

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

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

Request for Release of Funds

On or about August 20th, the Town of Springfield will submit a request to the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development (the Agency) to release the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as J&L Plant Demolition for the purpose of implementing the Corrective Action Plan as approved by the VT Department of Environmental Protection (DEC) for the demolition of the building. The project is located at 160 Clinton Street, Springfield, VT 05156. The total cost of the project is currently estimated to be in the range of \$2,500,000 to \$3,500,000. Funding for this project includes, approximately, \$900,000 of Town funding, \$500,000 of other sources, and an anticipated amount of \$1,000,000 in CDBG funding. CDBG funds are considered anticipated since this project has not formally been awarded any CDBG funds at this time. The Town will submit a formal application for CDBG funds at a future date.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Town of Springfield 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 municipal office of the Town of Springfield at 96 Main St., Springfield, VT 05156. and may be examined or copied by making an appointment by calling the Town Manager's Office at 802-885-2104.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Springfield, Attn: Steve Neratko, Town Manager at 96 Main St., Springfield, VT 05156. All comments received by **August 19th, 2020**, will be considered by the Town of Springfield prior to authorizing the submission of any potential future request for release of funds. Comments must specify which Notice they are addressing - the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for the Release of Funds for the J&L Plant Demolition.

Environmental Certification

The Town of Springfield is certifying to the Agency that Steve Neratko, in his official capacity as Town Manager, 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. The Agency's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Springfield to use the CDBG funds, if awarded.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Agency will accept objections to its release of potential future funds and the Town of Springfield'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, Steve Neratko; (b) the Town 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 the Agency; 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 the Attn: James Brady, Environmental Officer, Agency of Commerce and Community Development, One National Life Drive, Davis Building, 6th Floor, Montpelier, Vermont 05620. Potential objectors should contact the Agency to verify the actual last date of the objection period.