

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

1/30/2024

Washington County Board of Commissioners

223 Putnam Street

Marietta, OH, 45750

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Washington County Board of Commissioners

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 15, 2024 the Washington County Board of Commissioners will submit a request to the HUD for the release of Community Project funds under Section 5 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, as amended, to undertake a project known as Devola Sanitary Sewer Project—Phase II for the purpose of the installation of a low-pressure sanitary sewer system at the cost of approximately \$17,305,000.00 estimated funding in Devola, OH.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Washington County Board of Commissioners 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 Washington County Courthouse, 205 Putnam St, Marietta, OH 45750 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Washington County Board of Commissioners. All comments received by February 13, 2024 will be considered by the Washington County Board of Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Washington County Board of Commissioners certifies to HUD that Kevin Riter in his capacity as County Commissioner 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 Washington County Board of Commissioners to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Washington County Board of Commissioners' 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 Washington County Board of Commissioners; (b) the Washington County Board of Commissioners 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 Columbus Field Office at email address: CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov administration office at address of that office. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Kevin Ritter, County Commissioner