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## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

May 6, 2025  
City of Watertown, NY  
245 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601  
315-785-7741

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about May 14, 2025, the City of Watertown, NY will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program Entitlement funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Huntington Street Water Main Replacement Project which will consist of in-kind replacement of a water main underneath the entire length of Huntington Street. CDBG-funding will pay \$500,000 toward the estimated total project cost of \$3,438,510, which includes both design and construction.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Watertown Office of Planning and Community Development, 245 Washington Street, Room 305, Watertown, NY 13601, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. by calling 315-785-7741 or emailing [planning@watertown-ny.gov](mailto:planning@watertown-ny.gov) to make an appointment. The ERR can also be accessed online at the following website: <https://www.watertown-ny.gov/CDBGPublicCommentOpportunities>.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Watertown Office of Planning and Community Development, 245 Washington Street, Room 305, Watertown, NY, 13601 or by emailing [planning@watertown-ny.gov](mailto:planning@watertown-ny.gov). All comments received by May 13, 2025 will be considered by the City of Watertown prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Watertown certifies to HUD that Sarah V.C. Pierce 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 satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Watertown to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Watertown'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 Watertown; (b) the City of Watertown 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Buffalo Field Office at [CPDRROFBUF@hud.gov](mailto:CPDRROFBUF@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD Buffalo Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Sarah V. C. Pierce, Mayor  
City of Watertown