

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

August 24, 2019

City of Gary, Indiana
Division of Community Development
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Gary.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 9, 2019, the City of Gary will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the project known as Demolition for the purpose of the clearance and/or demolition of approximately 30 unsafe structures throughout the City.

Demolition (\$377,345), community-wide

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Gary 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 City of Gary Division of Community Development, 839 Broadway, Suite 302N, Gary, IN 46402 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

REVIEW PROCESS

In accordance with §58.15, a tiered review process has been structured, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed for the area and other applicable laws and authorities will be complied with, when individual projects are ripe for review. Once the demolition sites are selected, each site will undergo an environmental review.

None of the demolition sites will adversely impact an airport zone, coastal barriers, coastal zone, an endangered species zone, explosive and flammable hazards, farmlands, noise attenuation, sole source aquifers, wild and scenic rivers, and environmental justice. Lead and asbestos will be treated in a manner consistent with program requirements and Federal, state and local law, including NESHAP where applicable.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects, and more fully describes the tiered review process cited above, are on file at City of Gary Division of Community Development, 839 Broadway, Suite 302N, Gary, IN 46402 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Gary Division of Community Development. All comments received by August 29, 2019 will be considered by the City of Gary prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gary certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Karen Freeman-Wilson in her 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. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gary to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Gary'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 Gary; (b) the City of Gary 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 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Indianapolis, Field Office, 575 N. Pennsylvania St., Suite 655, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Potential objectors should contact U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Karen Freeman-Wilson, Mayor