

<b>PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan</b>	<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Public and Indian Housing</b>	<b>OMB No. 2577-0226 Expires 4/30/2011</b>
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>PHA Information</b> PHA Name: <u>Village of Island Park HA</u> PHA Code: <u>NY120</u> PHA Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> High Performing <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HCV (Section 8) PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): <u>04/2010</u>				
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Inventory</b> (based on ACC units at time of FY beginning in 1.0 above) Number of PH units: _____ Number of HCV units: <u>40</u>				
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Submission Type</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Year and Annual Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Plan Only <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Plan Only				
<b>4.0</b>	<b>PHA Consortia</b> <input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below.)				
	Participating PHAs	PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortia	Programs Not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program
	PHA 1:				PH HCV
	PHA 2:				
	PHA 3:				
<b>5.0</b>	<b>5-Year Plan.</b> Complete items 5.1 and 5.2 only at 5-Year Plan update.				
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Mission.</b> The mission of the <b>Village of Island Park Housing Authority</b> is the same as that of the Department of Housing & Urban Development: to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination. Furthermore, the PHA promotes the personal, social and economic growth of all participants in order for them to make the transition from subsidized to non-subsidized housing.				
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Goals and Objectives.</b> Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low-income and very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan.  <b>SEE ATTACHMENT 5.2</b>  <b>SEE VAWA ADDENDUM – Chapter 22</b>				
<b>6.0</b>	<b>PHA Plan Update</b>  (a) Identify all PHA Plan elements that have been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission: <i>NOT APPLICABLE</i> (b) Identify the specific location(s) where the public may obtain copies of the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan. <i>NOT APPLICABLE</i>				
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers.</b>  <i>NOT APPLICABLE</i>				
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Capital Improvements.</b> <i>NOT APPLICABLE</i>				
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report.</b> <i>NOT APPLICABLE</i>				
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan.</b> <i>NOT APPLICABLE</i>				
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP).</b> <i>NOT APPLICABLE</i>				
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Housing Needs.</b> <i>NOT APPLICABLE</i>				
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs.</b> <i>NOT APPLICABLE</i>				

10.0	<p><b>Additional Information.</b> Describe the following, as well as any additional information HUD has requested.</p> <p>(a) Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals. Provide a brief statement of the PHA’s progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan. <b>SEE ATTACHMENT 5.2</b></p> <p>(b) Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification. Provide the PHA’s definition of “significant amendment” and “substantial deviation/modification”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any changes to the mission statement.</li> <li>▪ Any changes inconsistent with the local, approved consolidated plan.</li> </ul>
11.0	<p><b>Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review.</b> In addition to the PHA Plan template (HUD-50075), PHAs must submit the following documents. Items (a) through (g) may be submitted with signature by mail or electronically with scanned signatures, but electronic submission is encouraged. Items (h) through (i) must be attached electronically with the PHA Plan. <b>Note:</b> Faxed copies of these documents will not be accepted by the Field Office.</p> <p>(a) Form HUD-50077, <i>PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations</i> (which includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights)</p> <p>(b) Form HUD-50070, <i>Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(c) Form HUD-50071, <i>Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(d) Form SF-LLL, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(e) Form SF-LLL-A, <i>Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. Comments received from the RAB must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.</p> <p>(g) Challenged Elements</p> <p>(h) Form HUD-50075.1, <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p> <p>(i) Form HUD-50075.2, <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i> (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)</p>

**PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations:  
Board Resolution to Accompany the PHA 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan**

*Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the  5-Year and/or  Annual PHA Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning 4/1/2010, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:*

1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.
3. The PHA certifies that there has been no change, significant or otherwise, to the Capital Fund Program (and Capital Fund Program/Replacement Housing Factor) Annual Statement(s), since submission of its last approved Annual Plan. The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report must be submitted annually even if there is no change.
4. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Board or Boards in developing the Plan, and considered the recommendations of the Board or Boards (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
5. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
6. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
7. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, address those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and maintain records reflecting these analyses and actions.
8. For PHA Plan that includes a policy for site based waiting lists:
  - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2006-24);
  - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
  - Adoption of site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
  - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing;
  - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(c)(1).
9. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
10. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
11. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.
12. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.

13. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
14. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
15. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
16. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
17. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
18. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments), 2 CFR Part 225, and 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments).
19. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
20. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
21. The PHA provides assurance as part of this certification that:
  - (i) The Resident Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and comment on the changes to the policies and programs before implementation by the PHA;
  - (ii) The changes were duly approved by the PHA Board of Directors (or similar governing body); and
  - (iii) The revised policies and programs are available for review and inspection, at the principal office of the PHA during normal business hours.
22. The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements.

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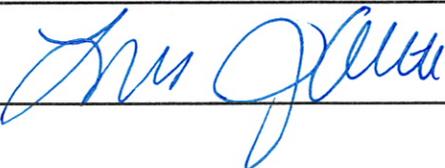
PHA Name

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X 5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20<sup>10</sup> - 20<sup>14</sup>

X Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20<sup>10</sup> - 20<sup>14</sup>

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. **Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official	Title
Louis Abate	Fiscal Manager
Signature	Date
	April 14, 2010

**Civil Rights Certification**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
 Office of Public and Indian Housing  
 Expires 4/30/2011

**Civil Rights Certification****Annual Certification and Board Resolution**

*Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioner, I approve the submission of the Plan for the PHA of which this document is a part and make the following certification and agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:*

The PHA certifies that it will carry out the public housing program of the agency in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and will affirmatively further fair housing.

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Name of Authorized Official

Louis Abate

Title

Fiscal Manager

Signature

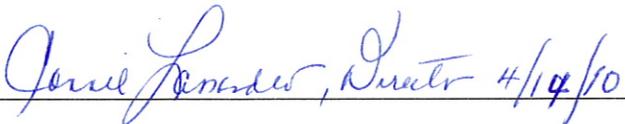
Date 04/14/2010

**Certification by State or Local  
Official of PHA Plans Consistency  
with the Consolidated Plan**

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
Office of Public and Indian Housing  
**Expires 4/30/2011**

**Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans Consistency with the  
Consolidated Plan**

I, Connie Lassandro the Director, Office of Housing certify that the Five Year and  
Annual PHA Plan of the Village of Island Park HA is consistent with the Consolidated Plan of  
Nassau County prepared pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91.

  
Connie Lassandro, Director 4/14/10

Signed / Dated by Appropriate State or Local Official

**ATTACHMENT 5.2**GOALS

- Expand the supply of assisted housing in the Village
- Improve the quality of assisted housing
- Increase assisted Housing Choices
  - Conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher Landlords
  - Provide voucher portability counseling
- Promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households
  - Increase the number and percentages of employed persons in assisted families
  - Provide or attract supportive services to improve assisted recipient's employability
  - Provide or attract supportive services to increase independence for the elderly or families with disabilities
- Ensure equal opportunity and affirmatively further fair housing
  - Continue affirmative measures to ensure access to assisted housing regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, source of income (Local Nassau County Law) and disability.
  - Continue affirmative measures to provide a suitable living environment for families living in assisted housing, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, source of income (Local Nassau County Law) and disability.
  - Undertake affirmative measures to ensure accessible housing to persons with a variety of disabilities regardless of unit size required.

PROGRESS REPORT IN MEETING PRIOR GOALS:

- Housing Specialist provides voucher portability counseling at each recertification and at request.
- As the administering agency, the Nassau County Office of Housing and Homeless Services offers many services to the voucher holders:
  - The Nassau County Homeownership Center provides classes in Money 101, which teaches basic budgeting and financial skills to manage one's own finances.
  - Coordinating Agency for Spanish Americans (CASA) is a Nassau County Agency which offers translation services, assistance with paperwork, resume writing for Spanish speaking Americans. This Agency is located in the same building as the Nassau Office of Housing and Homeless Services.
  - The Office also keeps postings of workshops that the Department of Labor has regarding employment and resume building.
- To further HUD's objective regarding Fair Housing, the Nassau County Legislature passed a local Fair Housing Law in 2006. It added a local agency (Nassau County Commission on Human Rights) to investigate complaints of discrimination, including Housing. It also added that on a County Level, you cannot discriminate based on source of income.

**ATTACHMENT 11  
RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD**

The Resident Advisory Board is comprised of the participants of the Housing Choice Voucher Program. As per the Administrative Plan, a formal meeting was scheduled for July 21, 2009.

Letters were mailed out approximately 4 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting date.

No comments were received in response, nor did any participants show up to the meeting.

## Chapter 22

# Prohibition against Denial of Assistance to Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence & Stalking

### *Definitions*

**Domestic Violence:** includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

**Dating Violence:** means violence committed by a person: (A) who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, and (B) where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: (i) the length of the relationship; (ii) the type of relationship; and (iii) the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

**Stalking:** means (A)(i) to follow, pursue, or repeatedly commit acts with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate; or (ii) to place under surveillance with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person; and (B) in the course of, or as a result of, such following, pursuit, surveillance, or repeatedly committed acts, to place a person in reasonable fear of the death of, or serious bodily injury to, or to cause substantial emotional harm to (i) that person; (ii) a member of the immediate family of that person; or (iii) the spouse or intimate partner of that person.

**Immediate Family Member:** means, with respect to a person: (a) a spouse, parent, brother or sister, or child of the person, or an individual to whom that person stands in loco parentis (in place of a parent); or (B) any other person living in the household of that person and related to that person by blood or marriage

### *Eligibility*

That an applicant was is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking is not an appropriate basis for denial of program assistance or for denial of admission, if the applicant otherwise qualifies for admission.

In determining eligibility for housing assistance in cases where the Housing Authority has become aware that the household includes a victim of domestic violence and when the screening reveals negative and potentially disqualifying information, inquiries will be made regarding the circumstances contributing to this negative history, to ascertain whether these past events were the consequence of domestic violence against a member of the applicant household.

Any such inquiries will make clear that members of applicant households have a right to keep any history of domestic violence against them confidential.

When inquiries reveal that the negative history was the consequence of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking against a member of the applicant household, the applicant household will not be denied housing assistance on the basis of this reporting, provided that the perpetrator of domestic violence is not a member of the applicant household.

The Housing Authority may ask for documentation establishing that the negative history was the consequence of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking. The applicant shall have fourteen (14) business days to provide such documentation. The Housing Authority may grant extensions to the fourteen (14) day deadline if the applicant demonstrates good cause. The applicant can satisfy the documentation requirement in **any** of the following ways:

1. Completing a HUD-approved certification form verifying that the individual is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking and that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of actual or threatened abuse. Such certification shall include the name of the perpetrator. The Housing Authority will work with the victim to ensure that delivery of the certification form does not endanger the victim's safety.
2. Providing the requesting party (owner, manager, or Housing Authority) with documentation signed by any of the following third parties:
  - a. Employee, agent or volunteer of a victim service provider;
  - b. Attorney;
  - c. Medical Professional;
  - d. or any other knowledgeable professional.

The person signing the documentation must attest under penalty of perjury to his or her belief that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse. The victim of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking must also sign the documentation.

3. Producing a Federal, State, tribal, territorial, or local police or court record.

All denial of assistance letters will notify applicants of the Violence against Women Act's (VAWA) protections and that they may seek an informal review if they believe that the denial of assistance was related to acts of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking committed against the applicant.

If because of concerns for his or her safety a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking is unwilling or unable to provide information or identification ordinarily required to confirm eligibility for the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), efforts will be made to otherwise establish eligibility and alternative sources and methods of verification will be accepted.

### ***Termination of Rental Assistance***

The Housing Authority may not terminate assistance to a participant in the voucher program on the basis of an incident of actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking against that participant.

Criminal activity directly relating to actual or threatened domestic violence, dating violence or stalking shall not be considered a serious or repeated violation of the lease by the victim of that criminal activity.

If there is alleged criminal activity, fraud or any other cause for termination from the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), the Housing Authority shall consider whether domestic violence, dating violence or stalking played a role in such activity prior to deciding whether to terminate the family from the Program. The Housing Authority shall not terminate a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking from the program due to the criminal activity of the perpetrator. If the abuse perpetrator is part of the family being assisted, the Housing Authority shall consider terminating only the abuser from the program. However, the Housing Authority may exercise discretion to ensure that the Housing Choice Voucher remains with the children.

All termination notices will notify participants of VAWA's protection's and that they may seek an informal hearing if they believe that the termination is based on acts of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking committed against the participant.

### ***Bifurcation of Rental Assistance***

The Housing Authority may terminate assistance to a household member who engages in criminal acts of physical violence against family members or others, without terminating assistance to, or otherwise penalizing, the victim of such violence. The Housing Authority's right to exercise this discretion is not dependent on a bifurcated lease or other eviction action by the owner against an individual family member.

When rent for a Housing Choice Voucher assisted unit has previously been determined based on the income of an abusive family member who has left the household or been excluded from the household by a domestic violence restraining order or injunction or other court order, rent for the unit will immediately be adjusted to reflect the household's changed circumstances.

### ***Portability***

Even if moving would otherwise constitute a violation of the lease, a Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) family may move to another dwelling and continue to receive rental assistance if the family has complied with all program obligations and is moving to protect the health or safety of an individual who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking. The Housing Authority may request that the family provide the HUD approved certification form or other documentation to verify the family's claim that the request to move is prompted by incidences of abuse in the unit.

If it is necessary for a family member to break a lease in order to escape domestic violence, dating violence or stalking, the Housing Authority shall not terminate the victim from the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program.

Under extraordinary circumstances, including situations involving domestic violence, dating violence or stalking the Housing Authority may consider allowing more than one (1) move in a twelve (12) month period.

### ***Honoring Court Orders***

Nothing in this Plan may be construed to limit the authority of the Housing Authority, when notified, to honor court orders addressing rights of access or control of property, including civil protection orders issued to protect the victim and issued to address the distribution or possession of property among the household members in cases where a family breaks up.

### ***Lease Violations Unrelated to Domestic Violence***

Nothing in this Plan limits any otherwise available authority of the Housing Authority to terminate assistance to a tenant for any violation of a lease not premised on the act or acts of violence in question against the tenant or a member of the tenant's household, provided that the Housing Authority does not subject an individual who is or had been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking to a more demanding standard than other tenants in determining whether to terminate.

### ***Cases in Which Tenant's Presence is an Actual & Imminent Threat to Other Tenants or Employees at the Property***

Nothing in this Plan limits the authority of the Housing Authority to terminate assistance to a tenant if the Housing Authority can demonstrate an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or employees at the property if that tenant is not terminated from assistance. The Housing Authority will examine:

1. Whether the threat is toward a tenant or employee other than the victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking;
2. Whether the threat is a physical danger beyond a speculative threat;
3. Whether the threat is likely to happen within a short period of time; and
4. Whether the threat to other tenants or employees can be eliminated by assisting the victim of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking to relocate to a confidential location.

If a participant wishes to contest the Housing Authority's determination that he or she is an actual and imminent threat to other tenants or employees, the participant may do so as part of the informal hearing.

### ***Voucher Program – Notification***

The Housing Authority shall provide notice to tenants assisted under the Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) of their rights under the VAWA, including their right to confidentiality. The Housing Authority will provide notification of VAWA in the following ways:

1. By including information regarding VAWA in orientations and briefing packets for new participants.
2. By informing participants of their rights under VAWA during the annual recertification.

3. By including information regarding VAWA in all program violation notices, termination letters and all denial of assistance letters.

### ***Linkages with Community Resources***

When the Housing Authority becomes aware that an individual is experiencing or has experienced domestic violence, the Housing Authority may refer him or her to domestic violence advocates. The Housing Authority will also inform the individual that local legal services agencies are available to provide assistance and representation to domestic violence victims in obtaining and maintaining personal protection orders, custody orders, exclusive use of the home and other necessary legal remedies for victims of domestic violence; and that the Police Department is available for emergency response and intervention.

### ***Relationship to Other Laws***

Nothing in this Plan shall be construed to supersede any Federal, State or local law that provides greater protection than this section for victims of domestic violence, dating violence or stalking.



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**RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
24 Hour Domestic/Dating Violence Hotline: 516-542-0404

Address: 15-10 Grumman Road West  
Bethpage, NY 11714  
Phone: (516) 465-4700  
Fax: (516) 465-4740  
Website: [www.cadvnc.org](http://www.cadvnc.org)

The Coalition offers confidential, specialized services for victims of domestic violence/dating violence, elder abuse, children who witness domestic violence, and sexual assault survivors.

Circulo de la Hispanidad – Salva Domestic Violence Program  
24 Hour Domestic/Dating Violence Hotline: (516) 889-2849

Address: 26 West Park Avenue  
Long Beach, NY 11561  
91 North Franklin Avenue, Suite 200  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
Phone: Long Beach (516) 889-3869  
Hempstead (516) 292-2433  
Fax: Long Beach (516) 889-4572  
Hempstead (516) 539-0687  
Website: [www.cdlh.org/salva\\_domestic\\_violence.html](http://www.cdlh.org/salva_domestic_violence.html)

The Salva domestic violence program provides English/Spanish bilingual support services to victims of domestic violence. Services include crisis intervention, case management, and advocacy. The agency also operates a bilingual hotline to provide support, crisis intervention and education to individuals living with violence or who have questions about violence and support services. Two support groups are held weekly in Long Beach and Hempstead for violence survivors.