

To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals:

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Allen County Board of Commissioners.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about, but not before February 1, 2021 the Allen County Board of 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 following project(s):

Project Name: Gomer Sewer Improvements Project Area

Source of Federal Funds: Community Development Block Grant Residential Public Infrastructure Grant, Ohio Public Works Commission, USDA Rural Development and Allen County Revolving Loan Fund.

Project Description: The Allen County Sanitary Sewer District is proposing the Gomer Sewer Improvement Area project, which is an unincorporated area located along the Pike Run in Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, Ohio. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has documented nuisance conditions in the area which have violated the State Water Quality Standards due to off lot discharge of sanitary wastes to Pike Run. This project proposes a combined total combination of 300 Linear Feet (LF) of 12-inch casing HDPE directional bored, 2,800 LF of 4-inch HDPE, 6,200 LF of 3-inch HDPE and 4,600 LF of 2-inch HDPE and 15,100 LF of 1 ½" Lateral low pressure collection with 146 individual grinder pumps and a pump station along a 23,000 LF of 6-inch force main constructed to collect and transport the collected sanitary flows to the American II Wastewater Treatment Plant on Diller Road, Lima, Ohio.

Location: Sugar Creek Township, Allen County, OH. The project area includes the homes within the hamlet of Gomer along Old Lincoln Highway from Sandy Point Road to the east and the Gomer Welcome sign on the west. The project will include the northern most properties south of Pike Run on Gomer Road going south to Ridge Road. All properties along the side streets of Ridge Road and Stemen Street to the south will be in the area of low pressure piping with Grinder pumps as well as the properties on Old Lincoln Highway east of Pike Run including Pike Avenue and Cambria Street to Sandy Point Road.

Single Year Project, with total estimated cost of project at \$4,036,719.10.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Allen County Board of Commissioners 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) which is available for review on the Allen County website at www.allencountyohio.com. The ERR may also be provided upon request electronically via email. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Allen County Commissioners, 204 Main Street, Suite 301, Lima, Ohio, 45801 or by email at commissoners@allencountyohio.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Allen County Board of Commissioners by U.S. mail or email at the addresses above. All comments received before February 1, 2021 will be considered by the Allen County Board of Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Allen County Board of Commissioners certifies to the State of Ohio that Cory Noonan in his capacity as President of the Board 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. The State of Ohio's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Allen County Board of Commissioners to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Ohio will accept objections to its release of funds and the Allen County Board of Commissioners 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 Allen County Board of Commissioners; (b) the Allen County Board of Commissioners 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 the State of Ohio; 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 Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development at OCD@development.ohio.gov. Potential objectors should contact the State of Ohio to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Beth Seibert, President of Board of Commissioners