

**COMBINED NOTICE  
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

February 7, 2016

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**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about **February 24, 2016**, Washtenaw County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of 2010-, 2011-, 2013-, 2014- and 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as the Main Street Sidewalk Project located on the east side of Main Street from Westbrook Apartments to Anna Drive and then from the Winterhaven Condos/8748 Main Street property line to 8840 Main St. and then crosses Main St. to the Whitmore Lake School located at 8845/8877 Main St. near the school sign in Northfield Township, as well as the construction and installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon-signaled crosswalk between 8840 Main Street and the Whitmore Lake School property located at 8845/887 Main Street in Northfield Township in the amount of \$25,000 from 2010 CDBG funding, \$10,000 from 2011 CDBG funding, \$11,687 from 2013 CDBG funding, \$9,383 from 2014 CDBG funding and \$46,332 from 2015 CDBG funding.

The project will provide new sidewalks in the project corridor in the gaps between existing sidewalks as well as crosswalks of intersecting streets in the project corridor, including one Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon-signaled crosswalk, which is located across Main Street between 8840 Main Street and the Whitmore Lake School property located at 8845/887 Main Street. The project will provide a 5-foot wide new sidewalk that is approximately 955 linear feet in length along the Main Street Corridor. The total square footage of the new sidewalk pavement is approximately 4,700 square feet. The project includes the construction of ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps. The sidewalk will be comprised of concrete 4 inches thick, with approximately 8 to 12 inches of sand underneath the concrete. The project includes the construction of 52 feet of culverts.

This project will allow for greater pedestrian access from the residents that live along this corridor to the Whitmore Lake School site located at 8845/8877 Main Street as well as the other residences, businesses and services located along the corridor. This project will connect to the existing sidewalk segments along Main Street, connecting to the sidewalks that exists to the north of the project corridor along Main Street on the west side (via the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon-signaled crosswalk) and the sidewalk that exists to the south of the project corridor that is adjacent to the Westbrook Apartments and the Northfield Township Hall located to the south. The project will further connect and integrate the Northfield Township sidewalk system. The sidewalk will improve safety for pedestrians that travel along the Main Street corridor. The total estimated development costs for the project are \$102,402.

This publication is for the combined notice to the public of a Finding of No Significant Impact on the Environment and notice to the Public of a Request for Release of Funds (combined FONSI/NOI-RROF)

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Washtenaw County has prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the aforementioned project and has determined and gives notice that the project and the request for release of funds will have no significant impact on the human environment and accordingly, Washtenaw County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

The project and activities proposed are not of sufficient size, scale, or mass and do not exceed the threshold criteria established for the preparation of a statement; the adverse impacts on the physical or natural environment are negligible and other impacts are beneficial; the projects will make no significant increased demand on public services and will create no pollution impacts; the extent of any

environmental impact of the activities and projects, whether beneficial or adverse are such that there will be no significant effect on the environment. An Environmental Review Record of the described activities has been made by Washtenaw County, which documents the environmental review of the activities and project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. The project is identified as environmentally assessed and an Environmental Assessment was prepared. The Environmental Review Record is on file in the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development, 415 W. Michigan Ave., Suite 2200, Ypsilanti, MI, and is available for public examination and copying, upon request during the weekday hours of 8:30 AM to 5 PM. No further environmental review of activities is proposed to be conducted, prior to the release of Federal funds.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR for consideration by Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development. Such written comments should be received at the address listed above on or before **February 22, 2016**. All such comments so received will be considered and the County will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the described activities prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

#### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Washtenaw County is certifying to HUD that the Washtenaw County and Verna J. McDaniel in her official capacity as County Administrator; consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Washtenaw County may use the funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS:**

HUD will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or b) that Washtenaw County's environmental review records for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; or c) the grant recipient has 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, Sec. 58.76), and may be addressed to HUD at its Area Office, 15th Floor, Patrick V. McNamara Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. No objection received after **March 10, 2016** will be considered by HUD.

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