

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

July 23, 2025

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
PO Box 823
Trenton, NJ 08625-0800

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Township of Guttenberg.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 7, 2025, the DCA will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant, Disaster Recovery, Resilient Communities Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake a project known as Guttenberg RC 100043 - JFK Blvd East Flood Mitigation Project for the purpose of construction of a new network of inlets and pipes for improvement of flood control systems at 6819 JFK Boulevard East (between 68th Street and 70th Street cross streets) in the Township of Guttenberg, Hudson County, New Jersey.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The DCA 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 New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation, 101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M or online at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/ddrm/resources/environmentl.shtml>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Disaster Recovery and Mitigation – Environmental and Historic Preservation, 101 South Broad Street, PO Box 823, Trenton, NJ 08625 or online at DDRM.EHPComments@dca.nj.gov. All comments received by August 7, 2025, will be considered by the DCA prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The DCA certifies to HUD that Samuel Viavattine in his capacity as Deputy Commissioner 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Township of Guttenberg to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the DCA'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 DCA; (b) the DCA 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 HUD 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 HUD at Tennille Smith Parker, DRSI, Division Director, HUD, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20410. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Samuel Viavattine, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Community Affairs