

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

Date:	April 8, 2015
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about April 30, 2015 the County of Erie will submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

**Project Name:** North East Borough Lincoln Street Water Line Replacement Project

**Project Number:** (S-14-E-32-6-3 [A])

**Project Description/Location/Purpose:** The project will provide for the replacement of approximately 990 feet of 4-inch diameter cast iron water line with 6-inch diameter ductile iron pipe and appurtenances along Lincoln Street from South Mill Street to Robinson Street in North East Borough Erie County, PA. The existing line is nearly 100 years old and undersized for the area and as with most pipes of that age and material has become corroded leading to degraded water quality, as well as being prone to breaks with resulting service disruptions. CDBG funds will pay for the purchase of materials while installation of the line will be undertaken by employees of the North East Borough Water Department. The project will improve water quality and enhance fire protection for neighborhood residents.

**Funding Source/Amount:** \$32,000 (+/-) Multi-year CDBG for materials

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The County of Erie has determined *that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment* and, 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) which is on file at the Erie County Department of Planning and which is available for public review and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Erie County Department of Planning. All comments received by close of business day April 29, 2015 will be considered by the County of Erie prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The County of Erie certifies to the PA DCED that Kathy Dahlkemper, in her capacity as County Executive, 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. The PA DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Erie to use CDBG funds for the above-identified project.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The PA DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County's certification for a period of eighteen (18) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are based on the following:

- The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Erie;
- The County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- The grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DCED; or
- Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the projects are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Building, Office of Community Development, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact the PA DCED at (717) 720-7350 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathy Dahlkemper  
County Executive