



CITY OF PAWTUCKET
RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT

DONALD R. GREBIEN
MAYOR

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: City of Pawtucket, Department of Planning and Redevelopment

DATE: December 3, 2021

RE: Environmental Legal Notice

For your information the enclosed Legal Notice will notify all interested parties of City of Pawtucket, Department of Planning and Redevelopment's intent to request the release of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This is being done in compliance with HUD's Environmental Review process in accordance with 24 CFR 58.

Please post this Notice for eighteen (18) days in an area readily accessible to the public. Any comments may be sent to the address contained in the Notice.

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

December 3, 2021

City of Pawtucket
Department of Planning and Redevelopment
137 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
401-728-0500 Ext. 430

These notices shall satisfy two (2) separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about Thursday, December 23, 2021, the City of Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment will submit a request to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Redevelopment (HUD) for the release of Community Redevelopment Block Grant funds under the Housing and Community Redevelopment Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the projects known as:

38 Japonica St. Demotion and New Construction: Pawtucket Central Falls Development is proposing to demolish a dilapidated two-family home due to significant cosmetic and structural deficiencies. Building will be demolished, and project site will be cleared and prepared for the construction of a new, energy efficient mixed income residential structure with five rental units. The scale and design of the new building will be similar to the buildings at Branch Blackstone in Pawtucket. Four units will be deed restricted as affordable rental housing and one will be a market rate rental. One unit will target a family that is currently experiencing homelessness. One will be restricted to 50% AMI and two others will be at 60% AMI. The fifth will be unrestricted. Once completed, the new homes will be energy efficient, lead free, and use cost appropriate green technology including energy star rated appliances and windows, efficient heating systems and long lasting roofing and siding products.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment has determined that this 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 City of Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment office at 137 Roosevelt Avenue, First Floor, Pawtucket, RI 02860, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

Environmental Review Record may be viewed at:

<http://www.pawtucketri.com/planning-redevelopment>

<http://www.pawtucketri.com/sites/default/files/uploads/38%20Japonica%20Street%20ERR.pdf>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on either the Finding of No Significant impact (FONSI) and/or the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI) to the City of Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment, 137 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860. Commenters must specify whether their comments address the FONSI or the NOI or both. All comments received by Thursday, December 23, 2021 will be considered by the City of Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing. Comments should be directed to:

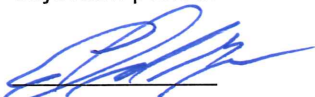
Edward Soares, CD Program Manager
Department of Planning and Redevelopment
137 Roosevelt Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860
(401) 728-0500, Ext. 430 E-mail: esoares@pawtucketri.com

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Pawtucket certified to HUD that Edward G. Soares, in his capacity as Certifying Officer of the City of Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment, consent 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 satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Pawtucket's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 name of RE; (b) the City of Pawtucket 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 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 Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Edward G. Soares

CD Program Manager

City of Pawtucket Department of Planning and Redevelopment

12/3/2021

Date