

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS IS A COMBINED NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF A REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS PERTAINING TO A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF CLARE, MICHIGAN

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, & PERSONS:

On or about August 16, 2010 the City of Clare, Clare County, Michigan shall request the State of Michigan to release federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project: Beech & Fourth Street Streetscape Project. The purpose of the project is to construct streetscape (pavers, lights, trees, curb, sidewalks, benches) adjacent to the ClareCastle Building on West Fourth Street and Beech Street in the City of Clare, Clare County, Michigan for a total project cost estimated to be \$137,200.

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 City of Clare has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for the decision not to prepare an EIS is that all areas of statutory and regulatory compliance have been reviewed with a determination that all aspects of the proposed streetscape project are in compliance with all known, existing environmental statutory and regulatory requirements.

An Environmental Review Record pertaining to the proposed project has been made by the City of Clare which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an EIS is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at Clare City Hall, 202 West Fifth Street, Clare, Michigan 48617 and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8am to 5pm M-F. No further environmental review of this project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Clare to the Office of the City Clerk on or before August 16, 2010. All such comments so received will be considered, and the City of Clare will not request the release of federal funds or take action to proceed with the proposed project prior to August 16, 2010.

Release of Funds

The City of Clare will undertake the project described above using Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Michigan under Title 1 of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Clare is certifying to the State of Michigan that the City of Clare and Ken Hibl, its Certifying Officer, in his official capacity as Clare City Manager consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action – and that the responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Clare may use the Block Grant funds and the State of Michigan shall have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The State of Michigan shall accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: 1. That the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of the applicant approved by the State of Michigan; or 2. That the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision-finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted to the State of Michigan, MEDC, 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913.

Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the State of Michigan. No objection after September 1, 2010 shall be considered by the State of Michigan.



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