

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT/
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATED: May 29, 2020

Town of Hamburg
Department of Community Development
6100 South Park Avenue
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

This combined notice is intended to meet the two separate procedural requirements of: 1) Notice of Finding of No Significant Effect on the Environment and 2) Notice to Public of Intent to Request Release of Funds.

Any member of the public responding to this Notice should specify in their comments which function of this Notice his or her comments address. The below-referenced projects have been identified in the Town of Hamburg Consolidated Action Plan for the 2020 Program Year which began April 1, 2020. On or about June 17, 2020, the Town of Hamburg will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) as amended, for the following projects. [Public Facilities; Infrastructure Reconstruction] Town of Hamburg: \$80,000 Road Paving in eligible town target areas. [Public Facilities; Infrastructure Reconstruction] Village of Blasdell: \$60,000 for the reconstruction of infrastructure in an eligible target area on Helen Avenue. [Housing Services] Fair Housing/Housing Counseling: \$25,000. [Accessibility] Removal of Architectural Barriers: \$150,000. [Direct Homeownership-Housing] First Time Home Buyer: \$50,000. [Public Service] Homeless Prevention Program: \$20,000. [Administration/Management] Administration/Planning: \$33,975. It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the Town of Hamburg has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as Follows: The Public Facilities Projects - Infrastructure Projects (Categorically Excluded - 58.35(a)) will upgrade existing areas with a minimal change in capacity and therefore is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of human environment. The Public Service Project (58.34 - Exempt) and will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes. The 1st Time Buyer Project (58.35(b) - Categorically Excluded) is an activity to assist home-ownership of existing homes only. Fair Housing Counseling Project (58.35(b) - Categorically Excluded) Housing Services. The Accessibility Project (58.35(b) Categorically Excluded) is directed to the removal of material and architectural barriers that restrict the mobility of and accessibility to elderly and handicapped persons. The Administration/Management Project (58.34 - Exempt) will have no effect on the human environment. Environmental Review Records respecting the above mentioned projects have been made by the Town, which document the environmental review of the project and more fully set forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. These Environmental Review Records are on file at the above address and are available for public examination and upon request, copying (a copy fee will be charged per page) at the above address between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No further environmental reviews of such projects are 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 Town to the Department of Community Development at the above address on or before June 15, 2020. All such comments so received will be considered and the Town will not request the release of Federal funds or take any

administrative action on the above stated projects prior to June 15, 2020. The Town of Hamburg will undertake the projects described above with Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The Town of Hamburg is certifying to HUD that said Town and James M. Shaw, in his official capacity as Town Supervisor, 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 Town of Hamburg may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. 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 basis; (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD. (b) that the applicant's environmental review records for the projects indicate omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the projects in the environmental review process. (c) that the applicant committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD. (d) that another federal agency acting pursuant to 40CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. (e) Recipient in development process committed funds, incurred costs or undertook activities not authorized and approved by HUD. (f) Responsible entity failed to make a finding pursuant to Sec 58.40 or omitted one or more steps set forth for an EA or EIS. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD at the Buffalo Office, Lafayette Court 465 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203. Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received after July 3, 2020 will be considered. James M. Shaw; Supervisor, Town of Hamburg; 6100 South Park Avenue, Hamburg, New York 14075.