NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT & NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: June X, 2025 City of Waterbury 235 Grand Street Waterbury, CT 06702 203-346-3810 x7288

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 July X, 2025 the City of Waterbury will submit a request to U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, Hartford Field Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq, to assist with the financing of a project known as the Lakewood Park Improvement Project. CDBG funding in the amount of \$925,668.00 was allocated in support of this project. The purpose of the project is to include repairs to the former carousel pavilion structure; reconstruction of the walkway, up to the pavilion for ADA access; repaving of the driveway to access the pavilion for ADA access and parking,

The project consists of multiple improvements and renovations to Lakewood Park, including updating existing paved pathways to be ADA compliant. In detail, the project involves the reconstruction of the roof supports of the Pavilion, formerly known as the Carousel, to extend the life of the structure for public events and gatherings. The walkway and driveway are deteriorating and are not ADA compliant; these will be repaired to ensure safety. Additional lighting and cameras will also be added for public safety.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Waterbury has determined that the project will 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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the 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 Silas Bronson Library, or online 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. All comments received by July X, 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 Mayor 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 name of grant recipient to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG and CDBG-CV) grant funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund 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