

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

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 22, 2021, Southampton County will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Newsoms Housing and Drainage Improvements Project, Phase I (Thomaston Road East), for the purpose of improving living conditions of 9 low-to-moderate income households through the provision of housing rehabilitation and improving neighborhood conditions for 17 households through the provision of stormwater drainage improvements.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Southampton County 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 Southampton County Administration Building, 26022 Administration Center Dr., Courtland VA 23837 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 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 Michael Johnson, County Administrator, Southampton County, PO Box 400, Courtland VA 23837. All comments received by Tuesday, June 22, 2021 will be considered by Southampton County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Southampton County certifies to DHCD that Michael Johnson in his capacity as County Administrator 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. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Southampton County to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and Southampton County's certification received by Thursday, July 8, 2021 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of Southampton County approved by DHCD; (b) Southampton County 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 DHCD; 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 DHCD at:

Director  
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development  
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office  
Main Street Centre  
600 E. Main St., Suite 300  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430  
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mr. Michael Johnson, County Administrator, Southampton County

**Combined Notice Distribution List:**

Director  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Division of Environmental Enhancement  
629 East Main Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Mr. Matt Weaver, Associate Director  
Program Administration and Assistance Office  
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development  
Main Street Centre  
600 E. Main St., Suite 300  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430

Barbara Rudnick, PG  
NEPA Team Leader  
US EPA Region III (3EA30)  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Mr. Aaron Sizemore, Executive Director  
Mount Rogers Planning District Commission  
1021 Terrace Drive  
Marion, VA 24354

**Combined Notice Posting Locations:**

- [www.GalaxVA.com](http://www.GalaxVA.com)
- City of Galax Bulletin Board – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor –City Manager’s Office
  - 111 E. Grayson St., Galax VA 24333
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**Environmental Review Record Locations:**

Copy 1	City of Galax City Manager’s Office 111 E. Grayson St., Galax VA 24333
Copy 2	Community Planning Partners, Inc. Available by appointment by calling 540/267-4999
Copy Electronic	<a href="http://www.GalaxVA.com">www.GalaxVA.com</a>