

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: March 5, 2018

Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: Mercer County

Address: c/o Mercer County Regional Planning Commission  
2491 Highland Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148

Telephone Number of RE: 724-981-2412, x 3204

On or about March 19, 2018 the above-named grantee will submit a request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) to release CDBG Funds for the following project:

Title: Sidewalk Improvements – Mercer Borough

Location: Mercer Borough

Estimated Cost: FY 2016 Mercer County CDBG project cost = \$203,567 for Mercer Borough.  
This project may be funded as part of multiple Mercer County CDBG Entitlement Fiscal Years.

### Description:

The borough proposes to install handicapped ramps mainly along the north south corridors of Pitt and Otter Streets, effectively linking the southeast portion of the borough with the central business district for disabled individuals. The scope of work includes demolition of existing concrete sidewalk and/or curbs and installation of handicapped accessible ramps. This includes the installation of 535 linear feet of curbing, 61 truncated domes, 49 landing pads and 2,945 square feet of transition sidewalk.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded from the NEPA requirements (24 CFR Part 58.35) and there is no requirement for an environmental assessment. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) which documents the Environmental Review of the project has been made by the Grantee and more fully sets forth the reasons why a full Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This ERR is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mercer County, c/o the Mercer County Regional Planning Commission. All comments received by March 19, 2018 will be considered by Mercer County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Mercer County certifies to the Commonwealth that Matthew McConnell in his capacity as Chairman of the Mercer County Board of Commissioners 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. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Mercer County to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and acceptance of the 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 grantee's Certifying Officer; (b) the grantee 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 DCED; 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, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department of Community and Economic Development, Office of Community Development, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Matthew McConnell  
Chairman  
Mercer County Board of Commissioners