

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

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Holyoke Office for Community Development has awarded Community Development Block Grant funds to the City of Holyoke Conservation Commission for the remediation of contamination from the former National Guard Firing Range on Mountain Road in Holyoke, MA.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

On or about **Friday October 28, 2018**, the City of Holyoke will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of 2015 Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the following project:



PROJECT NAME: Remediation of Mountain Road Site

DESCRIPTION: Remediation of soil contamination with CDBG funding resulting from use of property as a firing range. Project will eventually result in the sale of two buildable lots for housing development adjacent to Mountain Road and permanent preservation of the rear parcel as open space. CDBG funds will be utilized for site remediation and restoration only.

LOCATIONS: Mountain Road, Hampden County, Holyoke Massachusetts
Parcel 199-00-013

ESTIMATED COST:

Total Project	\$60,000.00
CDBG Funds	\$60,000.00



FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Holyoke has determined that the listed 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 for Community Development, City Hall Annex, Room 400, Holyoke MA 01040 where it can be examined Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m- (413)322-5610.

This determination is made after consultation with state and federal agencies responsible for compliance with several topic areas including the Massachusetts Historical Commission (historic resources), the United State Fish and Wildlife Service (rare species), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (Sole Source

Aquifer), and completion of the HUD Eight Step Process required for work in or near wetlands or floodplains.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Holyoke, Office for Community Development, Room 400, City Hall Annex, Holyoke, MA 01040 or via email to zoellera@holyoke.org. All comments received by **Thursday October 27, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. EST** will be considered by The City of Holyoke prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Persons commenting on the ERR are urged to verify receipt of their comments.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Holyoke certifies to HUD that Alex B. Morse 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 satisfied its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Holyoke to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO THE RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Holyoke'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 one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Holyoke; (b) the City of Holyoke has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations a 24 CFR Part 58; (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; (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 (24CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
Boston Regional Office – CPD Environmental Review
Boston Federal Office Building
10 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02222 - 1092

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Mayor Alex B. Morse