

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

January 9, 2018

Wise County Board of Supervisors

Wise County Courthouse

Wise, VA 24293

276.328.2321

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 30, 2018, Wise County will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and/or Appalachian Regional Development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as the Tacoma Sewer Project, for the purpose of approximately 10,310 linear feet of sewer lines and includes all applicable appurtenances to connect fifty (50) customers to the existing wastewater system.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Wise County Board of Supervisors 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 Wise County Courthouse in the County Administrator's Office, located at the Wise County Courthouse, Suite 223 Wise, VA 24293 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., as well as on the County's website at www.wisecounty.org.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Wise County Administrator's Office. All comments received by January 29, 2018 will be considered by the Wise County Board of Supervisors prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Wise County Board of Supervisors certifies to DHCD that Shannon Scott in his capacity as County 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. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Wise County Board of Supervisors to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Wise County Board of Supervisors' certification received by February 15, 2018 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the Wise County Board of Supervisors approved by DHCD; (b) the Wise County Board of Supervisors 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; 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 DHCD at:

Director
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office
Main Street Centre
600 E. Main St., Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Shannon Scott, County Administrator