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

Project Information

Project Name: Renovation and Expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center Building

Responsible Entity: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)

State/Local Identifier: DUNS No. 854856277

Preparer: Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Certifying Officer Name and Title: Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA), Division of Youth Services (DYS)

Consultant (if applicable): N/A

Direct Comments to:

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Ms. Tricia B. Tenorio, Planner
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)

Project Location: Tanapag, Saipan

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

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, Division of Youth Services submitted a request to Renovate and Expand the Tanapag Youth Center Building.

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

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Division of Youth Services (DYS) had submitted their proposal for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The goal of this project are the following: To build capacity and improve the delivery

and quality of community based services and programs available to families across age and disability spectrums by expanding and coordinating existing social services and supportive programs; Build the capacity and improve the delivery and quality infrastructure of mass shelter and care for disaster refugees before, during, and aftermath of the storm through the allocation of resources and coordination information.

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

Tanapag Youth Center is the only youth facility on the northern part of the island with the village population of 596 for As Matuis, 741 for San Roque, and 829 for Tanapag. The Tanapag Youth Center needs to be renovated and expanded in order to build capacity and improve delivery and quality of community-based services and programs for the community.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
B-18-ST-69-0001	CDBG	\$200,000.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$200,000.00

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$200,000.00

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

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6		

<p>Airport Hazards</p> <p>24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) had determined that the project is free from the Runway Protection Zone.</p> <p>-Appendix A</p>
<p>Coastal Barrier Resources</p> <p>Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DRCM) had determined that the proposed improvement project is not partially or wholly situated on or near DCRM's designated "Areas of Particular Concern" (APCs).</p> <p>-Appendix B</p>
<p>Flood Insurance</p> <p>Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Department of Public Works (DPW) determined that the proposed project is NOT in the Special Flood Zone Area.</p> <p>-Appendix C</p>
<p>STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5</p>		
<p>Clean Air</p> <p>Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that the project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act.</p> <p>-Appendix D</p>
<p>Coastal Zone Management</p> <p>Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DRCM) had determined that the proposed improvement project is not partially or wholly situated on or near DCRM's designated "Areas of Particular Concern" (APCs).</p> <p>-Appendix B</p>
<p>Contamination and Toxic Substances</p> <p>24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that the project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act.</p> <p>-Appendix D</p>

<p>Endangered Species</p> <p>Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife had determined that they do not anticipate impacts to T&E species. -Appendix E</p>
<p>Explosive and Flammable Hazards</p> <p>24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that the project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act. -Appendix D</p>
<p>Farmlands Protection</p> <p>Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) had determined that NO protected farmlands will be impacted -Appendix F</p>
<p>Floodplain Management</p> <p>Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The Department of Public Works (DPW) determined that the proposed project is NOT in the Special Flood Zone Area. -Appendix C</p>
<p>Historic Preservation</p> <p>National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>NO Response -Appendix J</p>
<p>Noise Abatement and Control</p> <p>Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that the project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act. -Appendix D</p>
<p>Sole Source Aquifers</p> <p>Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149</p>	<p>Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The CNMI has no Sole Source Aquifers -Appendix H</p>

Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DRCM) had determined that the proposed improvement project is not partially or wholly situated on or near DCRM's designated "Areas of Particular Concern" (APCs). -Appendix B
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI has no Wild Scenic Rivers -Appendix I
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There will be no environmental impact on the Renovation and Expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center.

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

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

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

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible		The Saipan Zoning Office has determined that the project is permitted within the Village Residential zoning district.

Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	2	-Pls. see appendix G
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	2	The soil description as per the USDA Soil Conservation Service for Tanapag area is Kagman-Saipan and Laolao-Akina land. Detailed description as follows: very deep, moderately deep, well drained, strongly sloping soils on limestone plateaus; volcanic uplands. The soil survey indicated that the area can be used for recreational development. -Please see appendix K
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise	2	The contractor will be required to apply for permits through the Department of Public Works (DPW) in order for the construction to commence. The permitting agencies will provide guidance to the contractor to prevent hazard, noise reduction and site safety.
Energy Consumption	2	The project construction will consist of renovating and expanding a youth center. As per the CNMI building code, the contractor will take the necessary steps in ensuring the building is energy sufficient.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Income Patterns	2	The goal of the project is to renovate and expand the Tanapag Youth Center. The project will not create new job opportunities; however, the construction activity may provide job opportunities to citizens. The job opportunities will be short term due to the project construction time frame.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	The project site is in an area consisting of residential homes and small businesses. The project area consists of the existing youth center, adjacent to the Tanapag Middle School and public basketball court. The renovation and expansion of the facility will not affect the community or the demographics of the site.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES		
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	The Project will not affect any cultural or educational facilities.
Commercial Facilities	2	The project will not affect any commercial facilities
Health Care and Social Services	2	The project will not affect any Health Care and Social Services
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	The project will not affect any solid waste disposal or recycling facility.

Waste Water / Sanitary Sewers	2	The project will not affect any waste water or sanitary sewers
Water Supply	2	The project will not affect any water supply.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	2	The Project will not affect any public safety facilities.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	The project will not affect any parks, open space and recreation. The project location does not have a park facility. This Project will be very beneficial for the northern community as the only youth center at the northern end of the island.
Transportation and Accessibility	2	The Project will not affect any transportation facility. The project is located at an area with easy access for the public and most especially to the students of Tanapag Middle School. The Project will conform to the standards of the CNMI Zoning law.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources	2	The project site has been developed, therefore there will be no affect on any natural features or water resources.
Vegetation, Wildlife	2	There will be no affect on any vegetation or wildlife. The Project site has been developed; an existing youth center.
Other Factors	2	The project has been determined to be free from any environmental impacts. The contractors will conform to the guidance of the permitting agencies in order for the construction to commence.

Additional Studies Performed:

N/A – There is no significant impact to the environment for this project. All Regulatory Agencies were consulted in preparation of this Environmental Assessment.

Field Inspection (Date and completed by):

Field Inspection was completed on February 20, 2020. Field inspection was done by Mr. Jacob Muna, Office Manager/Procurement Officer

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

- Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)
- Coastal Resources Management (CRM/BECQ)
- Department of Public Works (DPW)
- Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ/BECQ)
- Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW/DLNR)
- USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Zoning Board
- Region 9 documentation on Designated Sole Source Aquifers from EPA
- Documentation from the Natural Park Service for Scenic Rivers in the CNMI
- CNMI Historic Preservation Office (HPO)
- Soil Survey Documentations from USDA Soil Conservation Service.

List of Permits Obtained:

There will be no permits to be obtained at this time, but prior to the construction of the project, the contractor will be responsible to apply for "One Start Permit: that will be issued by the Department of Public Works (DPW) or the Bureau of Environmental and Costal Quality (BECQ). The permits will be included in the project file as soon as the selected contractor is chosen.

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]:

Our Agency will publish the "Finding of No Significant Impact-FONSI" and the "Request for the Release of Funds-RROF as soon as this Environmental Assessment is signed by the Corporate Director. The publication will be printed on the newspaper, website, and the NMHC facebook page for a period of 15 days.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

There will be no significant impact to the environment on the Expansion and Rehabilitation of the Tanapag Youth Center. This project will be closely monitored by the Bureau of Environmental and Costal Quality (BECQ) to ensure that permit requirements are met, and the Department of Public Works (DPW) will be monitoring the project as to ensure that the building code requirements are met.

This Project will be funded by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and no other funding sources to be used.

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

There is no significant impact to the environment for this project. The construction project is a short term project, not a long term.

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

N/A

Summary of Findings and Conclusions:

This project will not impact the environment as the project is for the benefit of the community of Saipan and the villages of Tanapag, San Roque and as Matuis, being the only youth center closest to the villages. This is a short term project and the contractor will abide by the conditions provided in the permits.

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

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

-prior to construction, the contractor will be required to apply for all the necessary permits in order to begin construction work.

-NMHC, the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Office of the Governor will closely monitor the project to ensure that the contractor complies with the scope of work and permit requirements from the regulatory agencies.

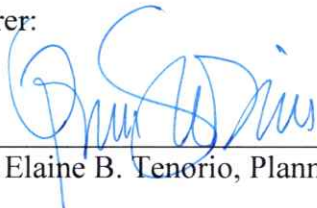
Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure
N/A	

Determination:

Finding of No Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.27]
The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Finding of Significant Impact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2); 40 CFR 1508.27]
The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

Preparer:



Tricia Elaine B. Tenorio, Planner

Date: 06/09/2020

Certifying Officer:



Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director

Date: 6/12/2020

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



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1. Executive Summary:

The rehabilitation and revitalization of the emergency shelter and the youth centers have qualified two (2) of the three national objectives of the Community Development Block Grant; *benefiting low- and moderate-income persons and meeting other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.* The emergency shelter and the youth centers are public facilities, which is an eligible activity under the CDBG Section 570.208 in providing a place for activities and supportive services that would cater to the specific needs for the low- and moderate- income population.

DCCA- Division of Youth Services (DYS), in the course of the lifespan of the emergency shelter and the youth centers of this proposed project, intends to expand and maintain CNMI-wide coordinated programs and social services that will require changes on the infrastructure currently in place. The **goals** for this proposed project are: 1) to build the capacity and improve the delivery and quality of community-based services and programs available to families across age and disability spectrums by expanding and coordinating existing social services and supportive programs; and 2) to build the capacity and improve the delivery and quality infrastructure of mass shelter and care for disaster refugees before- during- and aftermath of the storm through the allocation of resources and coordination of information. The **objectives** for Goal #1 are: 1) to improve social services and supportive programs infrastructure in the shelter and the centers; 2) to improve the provision of information and awareness about all available social services and their providers; 3) to coordinate and collaborate with partners in providing

more programs and services at the shelter and the centers. The **objective** for Goal #2 is: 1) to improve and coordinate the implementation of disaster emergency assistance and distribution of information- when activated by the Governor- and the coordination and implementation of the four Emergency Support Function (ESF): Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services for individuals and families displaced by disaster- man-made and/or natural. The anticipated **outcomes** for Goal #1 include: 1) children and youth of all ages and disabilities will have greater opportunities for positive development; 2) providers will demonstrate increased ability to provide programs that support the positive development of young people; 3) families will have streamline access to tools of enhancement and empowerment to strengthen their families to eventually become self-sufficient and self-reliant. The anticipated **outcome** for Goal #2 is: 1) Disaster refugees will have access to a proficient Emergency Support Function network; information for all federal and local disaster relief assistance. The expected **products** are outreach materials, DYS staff professional development and in-service training; and for Goal #2 ESF training, ESF materials, DCCA website- ESF section.

The shelter and centers address the home- away from home health, social and recreational needs of the children and youth population in the three (3) islands. The division serves in excess of two hundred children and youth each day through a wide variety of programs in the islands. The division's mission is to strengthen families by promoting the well-being of children, youth and communities. It visualizes all the children, youths and families will be self-reliant and self-sufficient socially, economically and culturally independent.

The division is conscious of the changing demographics in the shelter and the centers' service areas, and is committed in expanding and adapting the shelter and the centers to meet the emerging needs. The shelter and the centers will provide comprehensive access to activities and social services for the children and youths.

Program objectives include ensuring that children and youths opportunities of enriching their prospects at life-skills and after-school programs; increasing their knowledge and skills to do better at school; engaging them in music, arts and crafts and other cultural humanities curriculum. The division and partners are committed in bringing these and other programs and services to the centers. (Facility Usage by Partnering Agencies Appendix 1- A)

The shelter and the centers play a vital role in the lives of the children and youths in the communities as evidenced by the growing numbers of attendances from the various locations. These two (2) Rota and Tanapag YC are providing after- school programs and Tanapag YC exclusively provides groups with Botvin Life Skills program for middle and high school students and a substance abuse prevention curriculum for the youth. The children and youth who attend these programs are from the low- and moderate- income families and more importantly are the at-risk youths the division serves (which are the target population of the Community Development Block Grant).

The division believes that this project will extend the programs and services to an extremely underserved children and youth population. With this stated, the division anticipates a rise in the attendees of children and youths who would-be home-alone; increase the community awareness of the importance of having mutual support network in the community for support and assistance; which will ultimately empower the families to manage their family life to promote self-sufficiency and stability. The emergency shelter will continue to serve the youth victims of abuse and neglect.

The total cost of the rehabilitation of the youth centers is **\$600,000.00** Of this amount, \$200,000.00 will be committed to Emergency Shelter as the first priority project; \$200,000 to Sinapalo Rota Youth Center as second priority and \$200,000.00 to Tanapag Youth Center as third. Your investment of \$ 600,000.00 will complete the rehabilitation of the shelter and centers

needed to better serve the low- and moderate-income children and youths in every island, every village, and in every family before-, during- and after-math of a disaster.

The division is excited about the prospect of partnering with you. Si Yu'us ma'ase for your consideration of the division's request.

2. Needs Assessment:

The need for the Youth Centers is enormous. The 2010 U.S. CENSUS Table 1-17 indicates that in the category **of the families with related children under 18-** 55.6% are in the poverty level and **families with related children under 5 years-** 64.7% below poverty level; which makes 3 of 5 children in this age group fall in the target population qualified for assistance for the Community Development Block Grant. (2010 U.S. Census Table 1-17 & 1-18 Appendix 2A)

In addition, a nation-wide research of more than 20 years in the social and emotional learning in children shows that understanding the children's social cognitive development- 1) how they think about and perceive the feelings and viewpoints of others, 2) how they solve interpersonal problems in different ways and 3) how the consequences of their actions affect them- has facilitated the reasoning of why some children are socially competent and others are not. The intervention methods developed are on the assumption that behavior can be modified by focusing on the specific interpersonal cognitive problem-solving (ICPS) skills- which is the premise that the thinking process can be modified- rather than the behaviors themselves. These studies have pushed the communities to develop and implement "Opportunities For Action" whereas services and programs for the prevention of youth violence and its companion guide, "*Taking Action to Prevent Youth Violence*". This guide provides information and the 7-Action steps to help advocate agencies be part of the solution. Five (5) of the Seven (7) Actions advocate that; 1) the community build their capacity to prevent youth violence; 2) use and promote youth violence prevention strategies; 3) reduce the risk for violence and promote the strengths of young people; 4) make choices that promote safety and opportunities to thrive; and

5) enhance the skills and experiences of individual youth. The 6th Action calls on everyone involved in the social services to create opportunities for active involvement of children and youths to attain and/or assimilate good cognitive skills, such as problem-solving and reading abilities, and good social skills, which includes communication, assertiveness, the ability to ask for support and just as importantly acknowledgement of the efforts invested, the challenges overcome and the contributions made. The 7th Action is to help others be violence-free by model; and just as importantly to support others who have been victims of violence so that they do not continue to be victimized or become violent themselves.

Last year 2017, the Child Protective Services of the division served 429 children who were victimized and the Juvenile Probation Unit served 230 youths in their interceptive services in which sums up to 659 children and youth involve in the court system. The Family and Youth Enhancement Program served 609 children and youths in their preventive services. It is the best interest of the community that more children and youths are served in the preventive services area than to be involved in the court system as a victim or perpetrator. (FY 2017 DATA- Appendix 2- A)

Therefore, it is imperative that the CNMI take active role in providing the youth with positive environment and support them with activities which will empower them to navigate from high-risk behaviors. The division takes the helm to bring the intervention and prevention services and programs to the shelter and youth centers and will collaborate with partnering agencies.

3. Performance Measure:

The proposed project **goals** are to build the capacity and improve the delivery and quality of community-based services and programs available to families across age and disability spectrums by expanding and coordinating existing social services and supportive programs.

The **objectives** are:

- 1) Within six (6) months of the completion of the extension and renovation project the division will increase social services and supportive programs infrastructure in the shelter and centers from two to three services;

2) Within the fiscal year of the completion of the extension and renovation project the division will increase the provision of information and awareness of the social services providers from one to four service providers;

3) Within the fiscal year of the completion of the extension and renovation project the division will increase the coordination and collaboration with partners in providing programs and services from one to three programs and services at the shelter and centers.

DCCA-Division of Youth Services will continue to make **resources** available for the youth centers to reach out to the children and youths in the neighborhoods and provide activities and services as DYS is currently doing so Kagman, Rota and Tanapag. The Tanapag Youth Center staff as well as a couple of other unit staff are certified instructors of the following teen intervention and prevention services:

1. After- school program- which comprise with arts & crafts, home- work assistance, sports & recreation and such.
2. Botvin Life Skills,
3. Real Colors- Character Traits,
4. Matrix – Drug & Alcohol Prevention for Teens,
5. ART- Aggression Replacement Training,
6. HATS- Healing After Trauma Services.

For the parents, the division offers the accredited Parents Anonymous® group meetings concurrently running with its Children's Program. The facilitators are certified by the National office and presently running groups: one (1) in Rota, one (1) in Tinian and two (2) groups in Saipan. It is the division's vision to have a group in every youth center which complies with the Parents Anonymous® Standards. To add to the mix, certified instructors are available for the following parenting classes:

1. Common Sense Parenting- for parents with children of all ages.
2. Active Parenting- NOW- parents with children ages 0-12.
3. Active Parenting- TEENS –parents with teenagers ages 13-17.

The anticipated **outcomes** are:

- 1) The children and youth of all ages and disabilities will have an increase of positive development in their societal emotions;
- 2) There will be an increase of families who have access to tools which will enhance and empower them to strengthen their families to become self-sufficient and self-reliant.

The expected **products** are outreach materials; DYS staff professional development and in-service training,

The **secondary goal**: the mass emergency shelter: Improve the delivery and quality infrastructure of mass shelter and care for disaster refugees before- during- and aftermath of the storm through the allocation of resources and coordination of information.

The **objective** for the mass emergency shelter is:

1. Within the fiscal year of the completion of the extension and renovation of the project there will be a 10% increase of improvement in the coordination of assistance and distribution of information- when activated by the Governor- and

The anticipated **outcome** for the mass emergency shelter is:

- 1) There will be an increase in the proficiency of the Emergency Support Function network; information for all federal and local disaster relief assistance.

The expected **products** are ESF training, ESF materials, DCCA website- ESF section.

To exemplify this course of philosophy, the division has included in its 2018 Action Plan Goal #3 improving the delivery of DYS Services, Activity 7 in which the division will coordinate the development of youth opportunities such that there are ample and sufficient opportunities of youth programs addressing cognitive life skills, peer mentoring and substance abuse prevention. Such increase in the youth positive development equates more youths will be making better choices.

The Division of Youth Services will continue to use its Consolidated Block Grant under the authority of the Social Services Block Grant to fund activities and programs for the emergency shelter and youth centers as it is currently doing so.

Thus, the division will monitor and use the amount of 20% increase of children and youth attendance in the community centers as a success indicator for the intervention and prevention services and programs. This is with the premise that while the youths are in attendance of such activities the positive influence will assist them to navigate their lives positively to make the right choices. (FY 2017 Performance Measure Appendix 3-A; Logic Model Appendix 3- B)

4. DUNS Number: 854856119

5. Funding:

DYS is the recipient of the Consolidated Block Grant under the authority of the Social Services Block - Title XX, as amended and is codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1397 et seq. The implementing regulations for SSBG are authorized by Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and are published at 45 CFR Part 96. Requirements specific to SSBG are found in 45 CFR § 96.70 through § 96.74. Construction and/or major renovation are prohibited under this funding source. DYS has taken this course of action to secure other funding source to rehabilitate and revitalize the emergency shelter and youth centers.

6. Organizational Capacity:

The Division of Youth Services was established by P.L. 2-19 and 8 CMC, Div. 1 Article 2 "Family Protection Act". It has numerous responsibilities that promote the well-being of the ~~children, youths, and the community holistically. The division intervenes on reports of all forms~~

of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence where children are involved, truancy, runaway/homeless youth, juvenile delinquency and provides rehabilitative services to youth remanded for secured care. Specific mandates of P.L. 2-19 include the following:

- o To provide necessary legal protection for family members who are victims of civil and criminal family abuse.
- o Plan, coordinate, develop, and implement programs and services designed to provide developmental and rehabilitative services not limited to recreational services, individual and group counseling, outreach, survival education, employability development, and substance abuse training for the youth.
- o Responsible for the provision of services to all youth including youths adjudged to be wards of a court of the Commonwealth with jurisdiction in juvenile cases.

The Division of Youth Services' utmost mission is to strengthen families by promoting the well-being of the children, youths, and the communities. The division's vision is that ultimately, the CNMI families will be self-sufficient and self-reliant socially, economically, and culturally independent.

The division partners with numerous community activities such as the Women's Bowling League; various baseball, volleyball, and basketball community teams; to include community outreach activities to ensure comprehensive opportunities are available to the communities.

Together with the Community Action Agency (the CNMI Women's Association) work earnestly to bring the social services and programs closer to the homes where the Emergency Shelter and Youth Centers are strategically located. The Letters of Support are in the appendix such as to show their support for this project.

The following are just some of the services and programs that the division will be implementing and/or continue to implement:

- **PREVENTION-FAMILY & YOUTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (F&YEP)**
 - **YOUTH SERVICES:** Afterschool Tutoring; Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Book Mobile; Arts/Craft/Music Sessions; Cognitive Life Skills Session; Real Colors Session; Aggression Replacement Training; Substance Abuse Prevention Programs: Matrix and Underage Drinking Sobering Facts; Unit/Program Referrals and 24- hour Youth Help Line.
 - **PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM:** Common Sense Parenting, Early Childhood S.T.E.P., Active Parenting Now, Active Parenting of Teens; Parents Anonymous Support Group Meetings; Parent Development Workshop; and a 24-Hour Parent Help Line.
 - **COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM:** Community Outreach Programs, Transportation, Internship and Volunteer Program, Partnerships, Consolidated Block Grant (CBG) Community Action Agency, Information Systems (IS) and Cooperative Education Program at the high schools.
- **INTERVENTION-**
 - **CHILD PROTECTIIVE SERVICES:** Legally mandated to protect the children who have been abused or neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and/or neglect. It also provides or coordinates family services to reduce or alleviate the risk of abuse or maltreatment.
 - **FOSTER CARE PROGRAM:** This program provides for a long-term care for appropriate families to place children who cannot live with their families. The children may live with relatives or with unrelated foster parents. The help of foster families aims to reduce the risk of maltreatment, enabling change and reunification to occur. This includes but

limited to Kinship/relative placement, Home monitoring, Home assessment, counseling Family Preservation, Supervised visitation and Linkage & referral to community resources.

- **JUVENILE PROBATION UNIT:** Monitor court order conditions of juveniles placed under probation. It also provides for case management services as part of the youth rehabilitative programs to prevent further delinquent or criminal activities.
- **EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM:** The Emergency Shelter is designed to provide temporary placement of a child who is placed under DYS custody as a result of child abuse and/or neglect. Primary function is to serve as a "home away from home". (2018 Organizational Chart Appendix 6- A)

7. Organizational Financial Information/Statements

DCCA-Division of Youth Services continuously search for resources to augment its grant money to ensure a financial sustainability which includes other types of resources such as in-kind support, volunteer staff, or shared resources from other organizations. It includes collaborating and partnering with other organizations to take on a project. The financial stability is vital and essential integral function that it is part of the annual action plan; *Goal 1- To increase organizational capacity- Activity 15- Apply for additional funding source. In addition under Goal 1 Activity 13 directs the division to coordinate and collaborate with government and private entities to maximize available resources and increase access to service delivery for clients. To enumerate a few partnerships and collaborations: 1) The Summer Youth Empowerment Camp; the division partners with PSS (they provide the refreshments), CHCC brings in their experts to share pertinent health information such as smoking, obesity, etc. Last summer, NMC-Crees co-sponsored the camp at the Sinapalo and Tanapag Youth Center. Every year the division solicits the high school students for volunteers to assist the staff with the campers; as directed by Goal 1 Activity 6 Recruit and train volunteers to assist with program and service needs including interns from college. Each year there is an overwhelming number of volunteers. Solicitation also goes to the business section of the community for tents needed for the summer camp and incentives needed for workshops and other community outreach activities.*

DCCA-DYS needed funding to procure and provide counseling for its clients. The division applied the CNMI- Criminal Justice Planning Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding resource. For FY 2015 CIPA granted the division the amount of \$6,000 for counseling sessions and FY 2015 awarded the amount of \$31,712 to hire a counselor. It is an enormous challenge to hire locally a licensed counselor and CIPA assisted by allowing DYS to change it to an Intervention Specialist and continue to work with private counselors.

The federal relief efforts were supported and coordinated by the division's staff manning the emergency shelters. Donations received globally for the disaster relief were accepted and distributed to the storm refugees: from hand sanitizers to small generator to charge cellular phones, iPads and other electronic devices; bed sheets from one of the hotel establishment and prepared food from a local restaurant.

(List of Funds Appendix 7- A; FY 2018 DYS Action Plan 7- A2)

8. Maintenance Plan:

The division is funded by the Consolidated Block Grant under the authority of the Social Services Block Grant which allows minor repair and maintenance. The division will continue to maintain the facilities as the 2018 Action Plan Goal 1 Activity 10 states to coordinate with DPW building safety code officials, Public Health Sanitation Office, DFEMS fire safety inspectors and the Childcare Licensing. In compliance with the local health and safety enforcement codes, the division will ensure the buildings are annually inspected and repaired when the need arises.

PROJECT: RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF TANAPAG YOUTH CENTER BUILDING

Location: Tanapag, Saipan MP 96950

SCOPE OF WORK:

1. GENERAL:

- A. Contractor to furnish labor, materials, tools and equipment for the complete construction work required for this project.
- B. Submit all required product data, material information, shop drawings, and other required information within fourteen (14) calendar days after the execution of contract. Notice to Proceed (NTP) shall be established upon complete approval of submittals.

2. PERMITS:

- A. Contractor shall secure and pay for all permits required for the project:
 - a. Building Permit (DPW)
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 - c. Earthmoving (BECQ)
 - d. Permit/Clearance (HPO)

3. SCOPE OF WORK:

Contractor shall be responsible for the complete Renovation and Expansion of Tanapag Youth Center Building located in Tanapag, Saipan MP 96950.

RENOVATION OF EXISTING BUILDING:

- A. Remove existing three (3) window and filled up existing window opening with 8" CMU and plain cement plaster with painted finish.
- B. Remove and replace two (2) existing exit doors and jambs as scheduled.
- C. Construct new kitchenette at specified location including installation of new base and overhead cabinetry to match with the existing as shown in plans.
- D. Remove and install new water pump to match with the existing location as shown in plans.
- E. Remove existing chain link fence as shown in plans.
- F. Repaint all existing exterior wall, roof overhang and parapet to match with the new expansion building. Colors to be selected by using agency or approve equal.

NEW EXPANSION BUILDING:

- A. Construct one (1) new concrete building expansion at the existing Tanapag Youth Center Building as per plans and specifications. Contractor to provide all new concrete footings and connections as per plans and specifications.
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Scope of Work

Renovation and Expansion of Tanapag Youth Center Building

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- J. Install new emergency lights and fire extinguisher as shown in plans.
- K. Install new electrical work including electrical wiring, panel box, weather head, grounding, receptacles, lighting fixtures, switches and all similar appurtenances as per plans and technical specs and in strict accordance with the latest NEC.
- L. Contractor to general clean and dispose of all construction debris.

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- A. Prior to submitting bid, contractor shall visit the site to verify all existing site conditions.
- B. An on-site Pre-Bid meeting and walk through will be conducted by DPW staff and Using Agency.

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- A. Contractor to conduct work with minimal interference to staff and surrounding neighbors.
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- A. Prior to ordering to materials the contractor shall submit product data, shop drawings, coordination drawings and schedule for approvals as required by the specifications or requested by the contracting officer to DPW Technical Services Division for review

within fourteen (14) working days upon issuance of NTP.

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- A. Contractor shall warrant all materials and workmanship for a minimum period of one (1) year from date of final completion. The final completion date and start of warranty period will be the date that DPW Technical Services Division have accepted the work and the Certificate of Completion is issued.

8. CONTRACTOR COMPLETION TIME:

- A. One Hundred Fifty (150) working days following issuance of Notice to Proceed. The Completion time is inclusive of the ordering, shipping and installation. The contractor shall make every effort to complete the project ahead of the contract completion date.

9. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

- A. In the event of failure to complete the work in the time specified, liquidated damages will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred Dollars (US \$100.00) for each calendar day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

END OF SCOPE OF WORK

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Tanapag Youth Center

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APPENDIX A



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January 9, 2020

Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
PO Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Director Palacios:

Subject: Request for a Determination of Effect
Lot No. 002 B 27 (Tanapag Youth Center)

This is in reference to your letter dated January 8, 2020 requesting for a Determination of Effect for the above-referenced lot number located in Tanapag, Saipan. After review of the lot we found it to be free from the Runway Protection Zone (RPZ). As such, the request for a Determination of Effect is hereby given.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher S. Tenorio".

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

cc: Airport Manager
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Executive Director
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CPA ADMINISTRATION
DATE: JAN 08, 2020
BY: TOLN 9:58am

Re: Request for a Determination of Effect

Dear Mr. Tenorio:

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is in the process of preparing the Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist (24 CFR § 58.35) for the Renovation and Expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center. The project site is located on lot number 002 B 27 in Tanapag. (Please see attached maps)

The proposed project will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

In order for our office to complete the Environmental Review, an Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist (24 CFR § 58.35) must be completed. We kindly request your office to issue a Determination of Effect based on HUD requirement on Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones 24 CFR 51d for the location mentioned above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms. Tricia B. Tenorio at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,

Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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Tanapag Youth Center, Lot No. 002 B 27



Google Earth

Imagery Date: 10/28/2018 15°14'26.90" N 145°45'26.17" E elev. 25 ft eye alt. 2687 ft

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APPENDIX B



Eli D. Cabrera
Administrator

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Janice E. Castro
Director, DCRM

January 9, 2020

Mr. Jesse S. Palacios
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Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
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Saipan, MP 96950

Re: Determination Effect for Tanapag Youth Center – Lot No. 002 B 27

Dear Mr. Palacios,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposed renovation and expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center located on Lot No. 002 B 27 in Tanapag, Saipan. The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is supportive of the proposed improvement project which is being funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

As full project descriptions have not been submitted to the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, Division of Environmental Quality (BECQ-DEQ) for a "One Start" permit, DCRM is unable to thoroughly evaluate the proposed project's potential impact to coastal resources at this time. However, effects are not expected to be significant provided that the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) obtains and complies with all required permits.

DCRM has reviewed your letter dated January 08, 2020 including the vicinity map and photo of the project site for the purposes of completing an Environmental Review. In response to your January 8th letter, the findings from our partial assessment regarding the proposed renovation and expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center are as follows:

1. From the photo and vicinity map provided, the proposed improvement project is not partially or wholly situated on or near DCRM's designated "Areas of Particular Concern" (APCs). APC permits administered by DCRM, if required upon review of a more detailed work plan or plans, will ensure that these proposed actions have no significant negative impacts to important natural resources.
2. As proposed, the project will be primarily conducted within existing footprints and are therefore not expected to have significant negative effects on the pattern and type of land use or growth and distribution of population including the character of existing residential areas.

3. DCRM does not anticipate that this project will cause significant public controversy. We believe that the public and other agencies will be supportive of this important improvement project.
4. As requested in your letter, NMHC is required to apply for a "One Start" permit for this project since the project is federally funded. This application will enable the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), and the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) to review your project proposal. Any project that occurs in or may have significant environmental impacts to an APC will be identified during this review process and will require an APC permit from DCRM. Any project that may impact species listed under the Endangered Species Act may require additional consultation with the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife. Any project that may impact landmarks, historical, and archaeological sites may require consultation with HPO. Any project which has the potential to cause degradation to air and water quality, will be assessed by DEQ.
5. As this project will be duly permitted by relevant CNMI agencies, DCRM anticipates that these projects will not conflict with any CNMI environmental, natural resources protection, or land use laws or regulations.

We look forward to continue coordination as NMHC plans and seeks permits for this important improvement project. Should you have any questions or in need of assistance, please contact our Permit Manager, Ms. Sam Sablan, at 664-8302 or our Coastal Planner, Mr. Richard Salas at 664-8318.

Sincerely,



JANICE E. CASTRO

Director

Division of Coastal Resources Management

cc: DEQ
HPO
DFW

APPENDIX C



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
 Office of the Secretary of Public Works
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January 15, 2020
 Serial No. PW20-0055

Mr. Jesse S. Palacios
 Corporate Director
 Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
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Dear Mr. Palacios:

This letter is in response to your request received by our office on January 8, 2020 for the determination of Special Flood Hazard Area regarding the proposed Renovation and Expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center on Lot No. 002 B 27 located in Tanapag, Saipan.

After a thorough review of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM Panel No. 6900000051C) and other source materials, this office has determined that the aforementioned lot is **NOT** in the Special Flood Hazard Area (see attached FIRMette).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Edwin Tmarsel, Flood Administrator of our Building Safety Code Division at telephone numbers 234-2726/2296.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. ADA
 Secretary of Public Works

cc: Building Safety Code Division

1/16/20



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National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



Legend

SEE THIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

- Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
 - Zone A, V, AE
 - With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
 - Regulatory Floodway

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

Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X

Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee, See Notes, Zone X

Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D

OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD

- Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
- Effective LOMRs

OTHER AREAS

- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone I

GENERAL STRUCTURES

- Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer
- Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

OTHER FEATURES

- Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
- Coastal Transect
- Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
- Limit of Study
- Jurisdiction Boundary
- Coastal Transect Baseline
- Profile Baseline
- Hydrographic Feature

MAP PANELS

- Digital Data Available
- No Digital Data Available
- Unmapped

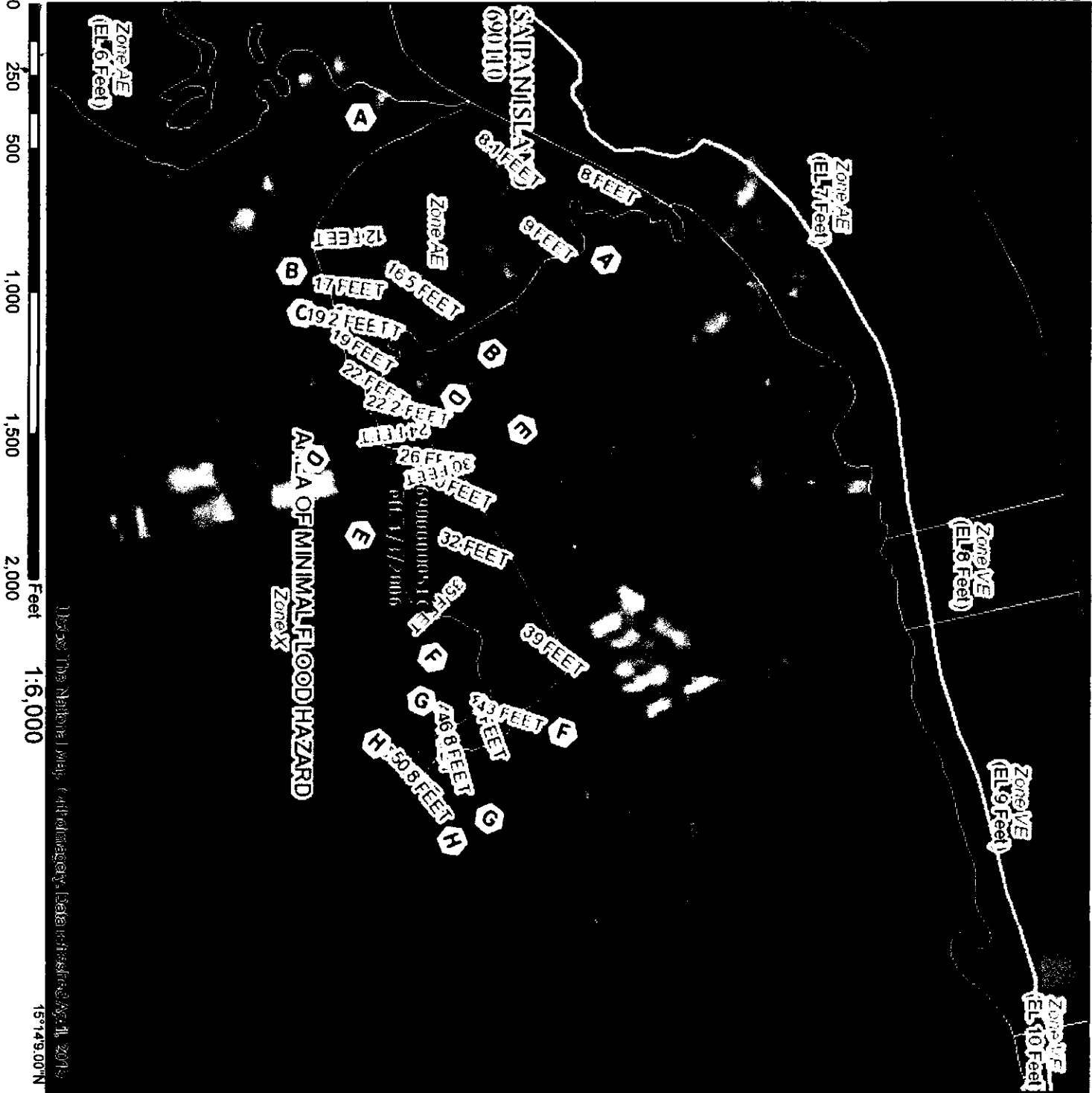
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This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 1/13/2020 at 10:47:21 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

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01/08/2020

Mr. Eliceo Cabrera
Administrator
Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality
P.O. Box 501304
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RE: Concurrence of Determination of Effect

Dear Mr. Cabrera:

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is kindly requesting *concurrence* for the Determination of Effect from your agency for the renovation of the Tanapag Youth Center. The project site is located on lot number 002 B 27 in Tanapag. (please see attached maps.)

Please see attached for Scope of Work.

The proposed project will be funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NMHC has determined that there is no effect on the following:

a. Impact of the project on air quality:

-NMHC has determined that there will be no impact on air quality.

b. Proximity to any known or suspected sites contaminated with toxic chemicals or radioactive materials:

-NMHC has determined that there is no suspected or visual indication of toxic chemicals or radioactive materials located at the project site.

c. Project involved in development of noise sensitive uses or within a major roadway or railroad:

-NMHC has determined that the project is not involved in the development of noise sensitive uses or is within a major roadway or railroad.

d. Separation from ground explosive or flammable fuel or chemical containers:

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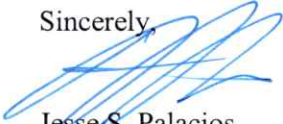
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-NMHC has determined that the project site is located at an acceptable separation distance from any above ground explosive or flammable fuel or chemical containers. The project will not expose such hazards to people or buildings. (Please see attached above ground storage tank maps, separation distance chart done by NMHC and ASD/AST guidance chart issued by DEQ for your reference.)

Upon agreement of our determination please sign below indicating concurrence of your agency.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our office at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,



Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

Division of Environmental Quality Concurrence:

Based on the information you have supplied, the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that this project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act. Your project may require permits from DEQ or other local or federal agencies, and your responsibility to obtain them is not obviated by this letter.



Eliceo Cabrera, Administrator
Division of Environmental Quality

Date:

01/17/2020

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PROJECT: RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF TANAPAG YOUTH CENTER BUILDING

Location: Tanapag, Saipan MP 96950

SCOPE OF WORK:

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Scope of Work

Renovation and Expansion of Tanapag Youth Center Building

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Scope of Work

Renovation and Expansion of Tanapag Youth Center Building

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9. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

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END OF SCOPE OF WORK

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Tanapag Youth Center, Lot No. 002 B 27



CNMI AST FIRE WIDTH CHART

	tank volume - gallons	fire width - feet	ASD feet Thermal Radiation Curve 1 - Buildings	ASD feet Thermal Radiation Curve 2 - People
1	500	45	36	220
2	600	49	40	240
3	700	53	42	250
4	750	55	44	255
5	900	60	47	260
6	950	62	48	265
7	1,000	63	50	270
8	1,100	66	52	280
9	1,400	75	58	320
10	1,500	77	60	325
11	1,700	82	65	340
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18	4,500	134	105	525
19	5,000	141	110	550
20	6,000	155	115	580
21	6,203	157	117	590
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25	23,000	303	210	1,000
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27	30,000	346	260	1,130
28	55,000	469	320	1,500
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33	1,050,000	2,049	1,250	5,000
34	1,164,657	2,158	1,300	5,300

No Above ground storage (Gas) located close to the project site. Mobile Gas station storage is underground.



APPENDIX E

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Division of Fish & Wildlife

Department of Lands and Natural Resources

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Saipan, MP 96950



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January 16, 2020

Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
NMHC
PO Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950-0514

Subject: Information Request (#IR-20-05), NMHC Request for a Determination of Effect for Wetland and Endangered Species

Dear Mr. Palacios:

You requested information from the Division of Fish and Wildlife regarding the potential impacts on wetlands and threatened and endangered (T&E) species from the proposed Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Renovation and Expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center on Lot 002 B 27 in Tanapag, Saipan. We reviewed your information request, including supporting information and maps. Please note that DFW is not responsible for determining or mapping wetlands and, thus, offering guidance on wetland presence is outside of our scope. Please contact the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for further guidance pertaining to wetlands.

Based on the information provided, it appears that the project site is a cleared and maintained lawn with an existing structure. Although we did not conduct an on-the-ground inspection of the site, based on our records and the proposed scope of work, we do not anticipate impacts to T&E species from this project. Our response is based solely on the information you provided, our current knowledge, and professional experience.

This letter is not a permit or approval of the proposed projects. Instead, the information that we provide may assist you in project planning, including information required to comply with the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist.

If you have any questions, or I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at 664-6012.

Sincerely,

Frances G. Sablan
Wildlife Specialist

Cc: Manny M. Pangelinan, Director, DFW

APPENDIX F



United States Department of Agriculture

January 13, 2020

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
PO Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950-0514

Re: Request for a Determination of Effect on Farmland Protection Policy Act for
Renovation & Expansion for Tanapag Youth Center, Lot No. 002 B 27 –Tanapag, Saipan

Dear Ms. Tenorio:

NRCS has determined that **no protected farmlands will be impacted**. The project area is not subject to the FPPA (see attached rule) because the proposed project area is located within an urban area, as shown on the attached map.

We appreciate your office taking measures to ensure the conservation of prime farmland by adhering to the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA). Thank you for your cooperation. Feel free to contact our office with any future technical needs you may have relating to soils and/or natural resources conservation.

Sincerely,

Pamela M. Sablan
District Conservationist
Saipan Field Office
(670) 233-3415 ext. 103
Pamela.Sablan@usda.gov

Cc: Adam Reed, Pacific Islands Area –Assistant Director for Field Operations
Amy Koch, Pacific Islands Area – Assistant Director for Soil Science

Attachments: Project Site Map
FPPA Determination
7 CFR Ch. VI (1-1-03 Edition) Rule

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Prime and Unique Farmlands Map

USDA-NRCS

Map Prepared by Pamela M. Sablan, District Conservationist - 01/13/2020

Response to Categorically Excluded Statutory Checklist


"Renovation and Expansion - Lot No. 002 B 27 Tanapag Youth Center, Tanapag, Saipan"




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 Project Location



FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request 01/08/2020				
Name of Project Tanapag Youth Center		Federal Agency Involved Northern Marianas Housing Corp.				
Proposed Land Use Renovation & Expansion		County and State Saipan, MP				
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS 08 JAN. 2020	Person Completing Form: PMS			
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated 0	Average Farm Size 0	
Major Crop(s) URBAN AREA & RESIDENTIAL	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: 0.0AC %	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 0.0AC %				
Name of Land Evaluation System Used N/A	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System N/A	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS				
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating				
NOTE: REFER TO ATTACHED 7 CFR CH. VI (1-1-03 EDITION) → A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly C. Total Acres In Site		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	
		N/A				
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information						
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland						
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland						
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted						
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value						
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)						
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)		Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)				
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)				
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)				
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)				
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)				
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)				
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)				
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)				
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)				
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)				
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)				
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)				
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	0	0	0	0
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)						
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	0	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160	0	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	0	0	0	0
Site Selected:		Date Of Selection				
		Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Reason For Selection:						
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form: [Signature] . DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST Date: 01/13/2020						

(See Instructions on reverse side)

§ 658.2

7 CFR Ch. VI (1-1-03 Edition)

actions, as appropriate, that could lessen adverse effects, and (c) to ensure that their programs, to the extent practicable, are compatible with State and units of local government and private programs and policies to protect farmland. Guidelines to assist agencies in using the criteria are included in this part. The Department of Agriculture (hereinafter USDA) may make available to States, units of local government, individuals, organizations, and other units of the Federal Government, information useful in restoring, maintaining, and improving the quantity and quality of farmland.

§ 658.2 Definitions.

(a) *Farmland* means prime or unique farmlands as defined in section 1540(c)(1) of the Act or farmland that is determined by the appropriate state or unit of local government agency or agencies with concurrence of the Secretary to be farmland of statewide of local importance. "Farmland" does not include land already in or committed to urban development or water storage. Farmland "already in" urban development or water storage includes all such land with a density of 30 structures per 40-acre area. Farmland already in urban development also includes lands identified as "urbanized area" (UA) on the Census Bureau Map, or as urban area mapped with a "tint overprint" on the USGS topographical maps, or as "urban-built-up" on the USDA Important Farmland Maps. Areas shown as white on the USDA Important Farmland Maps are not "farmland" and, therefore, are not subject to the Act. Farmland "committed to urban development or water storage" includes all such land that receives a combined score of 160 points or less from the land evaluation and site assessment criteria.

(b) *Federal agency* means a department, agency, independent commission, or other unit of the Federal Government.

(c) *Federal program* means those activities or responsibilities of a Federal agency that involve undertaking, financing, or assisting construction or improvement projects or acquiring, managing, or disposing of Federal lands and facilities.

(1) The term "Federal program" does not include:

(i) Federal permitting, licensing, or rate approval programs for activities on private or non-Federal lands; and

(ii) Construction or improvement projects that were beyond the planning stage and were in either the active design or construction state on August 4, 1984.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a project is considered to be "beyond the planning stage and in either the active design or construction state on August 4, 1984" if, on or before that date, actual construction of the project had commenced or:

(i) Acquisition of land or easements for the project had occurred or all required Federal agency planning documents and steps were completed and accepted, endorsed, or approved by the appropriate agency;

(ii) A final environmental impact statement was filed with the Environmental Protection Agency or an environmental assessment was completed and a finding of no significant impact was executed by the appropriate agency official; and

(iii) The engineering or architectural design had begun or such services had been secured by contract. The phrase "undertaking, financing, or assisting construction or improvement projects" includes providing loan guarantees or loan insurance for such projects and includes the acquisition, management and disposal of land or facilities that a Federal agency obtains as the result of foreclosure or other actions taken under a loan or other financial assistance provided by the agency directly and specifically for that property. For the purposes of this section, the phrase "acquiring, managing, or disposing of Federal lands and facilities" refers to lands and facilities that are acquired, managed, or used by a Federal agency specifically in support of a Federal activity or program, such as national parks, national forests, or military bases, and does not refer to lands and facilities that are acquired by a Federal agency as the incidental result of actions by the agency that give the agency temporary custody or ownership of the lands or facilities, such as

Tanapag Youth Center, Lot No. 002 B 27



APPENDIX G



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01/08/2020

Mr. Yubert M. Alepuyo
Zoning Administrator
Zoning Board
Caller Box 10007
Saipan, MP 96950

RECEIVED
DATE: 1/08/20 PT
940am JB

Re: Request for Zoning Certification

Dear Mr. Alepuyo,

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is in the process of preparing the Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist (24 CFR § 58.36) for the renovation of the Tanapag Youth Center. The project site is located on lot number 002 B 27 in Tanapag (please see attached maps).

Please see attached for Scope of Work

Therefore, our agency is kindly requesting for your concurrence in certifying that the project is acceptable based on the Zoning Law. This concurrence will not constitute as approval for a permit.

The proposed project will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Attached with this letter is a signature portion for your concurrence.

If you may have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or Ms. Tricia B. Tenorio at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,

Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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(Zoning Use)

This certification is granted to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) to proceed with their project based on Regulation AS (citation) of the Saipan Zoning Law.

This certification will not constitute as an approval for a permit. The NMHC and/or Contractor must apply for a permit prior to any construction work. If the NMHC and/or Contractor fails to apply for a Zoning permit, the Zoning Office will issue a violation notice and impose fines for failure to abide by the Zoning Law.

Certified & Concurred by:


Yubert Alepuyo, Zoning Administrator

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APPENDIX H

Sole Source Aquifer Designations in EPA, Region 9

The U.S. EPA's Sole Source Aquifer Program was established under Section 1424(e) of the U.S. Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA.) Since 1977, it has been used by communities to help prevent contamination of groundwater from federally-funded projects. It has increased public awareness of the vulnerability of groundwater resources.

How did this program start? SDWA regulations implementing the sole source aquifer statute were first proposed in 1977 for the Edwards Underground Reservoir in San Antonio, Texas. These regulations guided U.S. EPA in the subsequent designation of 64 sole source aquifers across the United States.

What does the Sole Source Aquifer Program do? The Sole Source Aquifer program allows for EPA environmental review of any project which is financially assisted by federal grants or federal loan guarantees. These projects are evaluated to determine whether they have the potential to contaminate a sole source aquifer. If there is such a potential, the project should be modified to reduce or eliminate the risk, or federal financial support may be withdrawn. This doesn't mean that the Sole Source Aquifer program can delay or stop development of landfills, roads, publicly owned wastewater treatment works or other facilities. Nor can it impact any direct federal environmental regulatory or remedial programs, such as permit decisions.

The Sole Source Aquifer Program's review authority extends only to projects funded with **federal assistance** that are to be implemented in designated sole source aquifer areas. (For regulations applicable to new private development, you should consult with your local, county or state environmental health agency.)

Typical projects reviewed by the U.S. EPA include housing projects undertaken by Housing and Urban Development, and highway construction and expansion projects undertaken by the Federal Highway Administration. In 1991, the U.S. EPA reviewed 152 federal assistance projects totaling \$571 million; of these projects, 25 had to be modified to prevent contamination of sole source aquifers. Modifications included the redesign of bridges and highways to prevent spills of hazardous materials.

How do you designate an aquifer as a "Sole Source" Aquifer? As the name implies, only a "sole source" aquifer can qualify for the program. To be a sole source, the aquifer must supply more than 50% of a community's drinking water. Any individual, corporation, association, or federal, state or



local agency may petition the U.S. EPA for sole source aquifer designation, provided the petition includes sufficient hydrogeologic information. An outline describing how such petitions should be prepared is contained in *The Sole Source Aquifer Designation Petitioner Guidance*, copies of which are available at EPA Regional offices (see contact information below.)

What about Boundaries? Determination of sole source aquifer boundaries is a difficult aspect of the designation process since the "designated area includes the surface area above the aquifer and its recharge area." Thus, some sole source aquifers extend across state boundaries. The 10,000 square-mile Eastern Snake River Aquifer, for example, includes portions of Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming.

In Region 9: nine sole source aquifers have been designated in the following areas as shown on the map: Upper Santa Cruz and Avra Basin Aquifer, covering parts of Pima, Pinal, and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona; Naco-Bisbee Aquifer, Arizona; Ocotillo-Coyote Wells, Imperial County, California; Fresno Aquifer, California; Scotts Valley Aquifer, Santa Cruz County, California; Campo-Cottonwood Aquifer, San Diego County, California; Northern Guam Aquifer, Guam; Southern Oahu Aquifer, Hawaii; and Molokai Aquifer, Hawaii.

Region 9 SSA maps are on the web at www.epa.gov/safewater/ssanp.html. For more information about SSA designation and project reviews, please call David Albright, manager of the Ground Water Office, at (415) 972-3971 or email albright.david@epa.gov.

APPENDIX I

NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM

Designations as of November 2016



The National Wild and Scenic Rivers System

Established by Congress under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was created to preserve the free-flowing character and outstanding values of selected rivers. The Act includes the following categories of rivers: wild, scenic, and recreational. The Act also provides for the study, planning, and management of rivers to protect their natural, cultural, and recreational values.

More information about the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, for example, designated rivers, can be found at www.nwsr.gov. U.S. Forest Service, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



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APPENDIX J



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March 09, 2020

MEMO TO FILE:

Subject: *Initiation of Section 106 Consultation for the Renovation and Expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center Building*

CDBG funding was approved for the Tanapag Youth Center Rehabilitation and Expansion. As a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement, an Environmental Assessment is required for any project(s) being funded with CDBG funds.

On January 14, 2020 – An email was sent to Mr. Justin Maxwell, Ph.D. (International Archeology, LLC) for his concurrence on the renovation and expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center based on NMHC's findings.

On January 27, 2020 – an email response from Timothy Rieth of International Archeology, LLC forwarded our case to Mr. Luke Simonds, as CNMI's Project Director, to further clarify our service request.

On January 31, 2020 – An email response from Time Rieth recommended that we send a letter to HPO that initiates Section 106 Consultation.

On February 06, 2020 – A letter was forwarded to CNMI State Historic Preservation Officer, Ms. Rita Chong-Dela Cruz for the Initiation of Section 106. Document was received by Ryan Gabule on 02/06/2020 at 11:54 am.

Whereas no response was given by HPO within 30 days, NMHC accepts as true, that because the project area has been a developed site, there will be no historical artifacts or building(s) to be affected. Therefore, NMHC will proceed with the proposed project.


Tricia Elaine B. Tenorio
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February 06, 2020

Ms. Rita Chong-Dela Cruz
State Historic Preservation Officer
Division of Historic Preservation
Department of Community and Cultural Affairs
Springs Plaza, Caller Box 10007
Saipan, MP 96950

SUBJECT: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation for the Renovation and Expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center Building

Dear Ms. Chong-Dela Cruz:

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is planning the renovation and expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center building. This project is defined as a federal undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.16(y) due to the use of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and is therefore subject to National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation and review. NMHC has been designated as the authorized representative for the project. International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc., (IARII) was contracted by NMHC to conduct an initial review of the undertaking and provide recommendations on the identification of historic properties consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation.

The purpose of this letter is to initiate Section 106 consultation for this project by providing information about the scope of work, area of potential effects, and planned identification efforts.

Proposed Undertaking and Area of Potential Effects

The proposed undertaking is the renovation and expansion of the existing Tanapag Youth Center building located on Lot 002 B 27 in Tanapag Village, Saipan (Figure 1). For full details, see the attached Scope of Work documentation attached to this letter. A summary of the proposed activities and the area of potential effects (APE) is provided below.

Proposed renovation activities consist of:

- Removal of existing windows and filling of window openings with cement plaster;
- Removal and replacement of exit doors and jambs;
- Construction of a kitchenette in the existing building;
- Removal of existing water pump and installation of a new pump in the same location;
- Removal of the existing chain-link fence;

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- Repainting of the exterior of the existing building.

Proposed expansion activities consist of:

- Construction of a 1,325 ft.² (123 m²) concrete building expansion adjacent to the existing building;
- Installation of new door jambs and windows;
- Installation of new fixtures and toilet accessories in new restrooms compliant with ADA requirements;
- Installation of floor tiles;
- Painting the interior and exterior of the expansion;
- Installation of new water and sewer piping to connect to existing water and sewer lines;
- Installation of split-type air conditioning units;
- Installation of emergency lights and fire extinguisher;
- Installation of electrical equipment;
- Clean up and disposal of construction debris.

The horizontal APE is defined as an area of approximately 5,532 ft.² (514 m²) (Figure 2), encompassing the footprint of the existing building and proposed expansion with a 6 ft. (1.82 m) buffer to account for the area in which new sewer and water lines will be installed. The vertical APE is defined as a depth of 2.6 ft. (81.28 cm), which is the maximum depth of excavation required for the footings of the building expansion.

Summary of Completed and Proposed Identification Efforts

NMHC has confirmed that the existing building is not more than 50 years old and, therefore, is not an eligible historic property.

On January 8, 2020, NMHC visited the CNMI Division of Historic Preservation (HPO) and reviewed reports of previous archaeological investigations in the vicinity of the project area. NMHC also requested information from the HPO relating to any documented historic properties in the vicinity of the project area. No reports of previous archaeological investigations in the vicinity of the project area were found during the search of the HPO library. Furthermore, per communication with the HPO, there are no documented historic properties in the vicinity of the project area. However, NMHC was informed that the project area is within an area defined as archaeologically sensitive by HPO.

The above information was provided to IARII for review on January 14, 2020. After review, IARII contacted HPO Staff Archaeologist James Pruitt on January 31, 2020, to discuss whether archaeological fieldwork would be required given the nature of the project and the sensitivity of the area in order to meet the standard of "reasonable and good faith effort" for identification as outlined in 36 CFR Part 800.4(b)(1). It was agreed that, based on the size of the expansion and the archaeological sensitivity of the area, archaeological subsurface testing within the footprint of the proposed building expansion would be appropriate to identify if any subsurface historic properties would be affected by the project.

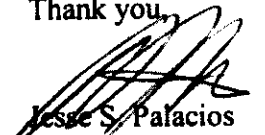
NMHC, therefore, proposes to issue a request for proposals for a contractor to conduct archaeological subsurface testing of the APE consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation. The contractor would be responsible for establishing the scope of the testing with the HPO and would prepare an archaeological research design to be approved by the HPO before the commencement of fieldwork. The contractor would further prepare a report of the results of the testing to be submitted to HPO, including an evaluation of any historic properties identified in the APE and a determination of the effects of the project.

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Thank you for your time and we look forward to your response, which can be sent via e-mail to planner@nmhcgov.net or by post to PO Box 500514. Please do not hesitate contacting me if you should have any questions or concerns; I can be reached at the above email address or by phone at (670) 234-6866/9447.

Thank you,



Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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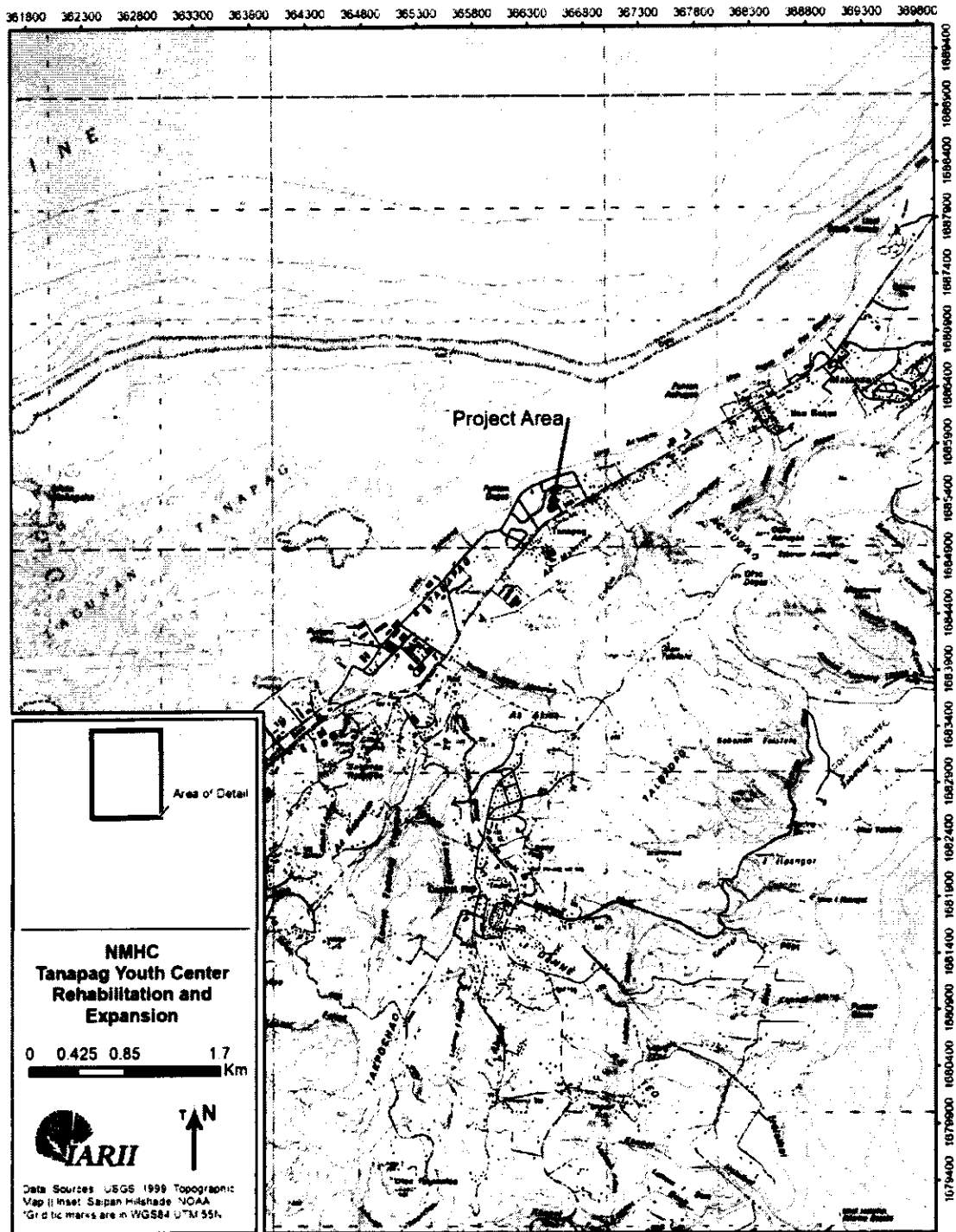


Figure 1. Project Area on USGS Topographic Map

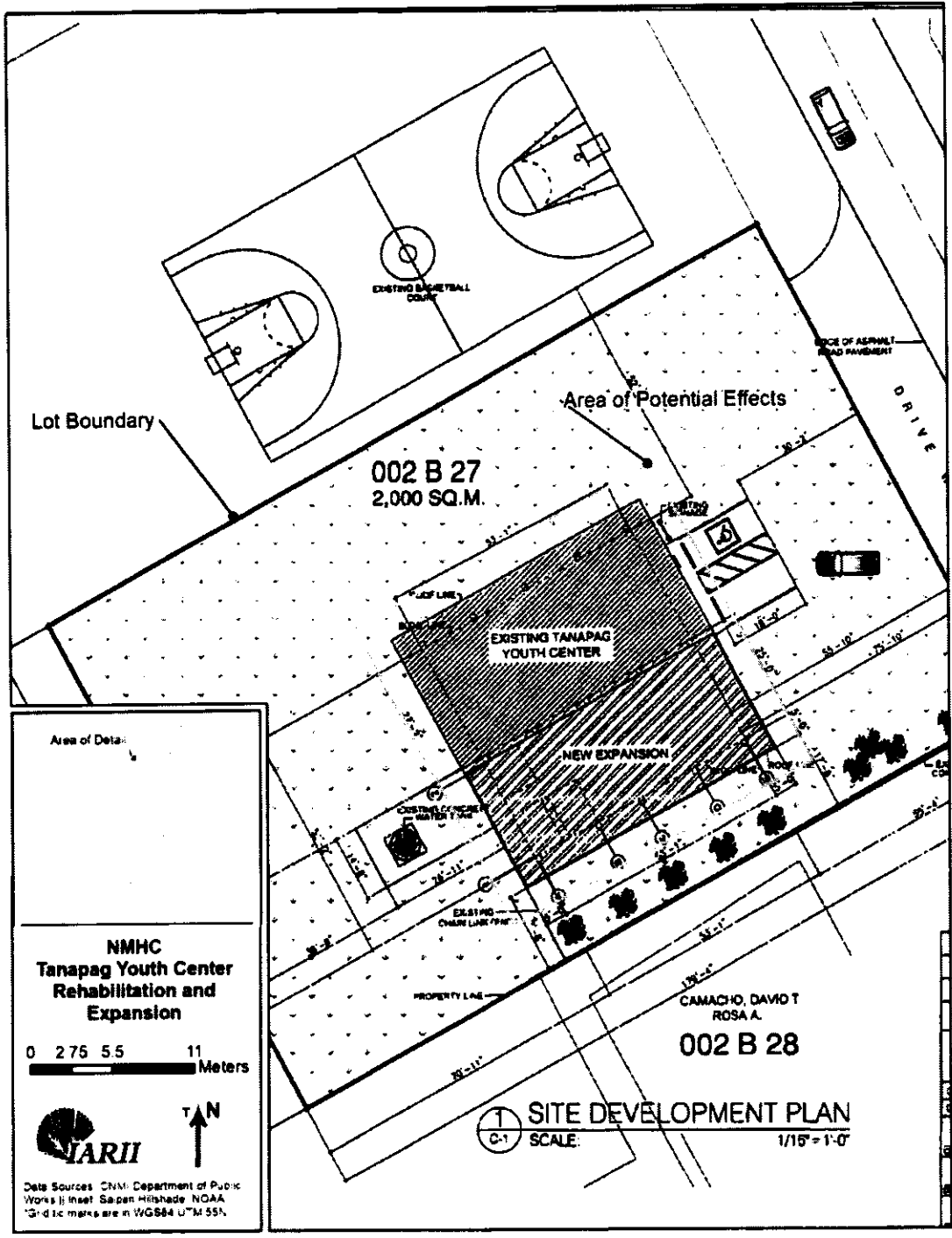


Figure 2. APE on Site Development Plan

Attachment 1:
Scope of Work Documentation

PROJECT: RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF TANAPAG YOUTH CENTER BUILDING

Location: Tanapag, Saipan MP 96950

SCOPE OF WORK:

1. GENERAL:

- A. Contractor to furnish labor, materials, tools and equipment for the complete construction work required for this project.
- B. Submit all required product data, material information, shop drawings, and other required information within fourteen (14) calendar days after the execution of contract. Notice to Proceed (NTP) shall be established upon complete approval of submittals.

2. PERMITS:

- A. Contractor shall secure and pay for all permits required for the project:
 - a. Building Permit (DPW)
 - b. Zoning Clearance Permit (Saipan Zoning)
 - c. Earthmoving (BECQ)
 - d. Permit/Clearance (HPO)

3. SCOPE OF WORK:

Contractor shall be responsible for the complete Renovation and Expansion of Tanapag Youth Center Building located in Tanapag, Saipan MP 96950.

RENOVATION OF EXISTING BUILDING:

- A. Remove existing three (3) window and filled up existing window opening with 8" CMU and plain cement plaster with painted finish.
- B. Remove and replace two (2) existing exit doors and jambs as scheduled.
- C. Construct new kitchenette at specified location including installation of new base and overhead cabinetry to match with the existing as shown in plans.
- D. Remove and install new water pump to match with the existing location as shown in plans.
- E. Remove existing chain link fence as shown in plans.
- F. Repaint all existing exterior wall, roof overhang and parapet to match with the new expansion building. Colors to be selected by using agency or approve equal.

NEW EXPANSION BUILDING:

- A. Construct one (1) new concrete building expansion at the existing Tanapag Youth Center Building as per plans and specifications. Contractor to provide all new concrete footings and connections as per plans and specifications.
- B. Install new door jambs and windows as scheduled with complete set of accessories.
- C. Install new fixtures and toilet accessories at new restrooms to comply with ADA requirements as shown in plans and specifications.

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Scope of Work

Renovation and Expansion of Tanapag Youth Center Building

- D. Install new 12"x12" non-skid ceramic floor tiles and wall tiles for both restrooms as shown in plans. Color to be determined by using agency or approve equal.
- E. Install new 12" x 12" non-skid vinyl floor tiles on all new floor areas of the building. Color to be determined by using agency or approve equal.
- F. Apply one (1) coat primer and two (2) coats latex acrylic paint to interior and exterior walls as per manufacture's recommendations. Colors to be selected by using agency or approved equal.
- G. Apply one (1) coat primer and two (2) coats of elastomeric roof coating to all new concrete roof surfaces as per manufacturer's recommendations or approve equal.
- H. Install new water piping and sewer piping as shown in plans and connect to existing water line and sewer line.
- I. Install new split-type air conditioning (a/c) locations as per plan and technical specifications. Coordinate with Using Agency's contractor for installation of air conditioning rough-ins and other equipment requirements.
- J. Install new emergency lights and fire extinguisher as shown in plans.
- K. Install new electrical work including electrical wiring, panel box, weather head, grounding, receptacles, lighting fixtures, switches and all similar appurtenances as per plans and technical specs and in strict accordance with the latest NEC.
- L. Contractor to general clean and dispose of all construction debris.

4. SITE VERIFICATION:

- A. Prior to submitting bid, contractor shall visit the site to verify all existing site conditions.
- B. An on-site Pre-Bid meeting and walk through will be conducted by DPW staff and Using Agency.

5. MINIMUM REQUIREMENT:

- A. Contractor to conduct work with minimal interference to staff and surrounding neighbors.
- B. Contractor to dispose of all construction debris as its designated location on a daily basis.
- C. Deliver all new materials to project site in their original unopened containers, with labels intact to be inspected by representatives from DPW Technical Services Division.
- D. Store materials in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- E. The contractor shall take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of the building occupants.

6. SHOP DRAWINGS:

- A. Prior to ordering to materials the contractor shall submit product data, shop drawings, coordination drawings and schedule for approvals as required by the specifications or requested by the contracting officer to DPW Technical Services Division for review

within fourteen (14) working days upon issuance of NTP.

7. WARRANTY:

- A. Contractor shall warrant all materials and workmanship for a minimum period of one (1) year from date of final completion. The final completion date and start of warranty period will be the date that DPW Technical Services Division have accepted the work and the Certificate of Completion is issued.

8. CONTRACTOR COMPLETION TIME:

- A. One Hundred Fifty (150) working days following issuance of Notice to Proceed. The Completion time is inclusive of the ordering, shipping and installation. The contractor shall make every effort to complete the project ahead of the contract completion date.

9. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:

- A. In the event of failure to complete the work in the time specified, liquidated damages will be assessed at the rate of One Hundred Dollars (US \$100.00) for each calendar day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

END OF SCOPE OF WORK

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From: Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Justin Maxwell Ph. D.
Cc: Jacob Muna
Subject: Request for concurrence
Attachments: Supporting Documents for Lot No. 002 B 27.pdf

Hafadai Justin,

This is to kindly request for your concurrence on one of our upcoming project.

Renovation and Expansion of the existing Tanapag Youth Center
Lot No. 002 B 27, Tanapag Saipan

Findings:

- The property and surrounding area has been developed and we believe that there is no historical artifacts or building to be affected.
- The facility situated on the property is not over fifty (50) years old; is not registered with the National Register of Historic Places; and the property has been developed over the years.
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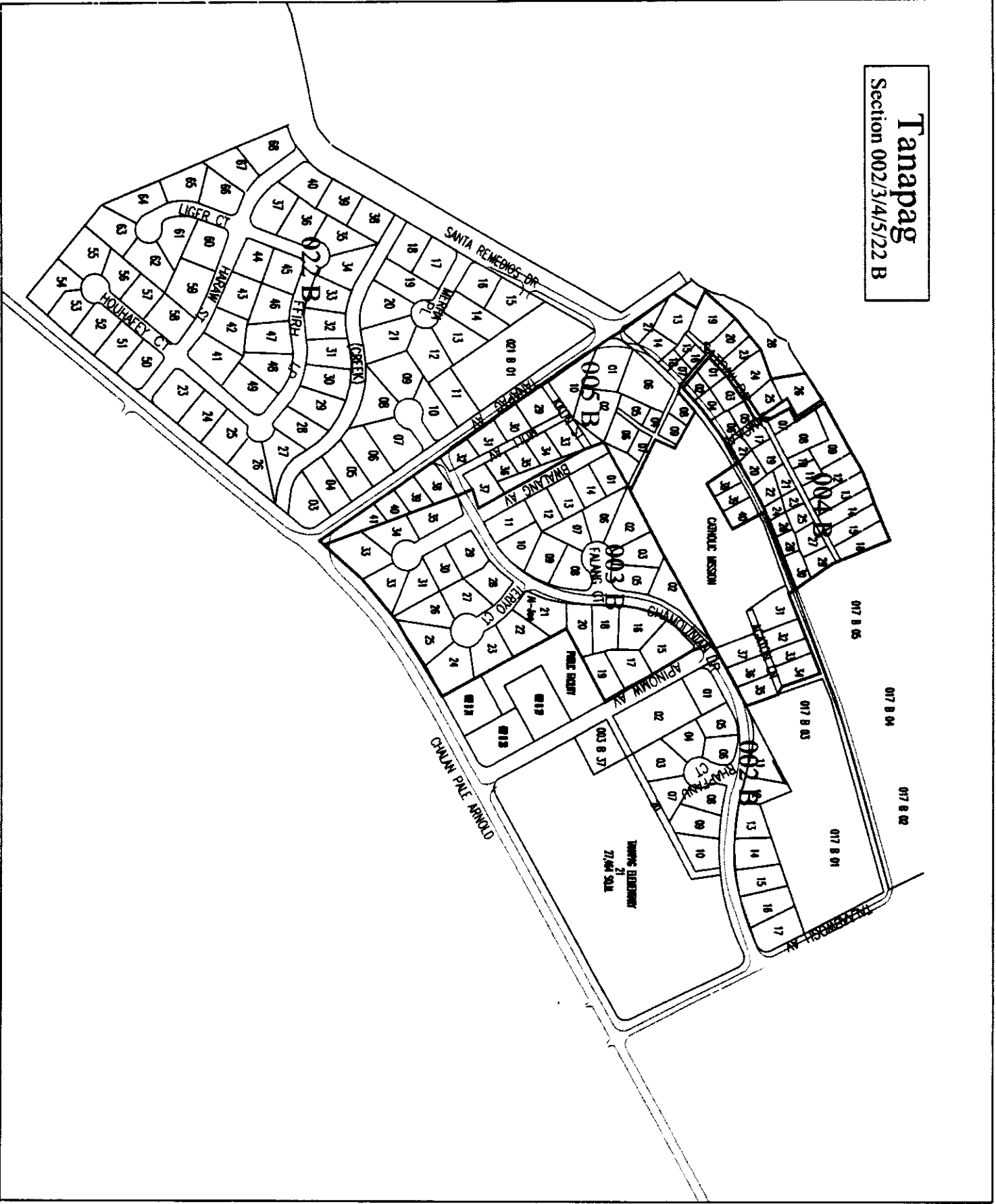
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Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me on any of the numbers listed below.

Regards

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Tanapag Youth Center, Lot No. 002 B 27



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From: Shizelle Pua <spua.cnmihpo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Tricia Tenorio
Subject: Re: Request for research assistance

You're welcome! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to ask! Have a great day, Tricia!

Shizelle C. Pua

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020, 1:47 PM Tricia Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net> wrote:
Ok, thanks for the clarification.

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020, 12:44 PM Shizelle Pua, <spua.cnmihpo@gmail.com> wrote:
Good morning Tricia!

JP did tell me that the whole Tanapag village is considered a sensitive area. So if you plan to do renovation or an expansion project for the Tanapag Youth Center, there will be a Periodic Monitoring for it. Periodic Monitoring meaning that HPO staff will do a random monitoring at the site.

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 8:53 AM Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net> wrote:

Good Morning Shizelle,

Thank You for your response. As mentioned below, that Tanapag is considered a sensitive area, will the intent to renovate and expand the current Tanapag Youth Center be a particular area of concern?

Hope to hear from you soon,

Thanks,

Tricia Elaine B. Tenorio

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Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net>
Subject: Re: Request for research assistance

Hi Tricia,

I am sorry for the delay. But I spoke with John Diego Palacios, and he told me that we do not have any archaeological reports regarding the area near the Tanapag Youth Center but Tanapag is considered a highly sensitive area. If you may have any more questions, feel free to ask.

Shizelle C. Pua

On Wed, Jan 8, 2020 at 12:43 PM Shizelle Pua <spua.cnmihpo@gmail.com> wrote:

Received, thank you.

On Wed, Jan 8, 2020, 12:32 PM Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net> wrote:

Hi Shizelle,

This is to kindly request your assistance for a research of any historical sites/preservation on or around Lot Number **002 B 27, Tanapag, Saipan.**

This lot currently is being used as the Tanapag Youth Center.

As per our meeting this morning, based on the archives we reviewed, a lot of the materials are pertaining to Tanapag Lagoon and Fuel Farm.

Would you be able to find or provide any material, if any, pertaining to the request. I had attached a map of the project site location.

Should you have any question or concern, please feel free to contact me on any of the numbers below.

Regards,

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From: Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:13 PM
To: 'Luke Simonds'
Subject: RE: FW: Request for concurrence

No Problem, seems like it's best to reschedule for tomorrow at 3:30 pm. We definitely would like to make sure we all have time instead of rush. I will await for your call.

Thanks

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From: Luke Simonds <lsimonds@iarrii.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net>
Subject: Re: FW: Request for concurrence

Hi Ms. Tenorio,

I apologize, but I am on a site monitoring backhoe excavation at the moment and I can't step away to make a call.

I can call as soon as they have finished the area they are working on now in 15-20 minutes.

Luke Simonds

On Wed, Jan 29, 2020, 15:02 Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net> wrote:

Hi Mr. Simonds,

Are you on island?

Could you give me a call please 989-9448

Thanks,

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From: Luke Simonds <lsimonds@iarrii.org>

Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 2:57 PM

To: Timothy Rieth <trieth@iarrii.org>

Cc: Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net>; jimuna@nmhc.gov.mp; J. Stephen Athens <jsathens@iarrii.org>

Subject: Re: FW: Request for concurrence

Dear Ms. Tenorio,

Would it be possible to reschedule our call to 4 pm today?

I am out in the field on a project and it is looking like we will be finishing later than normal today.

Thank You

Luke Simonds

On Wed, Jan 29, 2020, 05:11 Timothy Rieth <trieth@iarrii.org> wrote:

Hafadai Ms. Tenorio,

Please call Luke at (670) 286-8985.

Thank you,

Tim

On Tue, Jan 28, 2020 at 7:16 AM Timothy Rieth <trieth@iaril.org> wrote:

Hafadai, Ms. Tenorio,

I am confirming today's teleconference at 3:30 pm.

We'll provide a phone number shortly.

Thank you,

Tim

On Tue, Jan 28, 2020 at 1:11 AM Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net> wrote:

Hafadai Mr. Rieth,

I would like to confirm if your office would be calling in for the teleconference, otherwise, kindly provide us a contact number we could call for tomorrows teleconference.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Regards,

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Cc: 'jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp' <jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp>; 'J. Stephen Athens' <jsathens@iarii.org>; 'Luke Simonds' <lsimonds@iarii.org>

Subject: RE: FW: Request for concurrence

Greetings Mr. Rieth,

Thank you for your response. I would like to confirm a teleconference for 3:30 p.m., tomorrow (Wednesday), January 29, 2020. Mr. Jacob Muna and I would be attending the teleconference.

Regards,

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Hafadai Ms. Tenorio,

Would a teleconference at 3:30 or 4:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday work for you folks? Luke and Steve will be available to participate.

Thank you,

Tim

On Sun, Jan 26, 2020 at 11:49 PM Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net> wrote:

Hafadai Mr. Rieth,

Thank you for your response. NMHC had contracted International Archaeological Research Institute to assist us with Environmental Assessments for Community Planning Development projects.

May we please schedule for a teleconference regarding the service(s) being requested, at your earliest time available. Your response is greatly appreciated.

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Cc: jjmuna@nmhc.gov.mp; J. Stephen Athens <jsathens@iarii.org>; Luke Simonds <lsimonds@iarii.org>
Subject: Fwd: FW: Request for concurrence

Hafadai, Ms. Tenorio,

My apologies for the delayed response. Dr. Maxwell is no longer with International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. Presently our General Manager, Dr. Steve Athens, is managing our Guam Office while we arrange for a permanent replacement for Justin. Luke Simonds remains our CNMI Project Director; he and Dr. Athens are cc-ed.

Can you clarify what services you require? Per your email communication with Ms. Shizelle Pua, she indicates that the HPO would conduct periodic monitoring. This does strike me as a bit surprising considering the sensitivity of the area (that is, I would expect either pre-construction testing and/or full-time archaeological monitoring during ground-disturbing construction activities).

Please include Luke, Dr. Athens, and myself on future correspondence and we will provide timely responses moving forward.

Thank you,

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To: Tricia B. Tenorio
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Subject: Re: FW: Request for concurrence
Attachments: DRAFT Letter 202001 NMHC Tanapag Youth Center Section 106_02-03-20.doc

Good morning Ms. Tenorio,
Please find attached the draft letter initiating Section 106 consultation. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. The text of this letter and accompanying figures should be placed on NMHC letterhead and submitted by you to the HPO. We will submit an invoice for this work under PO 129878.
Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.
Thank you,
Tim

On Sun, Feb 2, 2020 at 5:53 PM Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net> wrote:

Good Morning Tim,

Kindly proceed with the draft of the letter.

Your time and assistance is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

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Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 10:55 PM

To: Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net>

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Subject: Re: FW: Request for concurrence

Good morning, Ms. Tenorio,

After reviewing the SOW and conferring with Luke, who had the opportunity to speak with Jim Pruitt at the HPO, we recommend that your next step should be sending a letter to the HPO that initiates Section 106 consultation by describing the project and stating your intention to conduct subsurface testing as part of the identification phase of the Section 106 process; this will be required prior to making a determination of effect. We can draft this letter under our current PO and understand that the HPO-required testing (and possibly a research design for the testing) will require you to go through an RFP.

Please advise if you would like us to proceed with drafting the initial introductory letter.

Thank you,

Tim

On Thu, Jan 30, 2020 at 1:00 AM Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

We had just ended with our teleconference with Luke and he has a clearer understanding of the service we are requesting from your company. Attached is a copy of the Scope of Work and the Site Development Plan for the Tanapag Youth Center Expansion and Renovation Project.

Should you have any other questions or concern, please feel free to contact us on any of the numbers listed below.

Regards,

Tricia Elaine B. Tenorio

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Hafadai, Ms. Tenorio,

My apologies for the delayed response. Dr. Maxwell is no longer with International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. Presently our General Manager, Dr. Steve Athens, is managing our Guam Office while we arrange for a permanent replacement for Justin. Luke Simonds remains our CNMI Project Director; he and Dr. Athens are cc-ed.

Can you clarify what services you require? Per your email communication with Ms. Shizelle Pua, she indicates that the HPO would conduct periodic monitoring. This does strike me as a bit surprising considering the sensitivity of the area (that is, I would expect either pre-construction testing and/or full-time archaeological monitoring during ground-disturbing construction activities).

Please include Luke, Dr. Athens, and myself on future correspondence and we will provide timely responses moving forward.

Thank you,

Tim

From: Tricia B. Tenorio <planner@nmhcgov.net>
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Subject: Request for concurrence

Hafadai Justin,

This is to kindly request for your concurrence on one of our upcoming project.

Renovation and Expansion of the existing Tanapag Youth Center

Lot No. 002 B 27, Tanapag Saipan

Findings:

- The property and surrounding area has been developed and we believe that there is no historical artifacts or building to be affected.
- The facility situated on the property is not over fifty (50) years old; is not registered with the National Register of Historic Places; and the property has been developed over the years.
- January 08, 2020 – visited HPO Office, no Archive(s) related to Lot No. 002 B 27, Tanapag Saipan
- January 8~13, 2020 – email communication with Ms. Shizelle Pua (HPO Archive Staff) for clarification of Historical Preservation sites on or near the current Tanapag Youth Center. (Attached email)

Attached with this letter are photographs and evidence to support our findings. This request will not constitute as a permit to allow any construction work. The contractor shall be responsible to apply for a permit prior to commencing construction work at the project site.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me on any of the numbers listed below.

Regards

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SUBJECT: Initiation of Section 106 Consultation for the Renovation and Expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center Building

Dear Ms. Chong-Dela Cruz:

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is planning the renovation and expansion of the Tanapag Youth Center building. This project is defined as a federal undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.16(y) due to the use of federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and is therefore subject to National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation and review. NMHC has been designated as the authorized representative for the project. International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc., (IARII) was contracted by NMHC to conduct an initial review of the undertaking and provide recommendations on the identification of historic properties consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation.

The purpose of this letter is to initiate Section 106 consultation for this project by providing information about the scope of work, area of potential effects, and planned identification efforts.

Proposed Undertaking and Area of Potential Effects

The proposed undertaking is the renovation and expansion of the existing Tanapag Youth Center building located on Lot 002 B 27 in Tanapag Village, Saipan (Figure 1). For full details, see the attached Scope of Work documentation attached to this letter. A summary of the proposed activities and the area of potential effects (APE) is provided below.

Proposed renovation activities consist of:

- Removal of existing windows and filling of window openings with cement plaster;
- Removal and replacement of exit doors and jambs;
- Construction of a kitchenette in the existing building;
- Removal of existing water pump and installation of a new pump in the same location;
- Removal of the existing chain-link fence;

- Repainting of the exterior of the existing building.

Proposed expansion activities consist of:

- Construction of a 1,325 ft.² (123 m²) concrete building expansion adjacent to the existing building;
- Installation of new door jambs and windows;
- Installation of new fixtures and toilet accessories in new restrooms compliant with ADA requirements;
- Installation of floor tiles;
- Painting the interior and exterior of the expansion;
- Installation of new water and sewer piping to connect to existing water and sewer lines;
- Installation of split-type air conditioning units;
- Installation of emergency lights and fire extinguisher;
- Installation of electrical equipment;
- Clean up and disposal of construction debris.

The horizontal APE is defined as an area of approximately 5,532 ft.² (514 m²) (Figure 2), encompassing the footprint of the existing building and proposed expansion with a 6 ft. (1.82 m) buffer to account for the area in which new sewer and water lines will be installed. The vertical APE is defined as a depth of 2.6 ft. (81.28 cm), which is the maximum depth of excavation required for the footings of the building expansion.

Summary of Completed and Proposed Identification Efforts

NMHC has confirmed that the existing building is not more than 50 years old and, therefore, is not an eligible historic property.

On January 8, 2020, NMHC visited the CNMI Division of Historic Preservation (HPO) and reviewed reports of previous archaeological investigations in the vicinity of the project area. NMHC also requested information from the HPO relating to any documented historic properties in the vicinity of the project area. No reports of previous archaeological investigations in the vicinity of the project area were found during the search of the HPO library. Furthermore, per communication with the HPO, there are no documented historic properties in the vicinity of the project area. However, NMHC was informed that the project area is within an area defined as archaeologically sensitive by HPO.

The above information was provided to IARII for review on January 14, 2020. After review, IARII contacted HPO Staff Archaeologist James Pruitt on January 31, 2020, to discuss whether archaeological fieldwork would be required given the nature of the project and the sensitivity of the area in order to meet the standard of “reasonable and good faith effort” for identification as outlined in 36 CFR Part 800.4(b)(1). It was agreed that, based on the size of the

expansion and the archaeological sensitivity of the area, archaeological subsurface testing within the footprint of the proposed building expansion would be appropriate to identify if any subsurface historic properties would be affected by the project.

NMHC, therefore, proposes to issue a request for proposals for a contractor to conduct archaeological subsurface testing of the APE consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation. The contractor would be responsible for establishing the scope of the testing with the HPO and would prepare an archaeological research design to be approved by the HPO before the commencement of fieldwork. The contractor would further prepare a report of the results of the testing to be submitted to HPO, including an evaluation of any historic properties identified in the APE and a determination of the effects of the project.

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Thank you for your time and we look forward to your response, which can be sent via e-mail to planner@nmhcgov.net or by post to PO Box 500514. Please do not hesitate contacting me if you should have any questions or concerns; I can be reached at the above email address or by phone at (670) 234-6866/9447.

Thank you,

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Planner – Planning Division
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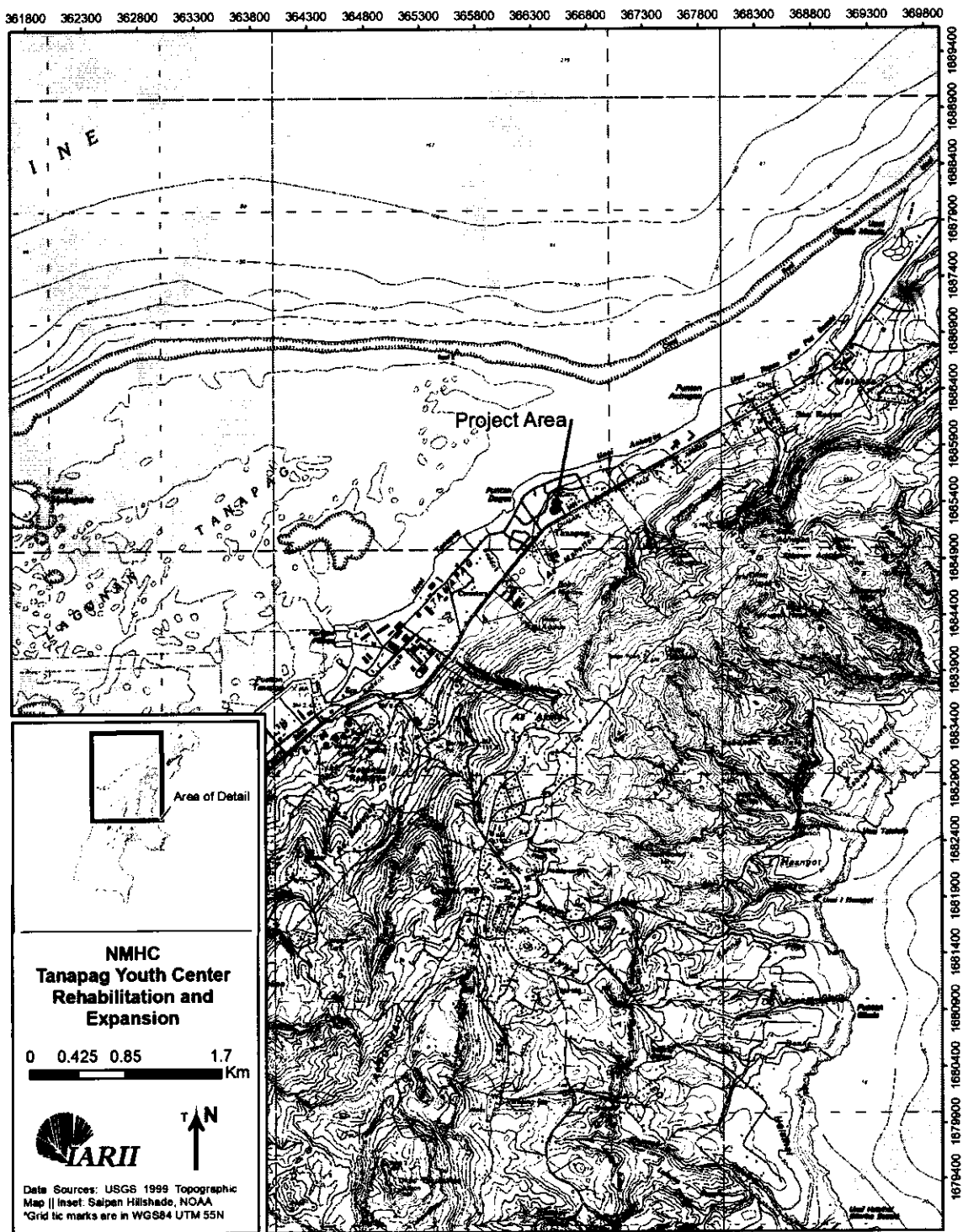


Figure 1. Project Area on USGS Topographic Map

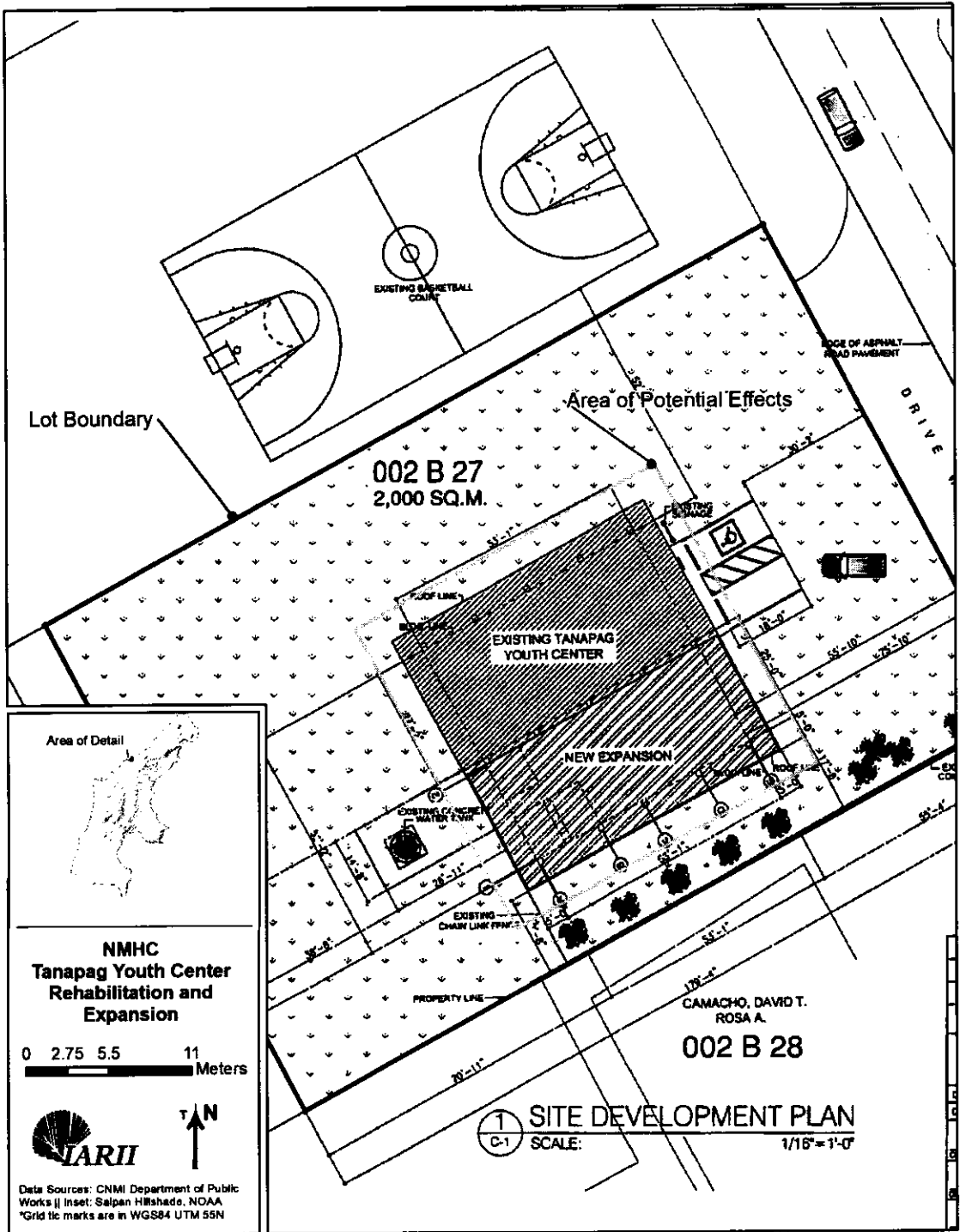


Figure 2. APE on Site Development Plan

Attachment 1:

Scope of Work Documentation

APPENDIX K

This unit is on limestone plateaus on Saipan, Tinian, and Aguijan. Many areas of this unit have been bulldozed and disturbed. Piles of rubble and debris are common. More than 90 percent of the soils in this unit have been modified or strongly altered by human activity. About 85 percent of this unit has slopes of less than 5 percent. Slopes are long and plane. The vegetation on the Chinen soils is mainly forest. Some areas are in grasses and forbs. Urban land does not support vegetation.

This unit makes up about 4 percent of Saipan, 10 percent of Tinian, and less than 1 percent of Aguijan. It is about 50 percent Chinen soils that are very gravelly sandy loam, 25 percent Urban land, and 15 percent Chinen soils that are clay loam. Of minor extent on Saipan is about 10 percent Kagman soils, and on Tinian about 10 percent of mapped areas are Dandan soils and pit areas. On both islands, there are small areas of Takpochao soils.

Chinen soils formed in fill material that was spread over the natural surface of earlier Chinen soils. The surface layer is about 25 centimeters of very gravelly sandy loam fill material. Below this are the buried Chinen soils, which consist of thin very dark grayish brown clay loam over a yellowish red clay loam subsoil. Depth to limestone is about 50 to 75 centimeters.

Urban land consists of paved, impervious areas such as airstrips, roads, buildings, and parking lots.

This unit is used for homesite and urban development, subsistence farming, grazing, wildlife habitat, and watershed. It can be used for recreational development.

This unit is poorly suited to commercial or subsistence farming. It is limited by the very gravelly fill material and the presence of other disturbed areas.

This unit is poorly suited to grazing. The main limitation is droughtiness.

This unit is moderately suited to urban development. The main limitation is the depth to bedrock.

The main limitations for recreational development are droughtiness, the very gravelly surface layer, and the areas of Urban land.

7. Dandan-Chinen

Shallow and moderately deep, well drained, nearly level to strongly sloping soils; on limestone plateaus

This unit is on limestone plateaus on Tinian and Rota. On Tinian, about 75 percent of the unit has slopes of less than 5 percent; on Rota, most slopes are 5 to 15 percent. Slopes are long and plane. The

vegetation is mainly forest. Some areas are in grasses and forbs.

This unit makes up about 52 percent of Tinian and about 2 percent of Rota. It is about 45 percent Dandan soils and about 40 percent Chinen soils. Of minor extent are small areas of Takpochao and Saipan soils.

The Dandan soils formed in sediment over porous limestone. Typically, these soils have a very dark brown clay loam and dark brown clay surface layer over a dark reddish brown and reddish brown clay subsoil. Depth to limestone is 50 to 100 centimeters.

The Chinen soils formed in sediment over porous limestone. Typically, these soils have a very dark grayish brown clay loam surface layer 6 centimeters thick over a dark brown clay and yellowish red clay loam subsoil. Depth to limestone is 25 to 50 centimeters.

This unit is used for commercial and subsistence farming, grazing, homesite development, watershed, and wildlife habitat. It can be used for recreational development, for which it is moderately suited.

This unit is moderately suited to commercial and subsistence farming. The main limitations of the Chinen soils are shallow depth and droughtiness. This unit includes some of the best farming areas on Rota and Tinian.

This unit is well suited to grazing. Most of the grazing land on Tinian is in this unit.

The main limitation for urban development is the depth to bedrock.

This unit is underlain by porous limestone. The infiltration of rainwater into the limestone recharges the ground water supplies on Tinian. Forested areas provide habitat for wildlife.

8. Kagman-Saipan

Deep and very deep, well drained, nearly level to strongly sloping soils; on limestone plateaus

This map unit is on limestone plateaus on Saipan and Tinian. About 65 percent of the unit has slopes of less than 5 percent. Other areas have slopes of 5 to 15 percent. Slopes are long and undulating. The vegetation is mainly forest. Some areas are in grasses and forbs or are farmed.

This unit makes up about 9 percent of Saipan and about 3 percent of Tinian. On Saipan, it is about 60 percent Kagman soils, 20 percent Saipan soils, 10 percent Chacha soils, and about 10 percent Chinen soils. Of minor extent are a few small areas of Laolao soils. On Tinian, mapped areas are about 70 percent

Kagman soils, 20 percent Saipan soils, and 10 percent Chinen soils and other soils of minor extent, including Takpochao soils.

The Kagman soils are moderately well drained. These soils formed in sediment more than 100 centimeters thick over limestone. Typically, they have a dark brown clay surface layer about 15 centimeters thick over a slowly permeable strong brown clay subsoil.

The Saipan soils are well drained. These soils formed in sediment more than 100 centimeters thick over limestone. Typically, they have a dark brown and dark reddish brown clay surface layer over a moderately permeable reddish brown and yellowish red clay and silty clay subsoil.

This unit is used for commercial and subsistence farming, grazing, urban development, watershed, and wildlife habitat. It can be used for recreational development.

This unit generally is well suited to farming and grazing, and it includes some of the best farmland in the Northern Marianas. The Kagman soils are limited by wetness during the rainy season.

This unit is moderately suited to homesite and urban development. The main limitations are low soil strength, the moderate shrink-swell potential of the Kagman soils, and slope in some areas. Septic tank absorption fields must be large enough to compensate for the slow permeability of the Kagman soils.

This unit is moderately suited to recreational development. The main limitations are low soil strength and the hazard of compaction when the soil is wet. Compaction adversely affects turf grasses. Soil compaction can be prevented by restricting use during the rainy season.

Forested areas provide habitat for wildlife.

Luta

Very shallow, well drained, nearly level to strongly sloping soils; on limestone plateaus

This map unit is on limestone plateaus on Rota. About half of the unit has slopes of less than 5 percent, and the other half has slopes of 5 to 15 percent. Slopes are long and plane. The vegetation is forest in some areas and grasses and forbs in other areas.

This unit makes up about 67 percent of Rota. It is composed of 85 percent Luta soils and 10 percent limestone outcrop and other components of minor extent, including Takpochao soils on narrow escarpments and coastal plateaus. About 5 percent of the unit is

short, steep escarpments that separate different plateau levels.

Luta soils formed in sediment over porous limestone. Typically, these soils are dark brown and brown cobbly clay loam about 15 centimeters deep over limestone. Depth to limestone commonly is 10 to 25 centimeters.

This unit is used for subsistence and commercial farming, grazing, urban and recreational development, watershed, and wildlife habitat.

Most of this unit is poorly suited to farming. It is limited by very shallow soil depth, droughtiness, and the areas of Rock outcrop. About 30 percent of the unit is too rocky to farm. Irrigation is needed in the dry season. Areas on the Sabana are wetter and therefore are moderately suited to farming.

Most areas of this unit are moderately suited to grazing. Because the soils are droughty, forage production is low in the dry season. Many areas are too rocky to clear and manage intensively.

This unit is moderately suited to homesite and urban development. The main limitation is the shallow depth to bedrock. Construction sites are difficult to prepare in areas that include Rock outcrop.

The main limitations for recreational development are very shallow soil depth, droughtiness, cobbles, and areas of Rock outcrop.

This unit is underlain by porous limestone. The infiltration of rainwater into the limestone recharges the ground water supplies on Rota. Forested areas provide habitat for wildlife.

10. Saipan-Dandan

Moderately deep and very deep, well drained, nearly level to gently sloping soils; on limestone plateaus

This map unit is on limestone plateaus on Tinian. About 85 percent of the unit has slopes of less than 5 percent. Other areas have slopes of 5 to 15 percent. The minor Takpochao soils are in the steeper areas, which are short, steep escarpments separating different plateau levels. Small areas of Rock outcrop are also on the escarpments. Slopes are long and plane. The vegetation is forest in some areas and is grasses and forbs in other areas.

This unit makes up about 5 percent of Tinian. It is composed of about 55 percent Saipan soils, 30 percent Dandan soils, 10 percent Chinen soils, and 5 percent Takpochao soils.

The Saipan soils formed in sediment and are more than 100 centimeters deep over porous limestone. Typically, these soils have a dark brown and dark

reddish brown clay surface layer over a reddish brown and yellowish red clay and silty clay subsoil.

The Dandan soils formed in sediment and are 50 to 100 centimeters deep over porous limestone. Typically, these soils have a very dark brown clay loam and dark brown clay surface layer over a dark reddish brown and reddish brown clay subsoil.

This unit is used for commercial and subsistence farming, grazing, watershed, and wildlife habitat. It can be used for urban and recreational development.

This unit is well suited to commercial and subsistence crops, and it includes some of the best farmland in the Northern Marianas. It is limited mainly by small areas of shallow Chinen soils. Irrigation is needed for high yields during the dry season.

This unit is well suited to grazing. It is limited mainly by the low quality of the forage in forested areas.

This unit is moderately suited to both urban and recreational development. The main limitation is low soil strength.

This unit is underlain by porous limestone. The infiltration of rainwater into the limestone recharges the ground water supplies. Forested areas provide habitat for wildlife.

Soils on Uplands

This group consists of three map units. It makes up about 62 percent of Saipan, 5 percent of Tinian, and 25 percent of Rota.

11. Laolao-Akina

Moderately deep, well drained, strongly sloping to steep soils; on volcanic uplands

This unit is on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. About 40 percent of the unit on Saipan has slopes of 30 to 60 percent. Most of the small areas of this unit on Tinian have slopes of less than 15 percent. On Rota, 65 percent of the unit has slopes of 30 to 60 percent. Slopes are long and irregular and are broken in places by slumps. Many slopes have been deeply dissected by streams. Most areas of Laolao soils are forested, although some areas are in savannah. All areas of Akina soils are in savannah. Areas of Akina soils have many unvegetated slumps or badlands.

This unit makes up about 17 percent of Saipan, 1 percent of Tinian, and 2 percent of Rota. On Saipan, it is about 60 percent Laolao soils, 25 percent Akina soils, and 5 percent Agfayan Variant soils. On Tinian, it is almost entirely Laolao soils. On Rota, about 75 percent of the unit is Laolao soils and most of the rest is Akina soils. The remaining 10 percent is small areas of

Chinen, Kagman, and Takpochao soils.

The Laolao soils formed in residuum derived from andesitic marine tuff and tuffaceous sandstone. Typically, these soils have a dark reddish brown and dark brown clay surface layer over a red or dark red clay subsoil. Soft volcanic saprolite is at a depth of 50 to 100 centimeters. The profile is strongly acid to neutral and has a moderate amount of calcium.

The Akina soils formed in residuum derived from tuff or tuff breccia. Typically, these soils have a dark reddish brown and dark brown clay surface layer over a red or dark red clay subsoil. Soft volcanic saprolite is at a depth of 50 to 100 centimeters. The profile is strongly acid throughout and is low in bases such as calcium.

This unit is used for commercial and subsistence farming, homesites, wildlife habitat, and watershed. It can be used for grazing and recreational development.

The main limitations for farming are slope and the low fertility of the Akina soils. About 25 percent of the unit is suitable for commercial farming. Tree crops can be grown in the steeper areas of Laolao soils.

The main limitations for grazing are slope in some areas and the poor quality of the forage. The savannah grasses generally are of poor quality.

The main limitations for urban development are the steepness of slope and low soil strength.

The main limitation for recreational development is slope. Exposed subsoil material is difficult to revegetate.

Most of the streams in the Northern Marianas are on or near this unit. The plant cover on the soils affects the quality and flow of the water in these streams. Wildfires adversely affect the water quality by removing the plant cover, thereby exposing the soils to erosion. The watershed can be improved by preventing wildfires and planting adapted forest trees. These practices will also improve the habitat for wildlife.

12. Rock Outcrop-Takpochao-Luta

Shallow and very shallow, well drained, strongly sloping to extremely steep soils, and Rock outcrop; on limestone escarpments

This map unit is on Rota. Rock outcrop generally dominates the steeper areas, and Takpochao and Luta soils are between the areas of Rock outcrop. Slopes are irregular and abrupt, and there are many vertical cliff faces and narrow benches. The vegetation is native forest.

This unit makes up about 23 percent of Rota. It is about 40 percent Rock outcrop, 35 percent Takpochao soils, and 25 percent Luta soils.

Rock outcrop consists of white, porous limestone