

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: The Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) Program; Forms (OMB No. 0915-0034 Extension)

The HEAL program provided federally insured loans to assure the availability of funds for loans to eligible students to pay for their education costs. In order to administer and monitor the HEAL program the following forms are utilized: The Lenders Application for Contract of Federal Loan Insurance form (used by lenders to make application to the HEAL insurance program); the Borrower's Deferment Request form

(used by borrowers to request deferments on HEAL loans and used by lenders to determine borrower's eligibility for deferment); the Borrower Loan Status update electronic submission (submitted monthly by lenders to the Secretary on the status of each loan; and the Loan Purchase/Consolidation electronic submission (submitted by lenders to the Secretary to report sales, and purchases of HEAL loans).

The estimates of burden for the forms are as follows:

HRSA form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours per responses	Total burden hours
Lender's Application for Contract of Federal Loan Insurance	17	1	17	8 min.	3
Borrower's Deferment Request					
Borrowers	436		436	10 min.	73
Employers	261	1.669	436	5 min.	36
Borrower Loan Status Update	8	18	144	10 min.	24
Loan Purchase/Consolidation	17	248	4,216	4 min.	281
Total	739	5,249	417

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 10-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: February 23, 2006.

Tina Cheatham,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4912-N-18]

Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Ashburton Avenue Urban Renewal Plan and Master Plan, Yonkers, Westchester County, NY

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HUD gives notice to the public, agencies, and Indian tribes of the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for review and comment for: The Ashburton Avenue Urban Renewal Plan and Ashburton Avenue Master Plan and the Mulford Gardens HOPE VI Revitalization Plan in the City of Yonkers, Westchester County, NY. The Final EIS was prepared

by the City of Yonkers, NY, acting under its authority as the Responsible Entity for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) in accordance with 24 CFR 58.4. The Final EIS has been prepared to satisfy the requirements of both NEPA and the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act of 1978 (SEQR), as amended (6 NYCRR part 617). The EIS and NEPA process also address historic preservation and cultural resource issues under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f). This notice is given in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508.

The Final EIS assesses the potential environmental impacts associated with the implementation of the following alternatives: (1) The Master Plan, Urban Renewal Plan and Mulford Gardens HOPE VI Revitalization Plan, (2) the Ashburton Avenue Master Plan improvements without a continuous street widening, (3) a reduced/modified scale of the Mulford Gardens HOPE VI Revitalization Plan, and (4) a no action alternative.

DATES: Written comments on the Final EIS will be accepted for a period of 30 days after publication of the notice of availability in the **Federal Register**. A Record of Decision will be made at the end of the 30-day period. Written comments may be sent by mail or facsimile to Lee Ellman, Planning Director, City of Yonkers, 87 Nepperhan

Avenue, Suite 311, Yonkers NY 10701-3874, telephone (914) 377-6558, Web site: lee.ellman@cityofyonkers.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain copies of the Final EIS or for more information, contact Lee Ellman, Department of Planning and Development, 87 Nepperhan Avenue, Suite 311, Yonkers, NY 10701-3874, telephone (914) 377-6558; e-mail lee.ellman@cityofyonkers.com. Copies of the Final EIS are available for review at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701 or online at <http://www.cityofyonkers.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The City of Yonkers has determined that the Proposed Action constitutes an action which has the potential to affect the quality of the human environment in terms of socioeconomics, housing, and improvements to the existing transportation system. Therefore the City, as Lead Agency, has prepared an EIS to examine the potential impacts of implementing the components of the Master Plan and Urban Renewal Plan. Since it is anticipated that transportation improvements and new residential construction will be at least in part funded with federal monies, the City has prepared the EIS in accordance with NEPA. The Notice of the Availability of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 2005 (70 FR 56734).

The analysis of the Ashburton Avenue Master Plan and Urban Renewal Plan consists of a generic discussion of the

potential impacts resulting from the adoption of the two plans. The analysis of the Mulford Gardens HOPE VI Revitalization Plan, which is geographically contained within the Master Plan and Urban Renewal Area, is a site-specific analysis. Due to the interrelatedness and timing of these two actions, both the generic and site-specific analyses are contained in the same Final EIS.

The Urban Renewal Area (URA) is located on the west side of Yonkers, north of the downtown and west of the Saw Mill River Parkway. The 114-acre area encompasses approximately 600 parcels along and near Ashburton Avenue, between Warburton Avenue and Yonkers Avenue. The area was selected by the City as a potential URA to tie into the redevelopment of Mulford Gardens, the City's oldest public housing complex, which is located on 12 acres within the boundaries of the proposed URA. Due to its age and substandard housing condition, Mulford Gardens is slated for demolition. The City's Municipal Housing Authority was awarded a HOPE VI grant to demolish and reconstruct housing on and around the existing Mulford Gardens site. Proposed HOPE VI residential development will occur on the existing 12-acre Mulford Gardens site, with additional residential, community facility, and retail development to occur on eight surrounding sites within the Ashburton Avenue URA.

The Urban Renewal Plan will be used as a revitalization strategy to improve the residential character of the area, expand business opportunities and improve the transportation network. The Master Plan for the URA will include: The provision of a range of housing opportunities; mixed use development along Ashburton Avenue; and transportation improvements, including street widenings along Ashburton Avenue to improve east-west access between the Saw Mill River Parkway and the Downtown Waterfront District, allow on-street parking, reduce traffic congestion, and allow for an upgraded sidewalk and streetscape plan.

Discussion of Mitigation Measures

Environmental effects analyzed in the Draft EIS include socioeconomics; vehicular traffic, roadways and parking; cultural resources; soils and topography; water resources and wetlands; community services; terrestrial ecology; air quality and noise; hazardous materials; environmental justice; growth inducement; and cumulative impacts. Public comments received on the Draft EIS primarily focused on issues relating to socioeconomics and environmental

justice and clarification of the proposed action.

None of the analyzed categories are expected to have significant adverse long-term environmental impacts. The following categories would have impacts that can be fully mitigated by the implementation of mitigation measures: Socioeconomics, traffic, air quality, noise, hazardous materials, and environmental justice. Specific mitigation measures in addition to the overall physical and economic revitalization of the area will include: A Relocation Plan for 9 businesses and 580–591 residences in accordance with the 1970 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act; signal timing adjustments and the widening of Ashburton Avenue to improve vehicular circulation, streetscape and parking; construction management plan to minimize short-term air and noise impacts; Phase 1 and Phase 2 Assessments as necessary in accordance with American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM E-1527-00 and ASTM E-1903-97).

Questions may be directed to the individual named above under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Dated: February 22, 2006.

Nelson R. Bregon,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Invasive Species Advisory Committee; Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, National Invasive Species Council, Interior.

ACTION: Request for nominations for the Invasive Species Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior, on behalf of the interdepartmental National Invasive Species Council, proposes to appoint new members to the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC). The Secretary of the Interior, acting as administrative lead, is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the ISAC.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked by April 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council (OS/

SIO/NISC), 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelsey Brantley, Program Analyst, at (202) 513-7243, fax: (202) 371-1751, or by e-mail at Kelsey_Brantley@ios.doi.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Advisory Committee Scope and Objectives

The purpose and role of the ISAC are to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council (NISC), as authorized by Executive Order 13112, on a broad array of issues including preventing the introduction of invasive species, providing for their control, and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. The Council is Co-chaired by the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce. The Council's duty is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues. Pursuant to the Executive Order, the Council developed a National Invasive Species Management Plan, which is available on the web at <http://www.invasivespecies.gov>. The Council is responsible for effective implementation of the Plan including any revisions of the Plan. The Council also coordinates Federal agency activities concerning invasive species; encourages planning and action at local, tribal, State, regional and ecosystem-based levels; develops recommendations for international cooperation in addressing invasive species; facilitates the development of a coordinated network to document, evaluate, and monitor impacts from invasive species; and facilitates establishment of an information-sharing system on invasive species that utilizes, to the greatest extent practicable, the Internet.

The role of ISAC is to maintain an intensive and regular dialogue regarding the aforementioned issues. ISAC provides advice in cooperation with stakeholders and existing organizations addressing invasive species. The ISAC meets up to four (4) times per year.

Terms for most of the current members of the ISAC will expire in October 2006. After consultation with the other members of NISC, the Secretary of the Interior will actively solicit new nominees and appoint members to ISAC. Prospective members of ISAC should be knowledgeable in and represent one or more of the following communities of interests: Weed science, fisheries science, rangeland management, forest science,