

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

Posting Date:	May 30, 2018
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To All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons: These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for a project to be undertaken by Erie County on behalf of North East Borough.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 20, 2018 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, and PA Act 179 of 1984, to undertake the following project:

Project Name: North East Borough Liberty Street & Bothel Street Water Line Replacement Project

Project Number(s): (S-17-E-32-6-3 [B])

Project Location: The project location is Liberty Street and Bothel Street in North East Borough, Erie County, PA.

Project Description: The project will provide for the replacement of approximately 1,100 feet of 4-inch diameter cast iron water line with 8-inch diameter ductile iron pipe and appurtenances along Liberty Street and Bothel Street in North East Borough. CDBG funds will be used to help pay for most of the materials (pipe, valves, curb box, etc.) associated with the project. Materials will be purchased through the PA COSTARS program. Installation of the line will be undertaken with Borough "force account" labor. The new ductile iron pipe will have a life span of 75-100 years.

Purpose of Project: The purpose of the project is to improve water quality and water volume for area residents. Additionally, replacing the deteriorated line will lessen the likelihood of water line failure and service disruptions.

Funding Sources/Amount:

FY 2017 CDBG funds: \$30,000 +/- (Purchase of materials)

Local funds: \$10,000 +/- (Purchase of materials)

Total Cost: \$40,000 + (Purchase of materials)

(The water line and appurtenances will be installed with Borough "force account labor")

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Erie 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 the Erie County Department of Planning 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 may submit written comments on the ERR to the Erie County Department of Planning. All comments received by close of business day June 19, 2018 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

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 on one of the following bases:

- 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 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 DCED; or
- 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 the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Development Operations, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225. Potential objectors should contact the PA DCED at (717) 720-7406 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kathy Dahlkemper
County Executive