

To: Real Estate Department Partners Notice: RED-24-36

From: Real Estate Department

Date: June 27, 2024

Re: Environmental Review Guide Floodplain Management Update and Upcoming

Summer Trainings

Environmental Review Guide – Floodplain Management Update:

Pursuant to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Final Rule 89 FR 30850 establishing new regulatory requirements for floodplain management known as the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS), the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has made changes to the Environmental Review Guide, Workbook (Appendix 1) and HTF only Worksheet (Appendix 12). IHCDA has also created a new Quick Guide for the FFRMS mapping process (Appendix 15). A summary of changes to the ERR materials may also be found in the 2024 Updates to the ERR and Section 106 Documentation.

Effective June 24, 2024, all applications and awards utilizing funding through IHCDA's HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), HOME-ARP and National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) which do not yet have an Environmental Review certified by IHCDA will be required to meet HUD's new FFRMS requirements. All applications that have not yet been submitted to IHCDA will be required to submit floodplain maps that meet this new policy.

Information on new mapping tools and the updated policy may be found in the updated Environmental Review Guide posted on the IHCDA website.

Questions can be directed to Samantha Spergel, Director of Real Estate Strategic Initiatives and Engagement, via sspergel@ihcda.in.gov, or Meagan Heber, Placemaking and Environmental Review Manager, via mheber@ihcda.in.gov.

Environmental Review Training Webinars:

IHCDA would also like to announce two upcoming virtual training sessions on the HUD Part 58 Environmental Review Process. These summer sessions will cover two topic areas which HOME applicants have expressed the need for additional technical assistance, and IHCDA will partner with SJCA, Inc. to train on these topics.









Section 106 Historic Review Training

Tuesday, July 9th 1 PM - 2:30 PM EST Microsoft Teams Training

Noise Abatement and Control Training Thursday, August 8th 1 pm – 2:30 PM EST Microsoft Teams Training

Both sessions will be recorded and available on the IHCDA website after the trainings are completed. To register for one or both sessions, please contact Meagan Heber via mheber@ihcda.in.gov.