

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE	January 11, 2016
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about January 26, 2016, the County of Erie on behalf of Millcreek Township, will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Pittsburgh PA Office) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Millcreek Township Sidewalk Accessibility Project- Phase IV

Project Number: (B-15-MC-42-0107)

Millcreek Township will utilize CDBG funds approximating \$175,000 plus local monies to remove/replace approximately one hundred forty (140) handicapped accessible curb-cut ramps throughout Township for compliance with current ADA standards. Also to be provided are temporary asphalt transitions from the ramps to existing roadways.

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments to make pedestrian crossings accessible to people with disabilities by providing curb ramps. Without these ramps, sidewalk travel and street crossing can be difficult, dangerous and in some cases impossible for people who use wheelchairs, scooters, and other mobility aids. These ramps will improve pedestrian flow in all areas of the Township, particularly in residential neighborhoods and school areas. No ramps will be constructed in floodplains.

The activity proposed is *Categorically Excluded* under HUD regulations at 24CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determination for this project is on file at the Erie County Department of Planning, where the ERR can be examined or copied weekdays from 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 Erie County Department of Planning at the above listed address. All comments received by January 25, 2016 will be considered by County Planning prior to authorizing the submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Millcreek Township certifies to HUD that John Groh, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, 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 Millcreek Township to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Millcreek Township's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Millcreek Township;
- b. the Township has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- c. the Township 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 required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec.58.76), and shall be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development, William Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4004. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

John Groh, Chairman
Millcreek Township Supervisors