

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF A FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
ON THE ENVIRONMENT (FONSI) COMBINED NOTICE**

February 24, 2012

Allen County Commissioners
301 N. Main Street
Lima, Ohio 45801
419-228-3700

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

Allen County Board of County Commissioners proposes to request that the State of Ohio release Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the following project(s):

City of Delphos Water Facilities: The proposed project involves the construction of approximately 500 linear feet of 18" water main to connect the City's clear wells and upgrading the City's high service capacity pumps. This will increase the flow capacity from around 1725 gpm to 2950 gpm. The project will occur within the City's corporation limits at the water treatment plant site. The project cost is estimated at \$237,600 with the City contributing \$43,100 (19%), and a CDBG allocation of \$194,500. All construction will occur on land previously disturbed and already committed to urban development. Approximately 1/2 acre will be temporarily disturbed and all land will be restored to preconstruction conditions. No land use change will occur as a result of the proposed project. No above ground structures will be constructed.

The Allen County Commissioners have determined that the project will have no significant impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended is not required.

The Allen County Commissioners have prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the project listed above. The ERR(s) documents the environmental review of the project(s). The ERR(s) is on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the following address: **Lima-Allen County Regional Planning Commission, 130 West North Street, Lima, Ohio 45801.**

No further environmental review of the project(s) will be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

The Allen County Commissioners plan to undertake the projects described above with the Federal funds cited above. Any interested person, agency, or group wishing to comment on the project or disagreeing with this Finding of No Significant Impact decision may submit written comments for consideration to Thom Mazur at the above listed address by 5:00 p. m. on **March 12, 2012**, which is at least 15 days after the publication of this combined notice. A notice regarding the responsible entity's intent to request the release of funds is listed immediately below.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

On or about, but not before, **March 13, 2012**, the Allen County Commissioners will submit a request to the State of Ohio for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended; and/or Title IV of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, as amended; to be used for the project(s) listed above.

The Allen County Commissioners certify to the State of Ohio that Greg Sneary in his capacity as President consents to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Allen County Commissioners may use the Federal funds, and the State of Ohio will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

The State of Ohio 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 grounds: (a) the certification was not, in fact, executed by the responsible entity's Certifying Officer; (b) the responsible entity has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to Section 58.40 or to make the written determination required by section 58.35, 58.47, or 58.53 for the project, as applicable; c) the responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 for the preparation, publication, and completion of an Environmental Assessment; d) the responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subparts F and G of 24 CFR Part 58 for the conduct, preparation, publication, and completion of an Environmental Impact Statement; e) the recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by the State; or f) 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.

Written objections must meet the conditions and procedures set forth in subpart H of 24 CFR Part 58, and be addressed to: State of Ohio Department of Development; Office of Housing and Community Partnerships; Environmental Officer; P. O. Box 1001; Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001.

Objections to the Release of Funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the State of Ohio. No objections received after **March 30, 2012** (which is 15 days after it is anticipated that the State will receive a request for release of funds) will be considered by the State of Ohio.

The address of the certifying officer is: Greg Sneary, President, Board of County Commissioners, Allen County Courthouse, 301 North Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45801.