

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WATERTOWN, NY**

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

January 20, 2023
City of Watertown, NY
245 Washington Street
Watertown, NY, 13601
315-785-7741

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 7, 2023, the City of Watertown will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant Entitlement funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Seward Street Reconstruction Project for the purpose of a complete reconstruction of Seward Street on the City's north side. This activity will use approximately \$250,080 of CDBG Entitlement Funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Watertown 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Watertown Planning and Community Development Department, 245 Washington Street, Room 305, Watertown, NY 13601, and may be examined or copied in person weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Interested parties may also email Planning@watertown-ny.gov to request a copy of the ERR, or visit <https://www.watertown-ny.gov/CDBGPublicCommentOpportunities> to view the ERR online.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Watertown Planning and Community Development Department by U.S. Mail at 245 Washington Street, Room 305, Watertown, NY, 13601, by emailing planning@watertown-ny.gov or by depositing an envelope in the City Hall drop box, located at the Sterling Street entrance to the building, in an envelope marked Attention: Planning. All comments received by February 5, 2023 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 Jeffrey M. Smith, 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Buffalo Field Office at CPD_COVID-19OEE-BUF@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Buffalo Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeffrey M. Smith, Mayor, City of Watertown