

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS AND  
NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

**Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

On or after September 23, 2009 the City of Springfield, Illinois (800 East Monroe Street, Suite 300, Springfield, Illinois 62701), will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal funds for the following project:

Project Title: Edwin Watts Southwind Park  
Location: South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & Southwind Road  
Purpose: Capital costs associated with the Edwin Watts Southwind Park to pave parking lots and install electrical lighting for the urban trail  
Funding: \$863,000

The City of Springfield will undertake the project described above over multiple years with the use of HUD Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008 (P.L. 110-161) (The Act) for grant number B-08-SP-IL-0697 in the amount of \$198,000, and under The Department of Housing & Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2009 (P.L. 111-8) (The Act) for grant number B-09-SP-IL-0181 in the amount of \$665,000. The City of Springfield is certifying to HUD that the City of Springfield and its chief executive officer, in his official capacity as Mayor, 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, the City of Springfield may use the funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other related laws and authorities.

HUD 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 HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project omitted a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process.

Written comments from the public will be accepted at Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 E. Monroe Suite 108, Springfield, IL 62701 until September 22, 2009. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to U. S. Department of HUD, Community Planning & Development Division, Attn: Ray E. Willis, Director, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Room 2401, Chicago, Illinois 60604. HUD will consider no objection received after October 7, 2009.

#### **Notice of FONSI**

The City of Springfield also gives notice that it has determined that the release of funds for the above project will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and, accordingly, the City of Springfield has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

An Environmental Assessment made by the City of Springfield documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Assessment is on file and available for public examination and copying, upon request, at the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 East Monroe Ave, Suite 108, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on regular business days from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No further environmental review of said project is proposed to be conducted prior to the release of federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration to the Office of Planning & Economic Development. Such written comments should be received at the above address by September 22, 2009. All such comments so received will be considered, and the City will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to September 23, 2009.

Timothy J. Davlin  
MAYOR  
August 7, 2009