

# COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA

COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING
1 GOVERNMENT DRIVE
ABINGDON, VIRGINIA 24210

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## OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

COMBINED NOTICE: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT/INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Posting: <u>9-18-2013</u>

### Washington County, Virginia

One Government Center Place
Abingdon, VA 24210
276.525.1300
Virginia Relay Center 711 (804)555

<u>Virginia Relay Center 711 (804)555-1212</u>

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about October 3, 2013 Washington County, VA will request the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to be used for the following project:

#### Hidden Valley Water Project

The purpose of this project includes the extension of a six inch waterline from Russell County Virginia to Hidden Valley Road for an approximate distance of 7,500 feet, 3,500 feet of four inch line, 2,750 feet of two inch line, a gate valve and a master meter.

Location Washington County, VA

Estimated Project Cost: \$887,975

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, Washington County, VA has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

- a. The installation of improvements to the Hidden Valley water system is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and will not affect the present character of the area.
- b. Short periods characterized by some dust and noise pollution generated by construction activities will be the only adverse environmental condition generated by this project.
- c. Erosion control, restoration of disturbed areas of grass and existing pavement will be accomplished in accordance with acceptable engineering criteria.
- d. Construction will generally be done in VDOT right-of-way where practical and only limited clearing of trees, grasses etc. will be required

An Environmental Review Record for Hidden Valley has been completed by Washington County that documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, at the Washington County Administration Building between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm.

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

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by

the County to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments should be received at the address specified on or before October, 2013. All such comments so received will be considered and the County will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

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#### INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Washington County, VA will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. The County is certifying to DHCD that the County, and Jason N. Berry in his official capacity as County Administrator, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the 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, Washington County may use the Community Development Block Grant funds, and DHCD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. DHCD 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 bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by DHCD; (b) that applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; (c) 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 procedure (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76), and may be addressed to:

DIRECTOR VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ATTN: PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE 600 EAST MAIN STREE,  $6^{TH}$  FLOOR RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219-1321

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