

Brookline Housing Authority

Sussman House Renovation - Environmental Review Record (ERR)

You may review the ERR at the following web pages:



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development:

<https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>

Town of Brookline:

<https://www.brooklinema.gov/203/Planning-and-Community-Development-Depar>

or

The ERR may be reviewed in person* at:

Town of Brookline
Department of Planning and Community Development
333 Washington Street, 3rd fl.
Brookline, MA 02445
Contact: Joe Viola
617.730.2130

* in person review will require an appointment with planning staff – please use the Calendly app:

<https://calendly.com/townofbrookline?month=2020-08>

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENT/REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

November 18, 2021

**Town of Brookline
Department of Planning and Community Development
333 Washington Street, 3rd Floor
Brookline, MA 02445
617-730-2130**

This legal notice shall satisfy procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Brookline Housing Authority related to a Section 18 Demolition/Disposition Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after November 26, 2021, the Brookline Housing Authority will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region I Office of Public and Indian Housing, for a Notice of Intent to Request the Release of Funds for a Section 18 Demolition/Disposition Application for the Sussman House, 50 Pleasant St, Brookline, MA.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

In the context of Section 18 and the Sussman project, the Brookline Housing Authority will apply to HUD to remove an existing public housing project from the federal Public Housing platform. Sussman House will not be demolished, but rather renovated with financing that relies on Section 8 Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) and Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC).

As the scope of work for this property is still advancing, the work may include:

- installation of a new roof and new windows
- exterior cladding system for improved insulation
- new elevators, trash room and laundry room
- updated central VRF\heating and cooling system

All 100 units will be renovated with new sinks, countertops, cabinetry, electric ranges, refrigerators, and aging in place features such as new roll-in showers with grab bars.

The proposed renovation also includes a new design layout and opportunities for resident programming in the attached 1-story community room. This common space will include a new kitchen, library, and computer space, as well as house new offices for the property manager and a contracted resident service provider. Exterior landscaping will include additional walking paths, gardening beds for residents, and a newly paved parking lot that maintains the existing 20 spaces.

BHA has established a budget of \$34,022,670 with no funding sources. The activities proposed are categorically excluded subject to review under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.5. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is available to review at the Town of Brookline - Planning and Community Development Department web page at:

<https://www.brooklinema.gov/203/Planning-and-Community-Development-Depar>

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the Environmental Review Record to the Town of Brookline, Department of Planning and Community Development, 333 Washington Street, Room 309, Brookline, MA 02445, or by e-mail to jviola@brooklinema.gov. All comments received by November 26, 2021 in either format specified above will be considered by the Town of Brookline prior to authorizing the submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Brookline's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only on the following bases; (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer for the Town of Brookline; (b) The Town of Brookline has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or funding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the developmental process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Director, Office of Public and Indian Housing, HUD, 10 Causeway Street, Room 553, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

For the Town of Brookline:

Kara Brewton, Director

Department of Planning and Community Development