

Self-Certification

(Suggested-template language)

* This is provided only as a sample. Copy and paste the information below and modify as needed (except project criteria)

<https://www.fws.gov/office/caribbean-ecological-services>

Endangered Species Act Certification

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office developed a Blanket Clearance Letter in compliance with Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act for federally funded projects.

The Service determined that projects in compliance with the following criteria are not likely to adversely affect federally-listed species.

The Municipality of (Municipality) or (Company Name), Puerto Rico, certifies that the following project (Project Name) funded by (agency name/optional) and located at (Project Location) complies with:

(Check one or more below)

Check	Project Criteria
	1. Activities related to the resurfacing existing streets or roads; maintenance of existing upland gabion or reinforced concrete retention walls; construction, reconstruction or repair of gutters and sidewalks along existing roads.
	2. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct and/or rehabilitate facilities in already established public transportation systems (Signs, sidewalks and ramps, bus stops and existing routes).
	3. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, rehabilitate and/or expanding existing public transportation facilities located in urban or developed areas.
	4. Construction of new facilities for public transportation systems (e.g. School bus stops, city buses, trolleybuses, public car stops, Public car terminal) in urban or developed areas.
	5. Repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, or rehabilitate existing bridges or rip-rap. We recommend following FWS rip-rap guidance for design: https://www.fws.gov/media/guidance-repair-replacement-and-clean-structures-streams-and-waterways-puerto-rico-and-us
	6. Reconstruction, or emergency repairs, of existing structures, including but not limited to buildings, facilities and homes.
	7. Demolition of dilapidated single-family homes or buildings.
	8. Rebuilding of demolished single-family homes or buildings.
	9. Retrofitting existing buildings.

	10. Construction of residential and/or commercial facilities.
	11. Construction, repair, replace, improve, reconstruct, and/or rehabilitate recreational facilities.
	12. Addition of concrete pads to the existing footprint of a residential and/or commercial structure, provided that the resulting addition is less than 20% of the size of the existing structure.
	13. Improvement or renovations to existing structures (exterior and interior) renovations resulting in an exterior increase greater than 20%.
	14. Improvements or renovations to existing structures (exterior and interior renovations) resulting in an exterior increase of less than 20%.
	15. Acquisition of residential and/or commercial properties in urban or developed areas for the relocation of families and/or activities.
	16. Construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation and/or expansion of cemeteries.
	17. Installation/drilling of new water well and associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground.
	18. Establishment of power facilities, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.
	19. Construction of electrical system infrastructure and associated components, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.
	20. Activities within existing Right of Ways (ROWs) related to water and sanitary infrastructure; communication infrastructure; roads, bridges and highways without the removal of native vegetation and/or major earth movement.
	21. Construction of rooftop or urban telecommunications systems and associated components, including but not limited to associated aboveground and/or underground infrastructure.
	22. Establishment of temporary debris storage (TDS) facilities.

	23. Establishment and/or closure of solid waste management facilities. But not new landfills.
	24. Installation of water storage systems (cisterns) and associated infrastructure, either above ground or underground, including but not limited to installations on existing or new concrete pads, or existing or new roofs.
	25. Installation of generators on existing or new concrete slabs, and associated utility infrastructure, either above ground or underground.
	26. Repair of existing agricultural structures including but not limited to greenhouses, warehouses, canopies, fences, corrals, and shade structures with less than 20% expansion of footprint.
	27. New construction of agricultural structures in established farms including but not limited to greenhouses, warehouses, canopies, fences, corrals, and shade structures with or without underground and/or aboveground infrastructure utility connections.
	28. Construction of fences, cattle corrals, concrete slabs.
	29. Installation of storage containers on new concrete slab.
	30. New construction or work which expands the footprint of an existing structure and occurs entirely on disturbed, regularly maintained, upland property, including the staging of equipment.

Signature of the mayor/Project Director

Date

Address

Telephone and Ext

Email

NOTE:

- This certification should be printed in a letterhead of the agency/proponent or corporate stamp.
- Keep the self-certification for the Environmental Review Record and attach the Blanket Letter of the agency.
- Send a copy with an explanatory memorial, project map and photos to:
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 - damaris_román@fws.gov