

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

November 23, 2020

City of Lorain, Office of Building, Housing and Planning

200 West Erie Avenue, 5th Floor

Lorain, OH 44052

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *City of Lorain, Office of Building, Housing and Planning.*

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 14, 2020 the City of Lorain will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under the Title I of the Housing Community Development Act of 1974 and under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act amended, to undertake a project known as:

Demolition of 225 Washington Avenue, Lorain, OH (PP# 0201006106015)

Single family home deemed blighted and uninhabitable. The structure and parcel is owned by the City of Lorain. This creates a nuisance and an urgent threat to the public and welfare of the residents of the City of Lorain. The city of Lorain health and fire departments have no objection to the demolition of the site. The home is less than 2,000 square feet. The approximate cost of the demolition is \$10,500.

Demolition of 233 Washington Avenue, Lorain, OH (PP# 0201006106016)

Single family home deemed blighted and uninhabitable. The structure and parcel is owned by the City of Lorain. This creates a nuisance and an urgent threat to the public and welfare of the residents of the City of Lorain. The city of Lorain health and fire departments have no objection to the demolition of the site. The home is less than 2,000 square feet. The approximate cost of the demolition is \$10,500.

Demolition of 239 Washington Avenue, Lorain, OH (PP# 0201006106017)

Single family home deemed blighted and uninhabitable. The structure and parcel is owned by the City of Lorain. This creates a nuisance and an urgent threat to the public and welfare of the residents of the City of Lorain. The city of Lorain health and fire departments have no objection to the demolition of the site. The home is less than 2,000 square feet. The approximate cost of the demolition is \$10,500.

Demolition of Demolition of 700 West Erie Avenue Lorain, OH (PP# 0201006106020)

Former single family home turned into commercial property deemed blighted and uninhabitable. The structure and parcel is owned by the City of Lorain. This creates a nuisance and an urgent threat to the public and welfare of the residents of the City of Lorain. The city of Lorain health and fire departments have no objection to the demolition of the site. The structure is 5,497 square feet. The approximate cost of the demolition is \$72,500.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lorain Office of Building, Housing and Planning has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment.

The site locations are blighted and have some asbestos contamination conditions that are hazardous. The property investigations show documented asbestos on the properties. The City will require that the asbestos is remediated and disposed of by the demolition contractor in accordance with local laws and environmental regulations.

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

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and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Building, Housing and Planning. All comments received by December 14, 2020 will be considered by the City of Lorain, Office of Building, Housing and Planning prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. **Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.**

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lorain Office of Building, Housing and Planning certifies to The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that Maximilian Upton in his capacity as Program 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. HUD's Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lorain Office of Building, Housing and Planning to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Lorain's Office of Building, Housing and Planning(5th Floor, City Hall) 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 City of Lorain, Office of Building, Housing and Planning (b) the City of Lorain, Office of Building, Housing and Planning 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 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 administration office at

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

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