

**WILKES-BARRE CITY
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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELEASE FUNDS**

August 1, 2022

CITY OF WILKES-BARRE
40 EAST MARKET STREET
WILKES-BARRE, PA 18711
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Wilkes-Barre.

Project Title: CDBG Various Streets Project Phase I

Purpose: Milling & Paving streets, including installing ADA Ramps and Storm Sewer upgrades related to paving work.

Location: Streets are as follows:

A.R.A. Phase II Street List

- Gordon Ave. (from Willow St. to Barney Farms Entrance)
- Empire St. (from New Market St. to E. Northampton St.)
- E. Elm St. (from North Main St. to North Washington St. & W. Elm from North Main to North Franklin St.)
- WB Blvd (from E. Market St. to Hazle St.)
- Academy St. (from Carey Ave to Old River Road)
- Irving Place (from Riverside Dr. to New Mallory Pl.)
- Orchard St. (from Susquehanna St. to Dauphin Ln.)
- Austin Ave (from RR Tracks to Scott St.)
- West River St. (from Academy St. to W. Ross St.)
- Cunningham Ave. (from Penn Ave. to Scott St.)
- Abbott St. (from Hazle St. to Grove St.)
- Glen St. (from Brown St. to High St.)

CDBG Funding Proposed Streets

- New Alexander St. (from Carey Ave. to Old River Road)
- Carlisle St. (from Carey Ave. to Horton St.)
- Sturdevant St. (from Carey Ave. to Carlisle St.)
- Bank St. (from Loomis to Stanton St.)
- North Main St. (from North to Johnson St.)
- McClean St. (from Arch St. to Hazle St.)
- Caffrey St. (from Solomon St. to Cul-de-sac)
- Cumminsky St. (from Solomon to Nicholson St.)

Project Issues: Proper permits will be obtained prior to any work being done.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any): Wilkes-Barre Contractor Permit,
Estimated Project Costs: Total estimated costs for projects to be undertaken are approximately
\$2,000,000.00 of American Recovery Funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Environmental, Historical & PNDI Reviews Performed, no known impacts to PA Game Commission, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Fish and Boat Commission, & U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. **Additional project information is contained in each Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Office of Economic & Community Development, 40 East Market Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to jrodano@wilkes-barre.pa.us All comments received by August 31, 2022 will be considered by the *Joseph Rodano*, Environmental Review Officer, prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

George C. Brown, Mayor, certifies to HUD/State that *Joseph Rodano*, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as the Environmental Review Officer, 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/State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the *name of grant recipient* to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD/State will accept objections to its release of fund and the RE'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 *name of RE*; (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 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/State; 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/State administration office at address of that office. Potential objectors should contact HUD/State to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Joseph Rodano, Environmental Review Officer, Certifying Officer

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