

## **NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF PROPOSED ACTION LOCATED WITHIN A FLOODPLAIN**

### **TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:**

Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation proposes to use federal funds within a FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain. This notice is required by Section 2(a) (4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management and by Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11990 for the Protection of Wetlands. It is implemented by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regulations found at 24 CFR 55.20 (b) for proposed actions that are within and/or affect a floodplain or wetland.

The proposed development, Millrace District Initiative, will involve substantial rehabilitation of three (3) mill buildings to provide seventy (70) affordable rental apartments, along with commercial space on a 1.69 acre parcel of land at 68 South Main Street and 15 Island Place in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. The 68 South Main Street, 1.24-acre parcel, is identified as Lots 387, 371 and 144 of Assessor's Plat Map 14. A portion of the land area in Lot 371 is in the AE 100-year floodplain on the property.

There are State freshwater wetland regulated areas on site being the 200' riverbank wetland associated with the Blackstone River and the 100-year floodplain.

The area of 100-year floodplain on the development site is 0.0654 acres (2,850 SF). There will be no filling of the 100-year floodplain and there will be no adverse impacts to the functions and values of the floodplain. After site development, there will be a net reduction in impervious surfaces on the site and additional water quality mitigation features will be incorporated into the site drainage.

This notice with a request for comment was mailed to the regional office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the state office of Environmental Protection.

Written comments may be addressed to Carol A. Ventura, Executive Director of Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation, at 44 Washington Street, Providence, RI 02903, by telephone at (401) 457-1129, weekdays from 9A.M. to 5 P.M., or by email at [cventura@rihousing.com](mailto:cventura@rihousing.com). Written comments must be received on or before July 30, 2021.

