## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE OF NOTICE: May 30, 2025

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: County of Washington

ADDRESS: 95 West Beau Street, Suite 605

Washington, PA 15301

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On or about June 9, 2025, the County of Washington will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Allenport Recreation Improvements. The project proposes the construction of a walking trail and installation of recreation equipment at Allenport Park located on Third Street, Allenport, PA 15412. Estimated FY 2020 CDBG-CV funding: \$75,000. Estimated total project cost: \$75,000.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington, 90 West Chestnut Street, Suite 700, Washington, PA 15301 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Brenda Williamson, Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington, 90 West Chestnut Street, Suite 700, Washington, PA 15301, or by email to <a href="mailto:brenda.williamson@racw.net">brenda.williamson@racw.net</a>. All comments received by June 6, 2025, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The County of Washington certifies to HUD that Nick Sherman, Certifying Officer, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Washington 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Washington'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 County of Washington; (b) the County of Washington 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 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76), and shall be addressed to the Director of the Pittsburgh Field Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov, or by mail at: 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Potential objectors should contact HUD Pittsburgh via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Nick Sherman, Chairman Board of County Commissioners