

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

August 5, 2020

City of Decatur
1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza
Decatur, IL 62523

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 12, 2020 the City of Decatur will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant(CDBG) funds under Title I of the Community Development Act of 1974, to undertake the following projects:

1. CDBG Single Family Demolition, allocation of \$200,000.00 to remove blighted, vacant, and unsafe residential units in existing residential neighborhoods within the corporate city limits of Decatur, IL.
2. Multi-unit residential structure located at 704 W. Wood, allocation of \$100,000.00 to remove the blighted, vacant, and unsafe multi-unit residential structure within the corporate city limits of Decatur.
3. Multi-unit residential structure located at 722 W. Wood, allocation of \$100,000.00 to remove the blighted, vacant, and unsafe multi-unit residential structure within the corporate city limits of Decatur.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Decatur has determined that the projects for demolition located at 704 W. Wood St. and 722 W. Wood St. in Decatur IL will have no significant impact on the 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 City of Decatur, Community Development Department, 1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, IL 62523. The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to City of Decatur, Neighborhood Services, 1. Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, IL 62523 or by email to Lelzy@decaturil.gov. The ERR is also located and can be accessed on the internet at decaturil.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Decatur Neighborhood Services Division. All comments received by August 12, 2020 will be considered by the City of Decatur prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Decatur certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Scot Wrighton in his capacity as City Manager 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. 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 Decatur to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Decatur'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 Decatur; (b) the City of Decatur 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Planning Department ; 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 Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region V, Community Planning and Development, at the following email: CPD_COVID-19OEE-CHI@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD, Region V Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Scot Wrighton, City Manager