

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

July 14, 2020

City of Tuscaloosa

2201 University Boulevard

Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 30, 2020 the City of Tuscaloosa will submit a request to U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development, Birmingham Area Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as The Downs Drainage System Improvements for the purpose of adding a capacity drainage system by replacing the existing pipes with larger diameter pipes or reroute the drainage into a new system. This will prevent damage to homeowners private property, increase roadway safety due to reduced roadway overtopping, and reduce localized flooding. This release is for approximately \$1,977,375.00 in Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant funds. The project is located along the north and west sides of Windsor Drive, which is located in the Downs neighborhood in Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404.

The activities comprise a project for which a finding of no significant impact on the environment was published on July 14, 2020. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at City Hall, Infrastructure and Public Services- Administration Division (2201 University Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401), the main branch of the Tuscaloosa Public Library (1801 Jack Warner Parkway NE, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401) and the City's website, www.tuscaloosa.com, which may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Infrastructure and Public Services- Administration Division, ATTN: CDBG-DR Comments – The Downs Drainage. All comments received within fifteen (15) days of publication of this notice will be considered by the City of Tuscaloosa prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. The public comment period for this ERR will close on Wednesday, July 29th, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. CST.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Tuscaloosa certifies to HUD that Walter Maddox in his capacity as Mayor, City of Tuscaloosa 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 Tuscaloosa to use Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) Grant funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Tuscaloosa'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 Tuscaloosa; (b) the City of Tuscaloosa 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 Community Planning and Development Division at Birmingham Area Office at CPD__COVID-19OEE-BHM@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact Birmingham's Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Walter Maddox
Mayor
City of Tuscaloosa