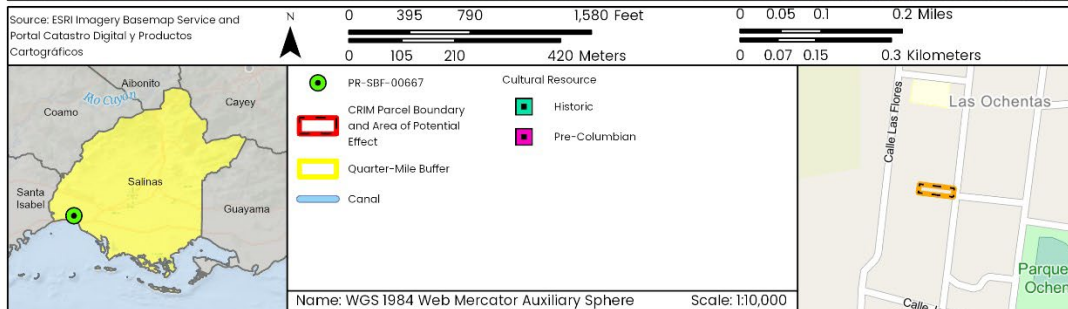
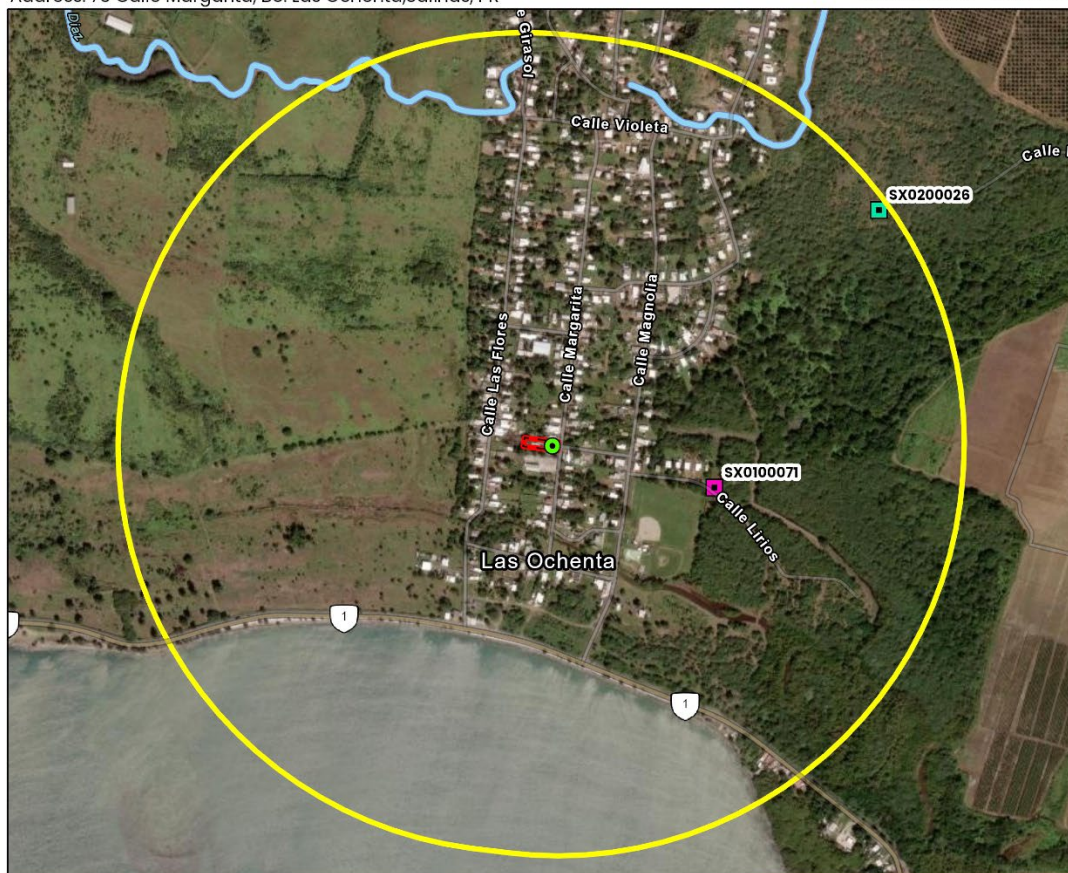
# HISTORIC PROPERTIES - AERIAL BASE

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## HISTORIC PROPERTIES - TOPOGRAPHIC BASE



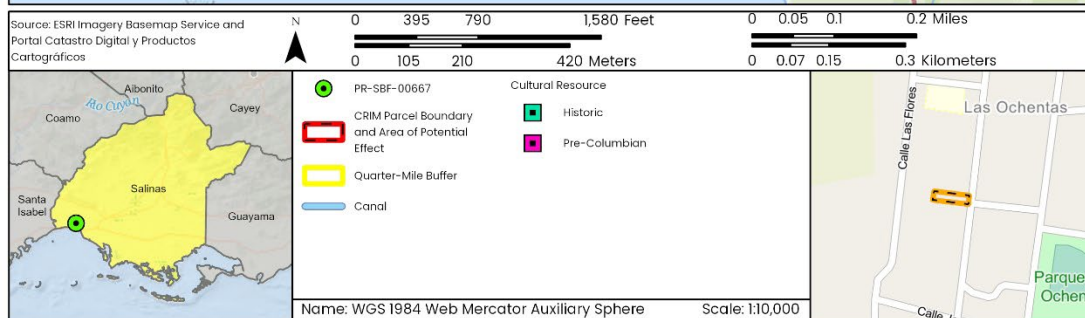
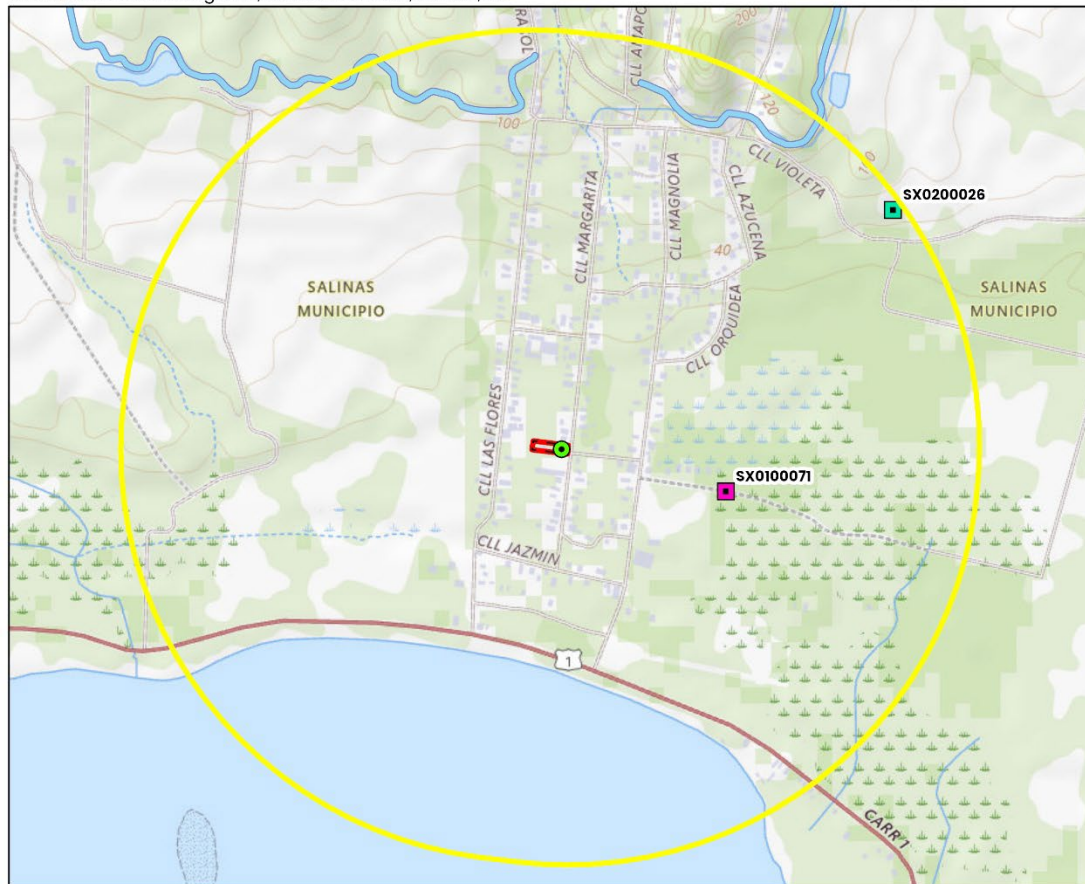
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PHOTO #: 1

DESCRIPTION (**include direction**): Overview of the front of the first building, looking west (left image) and rear, looking northeast (right image).

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PHOTO #: 2

DESCRIPTION (**INCLUDE DIRECTION**): Overview of the left side of the first building, looking northwest (left image) and right side looking southwest (right image).

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PHOTO #: 3

DESCRIPTION (**include direction**): Overview of the front of the second building, looking northwest (left image) and the rear looking northeast(right image).

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PHOTO #: 4

DESCRIPTION (**INCLUDE DIRECTION**): Overview of the left side of the second building, looking northeast (left image) and the right side looking south (right image).

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PHOTO #: 5

DESCRIPTION (**include direction**): Overview of the front of the third building looking southwest (left image) and rear looking northeast (right image).

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PHOTO #: 6

DESCRIPTION (**INCLUDE DIRECTION**): Overview of the left side of the third building looking northeast (left image) and right southeast (right image).

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PHOTO #: 7

DESCRIPTION (**include direction**): Entrance to the property looking west (left image) and streetscape looking east (right image).

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PHOTO #: 8

DESCRIPTION (**INCLUDE DIRECTION**): General streetscape view looking north (left image) and south (right image).

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PHOTO #: 9

DESCRIPTION (**include direction**): New generator and concrete slab looking north (left image), and new column with transfer switch looking northeast (right image).

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PHOTO #: 10

DESCRIPTION (**INCLUDE DIRECTION**): New generator and concrete slab looking northeast (left image) and new column with transfer switch looking north (right image).

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PHOTO #: 9

DESCRIPTION (**include direction**): Overview of the new chassis looking west.

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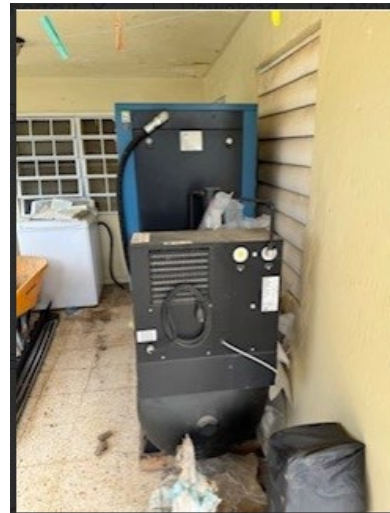


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DESCRIPTION (**INCLUDE DIRECTION**): Overview of the new air compressor.

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER 11988 – FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT  
FIVE-STEP PROCESS AS PROVIDED BY 24 CFR §55.20  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RELIEF (CDBG-DR)  
PROGRAM**

Puerto Rico Department of Housing (PRDOH)  
Small Business Financing (SBF) Program Project No. PR-SBF-00667  
Monchy Auto Collision

**STEP 1: *DETERMINE WHETHER THE ACTION IS LOCATED IN A FLOODPLAIN***

The proposed project is intended to renovate the structure as part of the Economic Development portion of the CDBG-DR grant. The specific scope of work for this project includes the purchase of equipment including an affixed generator, a car lift, a rotary screw compressor, a paint wash lamp, a dent repair station, and a paint gun washer for the Small Business.

The project is located at 73 CALLE MARGARITA, BO. LAS OCHENTA, Salinas, PR 00751. The Tax Parcel ID of the site is 416-059-011-18-000. The Latitude is 17.981734 and the Longitude is -66.319927. The floodplain was determined using the 0.2-Percent-Annual-Chance (500-Year) Flood Approach.

The project is located entirely within the floodplain. The property is shown as being within Zone AE on the Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) Map.

Executive Order (EO) 11988 details floodplain management. The purpose of EO 11988 is “to avoid to the extent possible the long- and short-term adverse impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of floodplains and to avoid direct or indirect support of floodplain development wherever there is a practicable alternative.” The project is located within the floodplain and for this reason, EO 11988 applies. The subject unit occupies approximately 7,800 square feet of the floodplain. An evaluation of direct and indirect impacts associated with the construction, occupancy, and modification of the floodplain is required. The project does not involve new construction and is not located in a wetland as determined by the National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Mapper, thus EO 11990 does not apply.

The project is a renovation of a non-residential structure. The renovation is not considered a substantial improvement in accordance with 24 CFR 55.2(b)(12) nor will the footprint be increased; therefore, per 24 CFR 55.14(d), public notification of the proposed activity (Step 2), identification and evaluation of practicable alternatives (Step 3) and the determination of no practicable alternative and publication of a final notice (Step 7) do not need to be conducted.

***STEP 2: NOTIFY THE PUBLIC FOR EARLY REVIEW OF THE PROPOSAL AND INVOLVE THE AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PUBLIC IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.***

The project is a renovation of a non-residential structure. The renovation is not considered a substantial improvement, and the structure footprint is not being increased; therefore, per 24 CFR 55.14(d), public notification of the proposed activity (Step 2 of the 8-Step Process) does not need to be conducted.

***STEP 3: IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE PRACTICABLE ALTERNATIVES TO LOCATING IN THE FLOODPLAIN.***

The project is a renovation of a non-residential structure. The structure is not undergoing substantial improvement nor is the footprint increasing, therefore, per 24 CFR 55.14(d), identification, and evaluation of practicable alternatives to the proposed activity (Step 3 of the 8-Step Process) does not need to be conducted.

***STEP 4: IDENTIFY POTENTIAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT.***

The HUD-funded SBF program intends to provide economic stimulus to Small Businesses for economic development. HUD's regulations limit what actions can be considered under the SBF program, including the prohibition of any construction in the floodway. Descriptions of the potential impacts of the proposed action are below:

The project is a renovation of a non-residential structure. The structure is not undergoing substantial improvement, and the footprint will not increase. The proposal does include a minor renovation of a new generator on a newly poured 15-foot by 16-foot concrete pad in 2022. A concrete column was built on the concrete pad in front of the generator, on which a new transfer switch was installed. New utility lines have been run to structures at the rear of the property in support of a new air compressor and chassis at a depth of 5 ft. Improvements include the installation of a new air compressor, which is not affixed, and a new chassis, which is affixed. Installation of the generator and new utility lines required ground disturbance. There will be no anticipated impacts to lives and property as this is a minor improvement to a non-residential structure. As the footprint of the structure will not change there are no anticipated impacts to floodplain characteristics or natural and beneficial values.

***STEP 5: WHERE PRACTICABLE, DESIGN OR MODIFY THE PROPOSED ACTION TO MINIMIZE THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE IMPACTS TO AND FROM THE FLOODPLAIN OR WETLAND AND TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE THEIR NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS AND VALUES.***

The PRDOH and the Puerto Rico Permits Management Office requires elevation or floodproofing of all "substantially damaged or improved" structures in the floodplain. When



followed, these regulations will reduce the threat of flooding damage to properties located in the floodplain and reduce the impact of development on the floodplain. Applicants are required to adhere to the most recent floodplain elevation levels when considering reconstruction of their “substantially damaged or improved” property. It is noted; however, that because the property is not to be improved substantially and the footprint of the structure is not increased, floodplain management options are not required. The footprint of the structure will not be increased, to minimize the potential harm to or within the floodplain.

**STEP 6: *HUD OR THE RESPONSIBLE ENTITY SHALL CONSIDER THE TOTALITY OF THE PREVIOUS STEPS AND THE CRITERIA IN THIS SECTION TO MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO APPROVE, APPROVE WITH MODIFICATIONS, OR REJECT THE PROPOSED ACTION. ADVERSE IMPACTS TO FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS MUST BE AVOIDED IF THERE IS A PRACTICABLE ALTERNATIVE.***

Option A would involve the renovation of the non-residential structure. This option would not adversely impact the floodplain and would help the small business benefit as part of the economic recovery needed because of Hurricanes Irma and Maria. This meets the program goals of revitalizing and supporting the economic development and recovery of Puerto Rico.

Option B would mean the applicant does not receive funding. Due to the great need for economic revitalization after hurricanes Irma and Maria, this would put undue hardship on the applicant; because of this option A was selected.

**STEP 7: *DETERMINATION OF NO PRACTICABLE ALTERNATIVE.***

The project is a renovation of a non-residential structure. The structure is not undergoing substantial improvement nor is the footprint of the structure expanding; therefore, per 24 CFR 55.14(d), the determination of no practicable alternative and publication of a final notice (Step 7 of the 8-Step Process) does not need to be conducted.

**STEP 8: *IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED ACTION***

Step eight is the implementation of the proposed action. There is a continuing responsibility on HUD (or on the responsible entity authorized by 24 CFR part 58) and the recipient (if other than the responsible entity) to ensure that the mitigating measures identified in the steps above are implemented.

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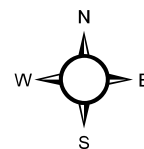


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## Legend

- Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA)
- Streamline (zoom in to make visible)
- Zone/BFE Boundary
- 1% Annual Chance Flood
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood
- A
- AO
- AE
- Coastal A Zone
- VE
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Zone
- A-Floodway
- AE-Floodway
- Coastal A Zone and Floodway
- Advisory Base Flood Elevation (zoom in to make visible)

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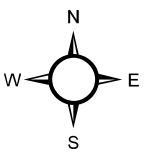
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## Legend

- Military Airports 15,000ft Buffer
- Civilian Airports 2,500ft Buffer
- Military Accident Protection Zones APZ 2
- Military Accident Protection Zones APZ 1
- Runway Protection Zones
- Airport Runways
- Major
- Minor Airport

0 1.25 2.5 5 mi



Runway Protection Zones

Major Civil and Military Airports





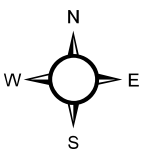
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## Legend

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Runway Protection Zones

Major Civil and Military Airports



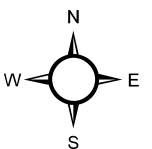
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## Legend

- Otherwise Protected Area
- System Unit

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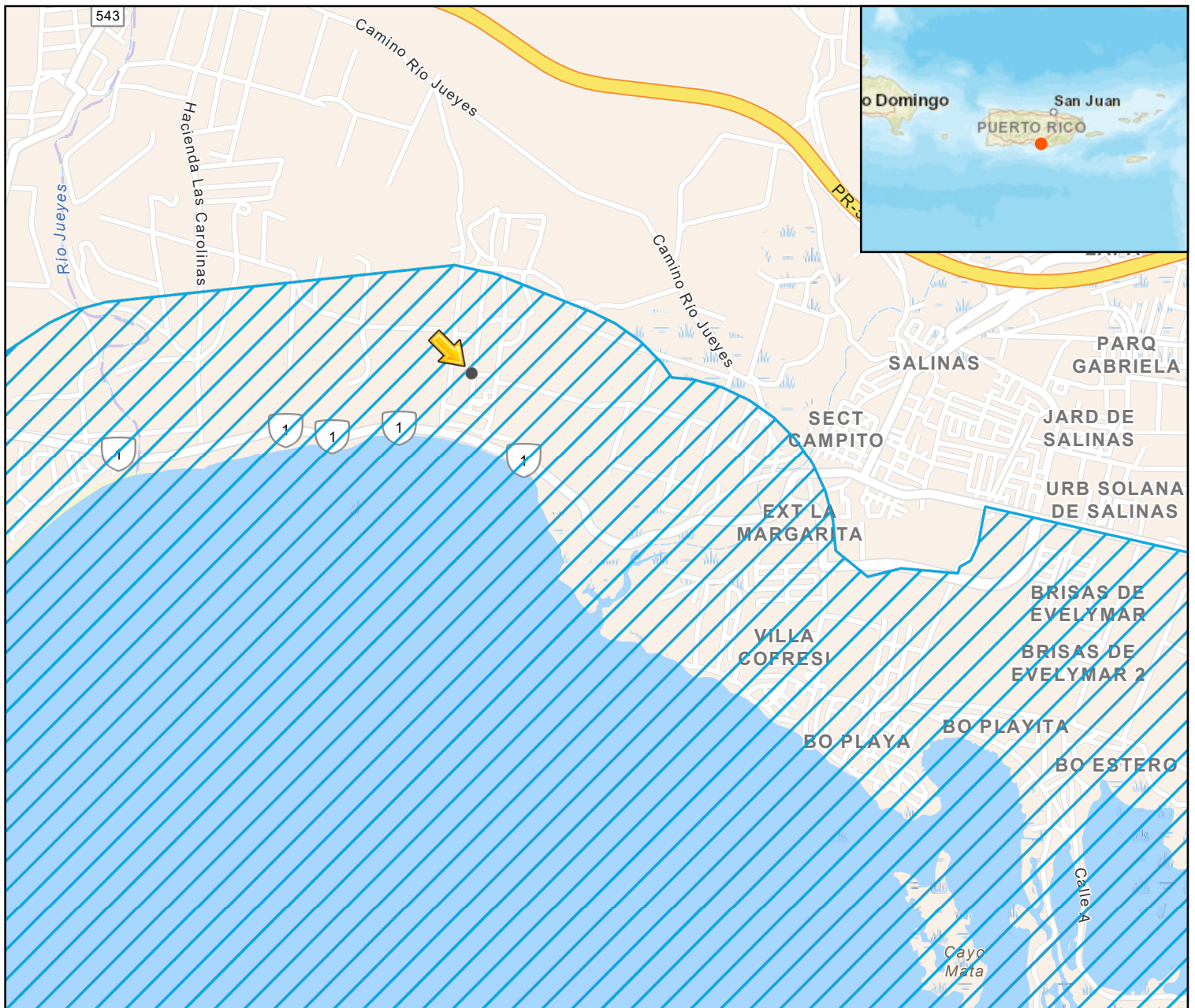


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Coastal Barrier Resources Act Program



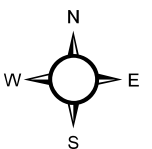
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## Legend

 Coastal Zone Management Act Boundary

0 0.35 0.7 1.4 mi



NOAA

Coastal Zone Management Act





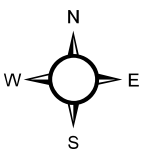
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## Legend

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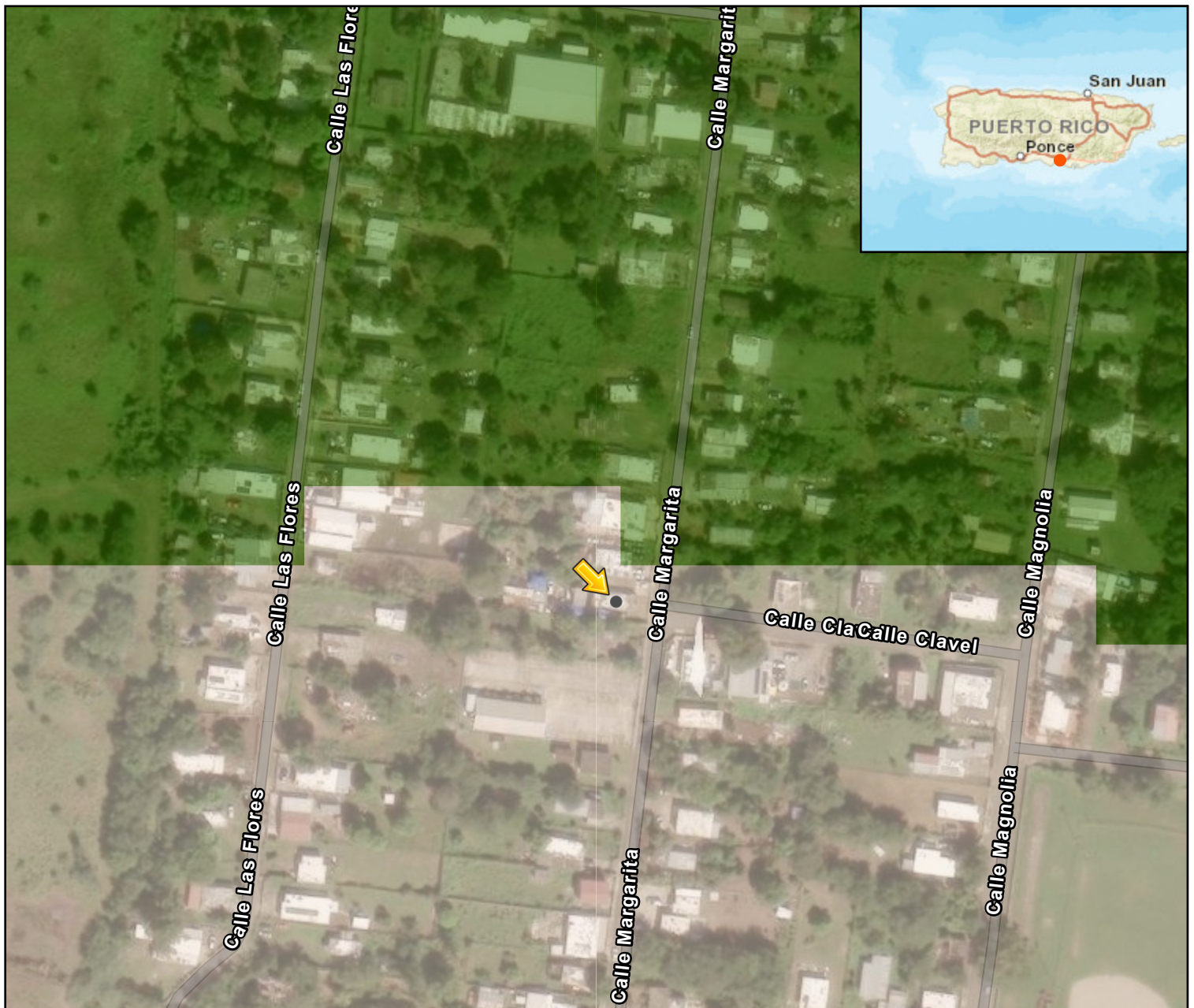
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Endangered Species Habitat

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

# PR-SBF-00667 Farmlands

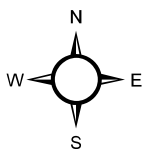


## Legend

### ClassName

- Prime Farmland
- Farmland of Statewide Importance
- Not Prime Farmland

0 0.02 0.04 0.08 mi



USGS USA Soils

Farmland dataset



# PR-SBF-00667 FIRM

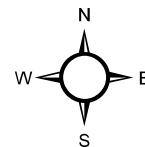


## Legend

### FEMA Flood Zones - Effective

- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Regulatory Floodway
- Special Floodway
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee
- X, Area of Minimal Flood Hazard
- FEMA Flood Zone Panel

0 0.02 0.04 0.08 mi



FEMA Map Service

Flood Insurance Rate Maps





# PR-SBF-00667 Historic



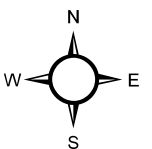
## Legend

- National Historic Landmark
- National Register of Historic Places
- National Historic Landmark
- National Register of Historic Places
- Traditional Urban Centers

National Register Of Historic Places Points

National Register of Historic Places Polygons

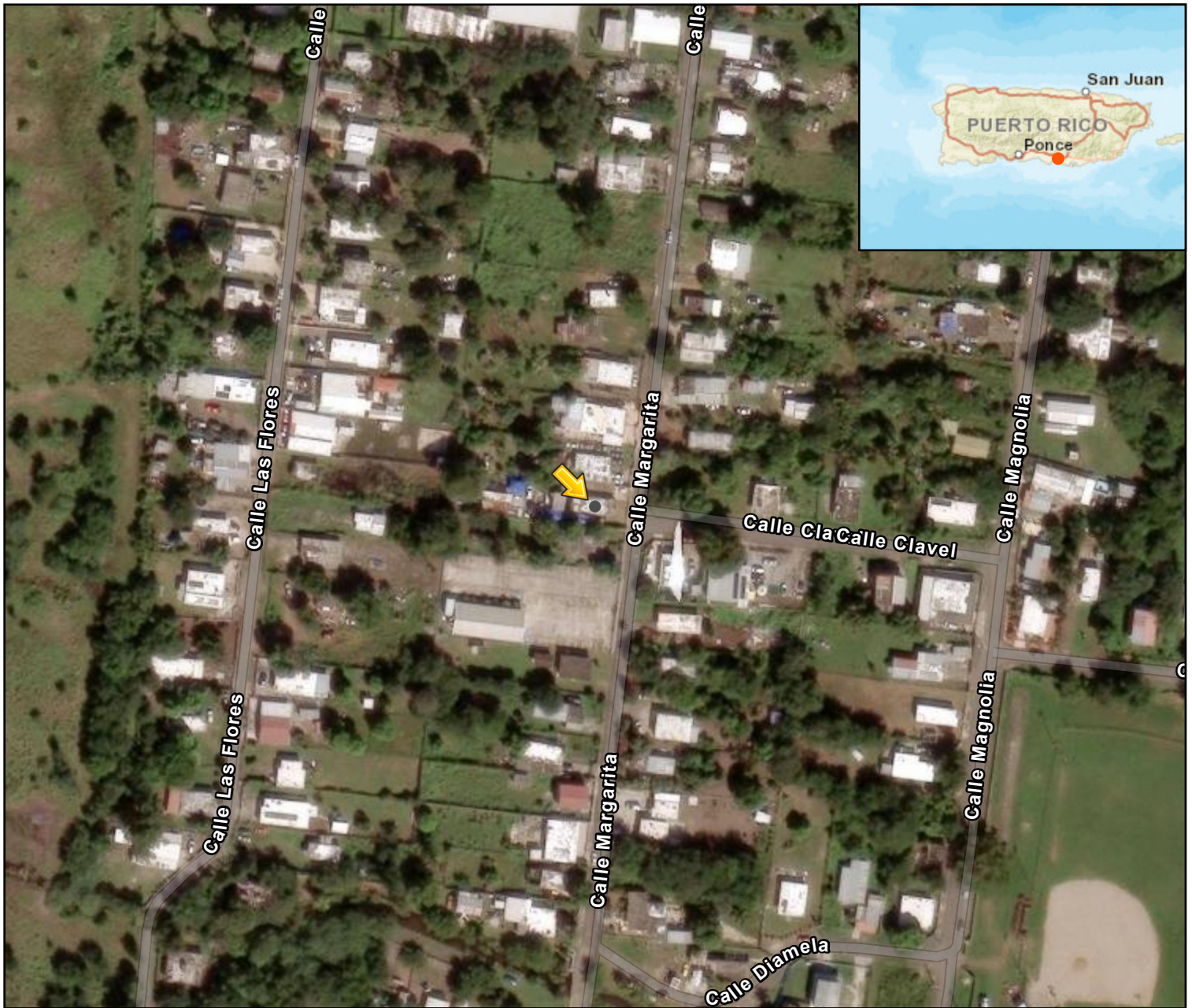
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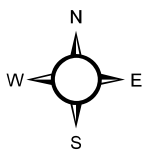
National Register of Historic Places

Local Historic Areas digitized by Horne

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0 0.02 0.04 0.08 mi





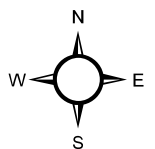
# PR-SBF-00667 Sole Source Aquifers



## Legend

 Sole Source Aquifers - EPA August 2019

0 180 360 720 mi



Sole Source Aquifers

EPA

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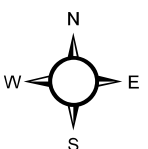
# PR-SBF-00667 Wetlands



## Legend

- Estuarine and Marine Deepwater
- Estuarine and Marine Wetland
- Freshwater Emergent Wetland
- Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
- Lake
- Other
- Riverine

0 0.02 0.04 0.08 mi



National Wetlands Inventory  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



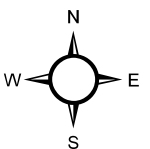
# PR-SBF-00667 Wild & Scenic Rivers



## Legend

— National Wild and Scenic River Line

0 5 10 20 mi



National Wild and Scenic River System

National Park Service