

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

January 30, 2017
Town of Elm City
PO Box 717
Elm City, NC 27822
919-782-5393

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be taken by the Town of Elm City

Request for Release of Funds

At least one day after the end of the Comment Period, the Town of Elm City will submit a request to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Infrastructure (the Division) for the release of funds under Community Block Development Grant for Infrastructure (CDBG-I) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Activities being conducted as part of the Town of Elm City Water System Improvements for which the funds are being requested are described below.

Purpose and Need of Project:	The purpose of the proposed water system improvements project is to replace old, problematic and undersized water lines in specific areas of the town’s water distribution system. The project is necessary to correct pressure and water quality issues and to install new hydrants and system valves to improve and fire protection coverage and improve system operations and maintenance activities.
Project Description:	Replacement of approximately 5,725 linear feet (LF) of aging, undersized water lines including new fire hydrants, valves, and water service replacements to improve water quality, system functionality and enhance fire protection.
Estimated CDBG-I Funding Amount:	\$775,000.00
Other Funding Source(s):	N/A
Other Funding Amount(s) (if applicable):	N/A

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Town of Elm City 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 the Elm City Town Hall, 117 S. Railroad Street, Elm City, NC 27822 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Jonathan Russell, Town Administrator, the designated officer responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by February 17, 2017 will be considered by the Town of Elm City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

Release of Funds

The Town of Elm City certifies to the Division that Jonathan Russell in his capacity as Town Administrator, 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 Division's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of Elm City to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Division will accept objections to its release of funds and the Responsible Entity's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or the actual submission date (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Elm City;
- The Responsible Entity has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- 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 Division; or
- 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) and shall be addressed to

Julie Cubeta, Supervisor
Division of Water Infrastructure
1633 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1633
or julie.cubeta@ncdenr.gov

Potential objectors should contact the Division at 919.707.9189 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Jonathan Russell
Town Administrator

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Jonathan Russell at 252-236-4917 or at 117 S. Railroad Street, Elm City, NC 27822 for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Jonathan Russell al 252-236-4917 o en 117 S. Railroad Street, Elm City, NC 27822 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.