

**COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Date: July 03, 2014

City of Walterboro
 (Name of Applicant)
242 Hampton Street, Walterboro, SC 29488 (843) 782-1000
 (Street, City, Zip Code) (Telephone)

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about July 22, 2014, the Applicant/Grant Recipient will request South Carolina Department of Commerce, Grants Administration to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project(s):

City of Walterboro Water Line Extension Project
 (Project Title or Name)

The project area is located on Hampton Street from Francis to Herndon Street, down, Francis to Chaplin Street, down Peurifoy Road to Herndon Street, Herndon back to Hampton Street, Edgewood Avenue, Poplar Street to Fifth Street, Hickory and Live Oak Streets to Fifth Street, Cherry Street, Hayden, Enterprise, Third, Forth and Fifth Streets. The new route which is in addition to the above streets are as follows: The east side of Hickory Street, the eastern end of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Streets, Widedon Road, Hampton Street from Foxfield to Peuifoy and from Francis Street to Strickland St., Strickland, Howell, Chaplin, Padgett Loop (from Hampton to Chaplin), Grace, Patterson and Francis Streets in Walterboro, Colleton County, SC.

Ground disturbance will be approx. 1,750 LF of water line along Hampton Street from Robertson Blvd. to Herndon St., approx. 375 LF along Francis, 1,400 LF along Edgewood from Hampton to Poplar, 1,800 LF along Peurifoy, 1,900 LF on Hickory St. which will be 18" wide and 4' deep and 1,180 LF on Third St. which will be 18" wide and 4' deep. Wetland avoidance will consist of the water line being installed in the built up shoulder of the road between the edge of asphalt and the top of the ditch without drilling. Additionally, the existing 1" and 2" water lines along the routes will be abandoned and the water services will be reconnected to the new 8" and 6" water lines. The new lines are only being installed on Peurifoy, Edgewood, Hampton, Francis, Hickory and Third.

The City of Walterboro jointly with Colleton County is proposing to use CDBG funds to extend and/or upgrade water lines in the area above. The project will increase much needed water pressure and increase fire protection in the project area. Approximately 454 people will be served with 73% being qualified as Low-to-Moderate income.

(Purpose or Nature of the Project)

Walterboro, Colleton County, South Carolina
 (Location - City, County, State - of Project)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the Applicant/Grant Recipient has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91 - 190)

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

City of Walterboro has evaluated the alternatives to extending water lines in the proposed area and has determined that no adverse impacts to the environment are anticipated; therefore the city will proceed with the project.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the Applicant/Grant Recipient which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at Walterboro City Hall, 242 Hampton Street, Walterboro, SC between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Applicant/Grant Recipient's designated office responsible for receiving and responding to comments.

All comments received by July 21, 2014

will be considered by the Applicant/Grant Recipient prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Applicant/Grant Recipient certifies to the South Carolina Department of Commerce ("DOC") that:

Jeffrey P. Molinari

Name of Certifying Official

in his/her capacity as City Manager

Title of Certifying Official

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. DOC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Applicant/Grant Recipient to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DOC will accept objections to its release of funds and the Applicant/Grant Recipient 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 Applicant/Grant Recipient Certifying Official; (b) the Applicant/Grant Recipient has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the Applicant/Grant Recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; 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) and shall be addressed to Department of Commerce, Grants Administration office at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600. Potential objectors should contact DOC Environmental Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeffrey P. Molinari, City Manager