

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
&
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date: May 20, 2025

City of Waterbury
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Waterbury.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 4, 2025 the City of Waterbury will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Hartford Field Office for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) grant funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328), as amended, to assist with the financing of a project known as the Fulton Park Pool and Pool House reconstruction project. The purpose of the project was to provide improved community recreation opportunity through the removal and replacement of the deteriorated existing pool with a new pool designed to focus on access and current community pool standards. CPF-23 funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 was received to support completion of the project.

The Fulton Park community pool is located in the northeastern corner of Fulton Park, 438 Cooke Street. (the pool entrance is on Greenwood Avenue.). Work on the project is nearing completion. The pool at Fulton Park was over 60 years old and was in deteriorating condition. In order to replace the pool which was deemed to be no longer safe and functional and renovate the pool house to address current standards the City's contractor completed the following actions: The original pool and pool deck were removed and replaced in similar scale and size with a new pool and concrete pool deck. The outdated Pool House Facility was substantially renovated to create a facility that now meets current standards for access, public safety, HVAC, plumbing, sanitation and community usage. The former pump house, which housed the necessary mechanicals for proper pool function, was demolished and replaced on the opposite side of the pool on the existing pool deck and is designed to fit pool mechanicals and to be used for pool material storage. The pool deck was reconstructed to ensure safe access and to accommodate changes to meet current standards allowing zero depth entry, a shallower overall pool depth and incorporating a splash zone. Damaged trees and limbs overhanging the pool area were cut to stump. Brush, overgrowth, invasive vines and weeds were removed for site and patron safety.

New 8-ft fencing and landscaping was installed to secure the facility and enhance the site post construction. The City of Waterbury will use its \$4,000,000 in CPF 2023 funds to reimburse eligible construction costs for the completed project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Waterbury has determined that the project would have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. A copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project and additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Waterbury Office of Community Development, 188 Bank Street, Waterbury, CT 06702 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4 P.M. The EA document is also available for review at the City Clerk's office, the Public Library or available on the Office of Community Development website at <https://waterburyct.org/services/community-development/plans-amendments> . Any questions or requests to review the full Environmental Review Record should be directed toward John Goggin, Asst. Director of Community Development, Office of Community Development, 188 Bank Street, jgoggin@waterburyct.org, (203) 346-3810 x7288.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mr. John Goggin, Asst. Director of Community Development, Office of Community Development, 188 Bank Street, Waterbury, CT 06702 or jgoggin@waterburyct.org. All comments received by June 3, 2025 will be considered by the City of Waterbury prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Waterbury certifies to HUD that Paul K. Pernerewski in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Waterbury to utilize Community Project Funding (CPF) grant funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Waterbury's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Waterbury; (b) the City of Waterbury has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Phillip McKeough, CPD Director, via email at Phillip.E.McKeough@hud.gov or contact (860) 240-9770 to arrange an alternative method. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Paul K. Pernerewski, Mayor, City of Waterbury