

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

July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
City of Springfield  
Office of Planning & Economic Development  
800 E. Monroe, Room 107  
Springfield IL, 62701  
217-789-2377

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

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the City of Springfield, as the Responsible Entity (RE), with respect to environmental responsibilities under 24 CFR Part 58, will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and Community Project Funding to undertake a project known as the Moving Pillsbury Forward Demolition and Abatement project located at 1525 E. Phillips Street in Springfield, Illinois, known as the Pillsbury Plant. The purpose of the funding is for remediation, demolition and clearance of the industrial site. This work shall consist of the removal and disposal of the building(s) and abatement of all hazardous materials. The buildings are located at 1525 E. Phillips Street. The estimated cost of the project is \$11.6 million. \$250,000 is being paid with City CDBG grant funds and \$3,000,000 is being funded with Community Project Funding through Congressionally Directed Spending.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Springfield, as the Responsible Entity (RE), 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 Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 E. Monroe, Room 107, Springfield IL, 62701 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Planning & Economic Development, 800 E. Monroe, Room 107, Springfield IL, 62701 or by email to [Julia.Cave@springfield.il.us](mailto:Julia.Cave@springfield.il.us). All comments received by August 9 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, will be considered by the City of Springfield prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Springfield certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that Misty Buscher, in her capacity as Mayor of Springfield, 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Springfield use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the City 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 of the City of Springfield; (b) the RE 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; 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 **U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Chicago Field Office, Donald. G Kathan, Director, Community Planning and Development at: [CPDRROFCHI@hud.gov](mailto:CPDRROFCHI@hud.gov)**. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

**Misty Buscher, Mayor of Springfield**