

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

05/27/2023

City of Woonsocket, RI
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Woonsocket, RI 02895
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Woonsocket.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 06/13/2023 the City of Woonsocket will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of HOME Investment Partnership funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq., to undertake a project known as Mendon Rd. Acquisition. The purpose of the acquisition of approximately 5 acres of land on Mendon Rd. Woonsocket RI 02895, specifically parcels 53-1 and 53-32 (586 Mendon Road Rear) is to develop this land into housing for income eligible seniors. Total funding is estimated to be \$1,130,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Woonsocket 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 Assessment (EA) on file at The City of Woonsocket, Department of Planning and Development, 169 Main St., Woonsocket, RI 02895 and may be examined or copied weekdays, from 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the EA to the City of Woonsocket, Department of Planning and Development. All comments received by 06/12/2023 will be considered by the City of Woonsocket prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Woonsocket certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Michael Debrosse in his capacity as the Director of Planning and Development 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 approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Woonsocket to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Woonsocket'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 Woonsocket; (b) the City of Woonsocket 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; 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 Director, Office of Community Planning and Development, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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City of Woonsocket