

TOWN OF UNION, NEW YORK

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

TOWN OF UNION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM FAIRMONT PARK LEVEE REPAIR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Pursuant to 24 CFR Section 58.43, this combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (FONSI/RROF) shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements. An electronic version of the project specific information is available online at <u>www.townofunion.com</u>. Printed copies are available at the Town of Union Planning Department, Town Hall, 3111 E. Main St. Endwell, NY 13760

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 24, 2019, the Town of Union will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383) as amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1977 (PL95-128), for the following purpose:

PROJECT: Fairmont Park Levee Repair Project

PURPOSE: This proposed project will increase the level of protection offered by the existing levee component to modify and extend the existing levee to an elevation of 841 ft. to match the existing floodwall and road closure system. The project will also remove sections of an existing paved walkway/golf path, relocate and construct new sections of a paved walkway/golf path, and remove a section of an existing paved parking lot. The proposed project is within the vicinity of Barton Avenue and the Traditions at the Glen golf course located at 4301 and 4311 Watson Boulevard in the Town of Union, NY. The total disturbance of the project is expected to be approximately 1.4 acres with a nearly 50% reduction of impervious surfaces. Construction will take place in a previously disturbed area.

LOCATION:Barton Ave./Watson Blvd., Johnson City, NY 13790ESTIMATED COST:Town of Union CDBG-DR Funds Allocated \$450,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Union has determined that pursuant to a full environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act 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 Town of Union Planning Department at the address listed above and may be examined or copied weekdays (Monday through Friday) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. More specific information regarding the proposed activity is available in the Community Development section of the town web page at <u>www.townofunion.com</u>.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Town of Union Department of Planning. Such written comments should be addressed to Paul A. Nelson, Interim Planning Director at the above referenced address by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 22, 2019. Comments may also be submitted by the deadline via electronic mail to <u>recovery@townofunion.com</u>. All comments received by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 22 2019 will be considered by the Town of Union prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds (RROF). Commenters should specify which part of this notice they are

addressing. If modifications result from public comment, such modifications will be made prior to proceeding with the expenditure of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Union certifies to HUD that Richard A. Materese, in his capacity as Town of Union Supervisor, 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 Town of Union to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Union's certification received by June 10, 2019 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the Town of Union approved by HUD; or (b) the Town of Union 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Lafayette Court, 465 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203-1713. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Paul A. Nelson Certifying Officer