

HENNEPIN COUNTY

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 701 4TH AVENUE SOUTH, SUITE 400 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The purpose of this notice is to satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Hennepin County. On or about April 16, 2018, Hennepin County will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act, as amended, to undertake a project known as Cranberry Ridge as described below:

Beacon, a nonprofit developer, will construct a new multi-family project called Cranberry Ridge. Cranberry Ridge will be a 44-unit apartment building. Cranberry Ridge will offer a mix of bedroom sizes, with an emphasis on larger sized units. They will target 10 units for families experiencing homelessness and affordable to households at or below 30% of area median income. The remaining apartments/homes will be available to families at or below 50% AMI. HOME funds in the amount of \$350,000 will contribute to the total development cost of approximately \$16,103,722.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Hennepin County 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 Hennepin County Community Works, 701 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 400, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55415-1843, telephone 612-596-0983, where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The environmental review record may also be viewed at the URL: <https://www.onecpd.info/environmental-review/environmental-review-records>

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Hennepin County Community Works. Such written comments will be accepted through April 13, 2018. All such comments received will be considered and Hennepin 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.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Hennepin County certifies to HUD that Kevin Dockry, in his official capacity as Community Works Director, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities, and allows Hennepin County to use HOME funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Hennepin County 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 Hennepin County; (b) Hennepin County 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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 procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the HUD grant administration office at 920 Second Avenue South, Suite 1300, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. Objections to the release of funds, on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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