

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

*August 9, 2024
City of Paterson
155 Market Street
Paterson, New Jersey 07505
973-321-1600*

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 2, 2024 the City of Paterson will submit a request to the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding funds under Economic Development Initiative of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) and the Explanatory Statement for Division L of that Act, which was printed in the Senate section of the Congressional Record on December 20, 2022, to undertake a project known as Johnny Briggs Baseball Field at Westside Park Project for the purpose of renovating and restoring the Johnny Briggs Baseball Field at Westside Park, which has fallen into disrepair and requires improvements and renovations to serve as a safe and welcoming field for the City's youth, at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Paterson 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 Paterson City Hall, 155 Market Street, Paterson, NJ, 07505, or via the City of Paterson website www.patersonnj.gov, 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 the RE designated office, which is Jennifer Taylor at BRS, Inc., jtaylor@brsinc.com or 856-780-0501 and is responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by August 30, 2024 will be considered by the City of Paterson prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Paterson certifies to HUD that Habib Kader in his capacity as Chief of Staff 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 City of Paterson to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Paterson'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 Paterson; (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 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 procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD to Michael R. Furda michael.r.furda@hud.gov, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 3541, New York, NY 10278-0068. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Habib Kader, Chief of Staff