PROJECT SHEET

Nine Community Resilience Centers: Part 58 reviews for nine municipalities

Environmental screening, level-of-review determinations and Environmental Review Records for the resilience centers of nine municipalities.

CLIENT
Álvarez Díaz & Villalón, for the municipalities

PROGRAM
CDBG-DR City Revitalization Program

PERIOD
2025 to present

OUR ROLE
Environmental screening, level-of-review determinations and Environmental Review Records



PROJECT — 9 municipalities

A building on the site of the Loíza center, photographed during our site visit in May 2026.

9
municipal sites under one review method

Part 58
from the environmental screening to the Environmental Review Record

CDBG-DR
City Revitalization Program, with PRDOH as Responsible Entity

The challenge

Nine municipalities are turning existing buildings, most of them former schools, into Community Resilience Centers: places that keep power, water and communications when a storm takes them away from the neighborhood. The centers are paid with CDBG-DR funds through the City Revitalization Program of the Puerto Rico Department of Housing, so none can be built until its environmental review under 24 CFR Part 58 is complete.

What we did

For the design team, Álvarez Díaz & Villalón, and each municipality, we prepare the review from the first screening to the Environmental Review Record:

- **Site and screening.** One verified site boundary per center, and a screening of floodplains, wetlands, habitat, historic properties, contamination and tanks around it.
- **Site visits.** Photographs with their position and date, the tank survey within one mile, and the observations each exhibit needs.
- **Level of review and consultations.** The level-of-review determination for each center, and the consultations with SHPO, ICP, USFWS and DNER started early.
- **The record.** The Environmental Review Record with its numbered exhibits, and the answers to the reviewers' comments in dated versions.

The nine sites are reviewed the same way and tracked on one board, so a reviewer who has read one record knows where to find everything in the next. How we keep each reviewer comment open until it is answered is described in our note on comment tracking.

Results

The centers are at different stages: some reviews are complete and others are in consultation or in comment rounds with the program's reviewers.

From the field



The site of the Arroyo center, March 2026.

PROJECT FACTS

OWNER	LOCATION	STATUS

Nine municipalities; PRDOH as Responsible Entity	Loíza, Cataño, Las Piedras, Juana Díaz, Comerío, Yabucoa, Arroyo, Juncos and Lajas	In progress

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RULES

24 CFR Part 58 · Section 106 · ESA Section 7 · 24 CFR Part 55 · 24 CFR 51 Subpart C

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REFERENCE

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