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LEGAL NOTICE

COMBINED NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT (FONSI) FISCAL YEAR 2016 CDBG FORMULA ALLOCATION & CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Date of Publication: February 11, 2017

Preble County Board of Commissioners
Preble County Courthouse
101 East Main Street
Eaton, Ohio 45320

Phone Number for Questions: 937-456-8143

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

The Preble County Board of Commissioners proposes to request the State of Ohio to release Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

Project Name/List of Project's Activities:

Preble County FY16 CDBG Allocation & Critical Infrastructure Program -
**Project #1, Activities #1 & 2, Village of Gratis Ada Doty & Franklin
Streets Waterline & Storm Sewer Improvements Project**

Source of Federal Funds:

CDBG Grant Agreement # B-F-16-1CK-1

Purpose or Nature of the Project:

This project will assist the Village of Gratis with infrastructure improvements to storm sewer and water facilities. The project will replace 700 linear feet of waterline in Gratis on Ada Doty Street (State Route 503) from Mack Street north to South Street (State Route 725) with new 8" and 6" waterline. The project will also replace 2 fire hydrants, 12 water service connections, and 2 water valves, and install 2 new water valves for connection to the existing waterlines. The storm sewer improvements will consist of the installation 720 feet of 12" and 24" storm sewer on Ada Doty Street (State Route 503) from South Street north to Franklin Street (State Route 122) and continue east approximately 80 feet on Franklin Street to connect to an existing storm sewer line at the gas station/ convenience store. The project will also replace 4 catch basins, install 3 new catch basins and 4 storm manholes. The catch basins being replaced are at the northwest, southwest, and southeast corners of the intersection of Ada Doty and Franklin Streets, and the southwest corner of Ada Doty and South Street. The new catch basins will be installed at the northwest, northeast and southeast corners of the intersection of Ada Doty and South Street. The new manholes will be installed at the northeast corner of Ada Doty & Franklin, on the east side of Ada Doty approximately halfway between Ada Doty and Franklin Streets. All the waterline and storm sewer work will be installed in the street.

Identification of Single or Multi-year Project:

Single-Year

Location:

Village of Gratis, Preble County, Ohio

Estimated Cost of Project:

\$220,400.00 - CDBG Allocation & Critical Infrastructure \$155,00.00;
Village Cash & In-kind \$65,400.00

Environmental Finding of Project/Activity:

FONSI (Environmental Assessment – EA)

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It has been determined that such Request for Release of Funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the Preble County Board of Commissioners has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) for each of the Project activities listed above has been conducted by the Preble County Board of Commissioners. The ERR's document the environmental reviews of the Projects and more fully set forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The ERR's are on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the above address.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted, prior to the Request for Release of Federal funds.

The Preble County Board of Commissioners plans to undertake the above described Projects with the Federal funds cited above. Any interested person, agencies, and/or groups, who have any comments regarding the environment or who disagree with this Finding of No Significant Impact decision, are invited to submit written comments for consideration to the Preble County Board of Commissioners at the address above listed by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2017, which is at least 15 days after the publication of this Combined Notice. A notice regarding the responsible entity's intent to request release of funds is listed immediately below.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

On or about, but not before, Tuesday, February 28, 2017, the Preble County Board of Commissioners will request the State of Ohio to release Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the Projects described above.

The Board of Preble County Commissioners plans to undertake the Projects described above with the Federal funds listed above. Any interested person, agencies, and/or groups, who have any comments regarding the environment, are invited to submit written comments for consideration to the Board of Preble County Commissioners at the address listed prior to 4:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2017.

The Preble County Board of Commissioners is certifying to the State of Ohio that the Preble County Board of Commissioners and Chris Day, in his official capacity as President of the Preble County Board of Commissioners, consent to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Preble County Board of Commissioners may use the Federal funds, and the State of Ohio will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

The State of Ohio will accept an objection to its approval of the Release of Funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following grounds: (a) the certification was not, in fact, executed by Preble County's chief executive officer or other officer of the Preble County Board of Commissioners approved by the State of Ohio; (b) that the Preble County Board of Commissioners has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to Section 58.40 or to make the written determination required by section 58.35, 58.47, or 58.53 for the project, as applicable; (c) the Board of Preble County Commissioners has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 for the preparation, publication and completion of an Environmental Assessment; (d) the Board of Preble County Commissioners has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G of 24 CFR Part 58 for the conduct, preparation, publication and completion of an Environmental Impact Statement; (e) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by State; or (f) 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.

Written objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and must be addressed to the: State of Ohio; Environmental Grant Analyst; Office of Housing and Community Partnerships; P. O. Box 1001; Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001.

Objections to the Release of Funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the State of Ohio. No objections received after Friday, March 17, 2017, (which is 15 days after it is anticipated that the State will receive a Request for Release of Funds), will be considered by the State of Ohio.

The address of the chief executive officer is:

Chris Day, President, Preble County Board of Commissioners
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