

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

March 19, 2010

City of Texarkana, Texas

220 Texas Boulevard

Texarkana, Texas 75501

903-798-3902

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 26, 2010 the City of Texarkana, Texas will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs for the release of 2009 Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act program funds under Title I of the Community Development Block Grant Act of 1980, as amended, to undertake the following projects:

Karrh Park Pond Silt Removal Project

CDBG- R Funds \$58,295; CDBG Funds - \$60,000 Total \$118,295

The City of Texarkana, Texas is proposing to use Community Development Block Grant – Recovery Act Funds (CDBG-R) and Community Development Block Grant Funds to undertake the removal of silt through dredging of a pond located in Karrh Park. Remove silt by dredging of approximately 12,000 cubic yards or a depth of approximately 2 feet of runoff materials from a 1.6 acre pond located in Karrh Park, owned and operated by the City of Texarkana, TX. There will be no change in the size of this pond.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Texarkana, Texas 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 City of Texarkana, Texas City Hall 220 Texas Boulevard, Texarkana, Texas, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to

comment on the project may submit written comments to Department of Community Redevelopment and Grants, Texarkana City Hall, 220 Texas Blvd., Texarkana, Texas 75501 or P.O. Box 1967 Texarkana, Texas 75504. All comments received by March 26, 2010 will be considered by the City of Texarkana, Texas prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenter should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Texarkana, Texas certifies to U.S. Department of HUD that F. Larry Sullivan, Ed.D., in his capacity as City Manager of the City of Texarkana, Texas 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. U.S. Department of HUD approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Texarkana, Texas to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

U.S. Department of HUD Ft. Worth Field Office will consider objections to its release of funds and the City of Texarkana, Texas certification received by April 9, 2010 or a period of fifteen days from its receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Texarkana, Texas approved by U.S. Department of HUD; (b) the (RE) 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 U.S. Department of 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) and shall be addressed to U.S. Department of HUD, Field Environmental Officer, Ft. Worth Field Office at 801 Cherry Street Room 2856, Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

F. Larry Sullivan, Ed. D.
City Manager