**Sample Combined Notice**

**Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment and**

**Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds**

Please read thoroughly and edit text appropriately. This publication requires a 15 day local comment period and 15 day state comment period.

*Town of Americana, Flag County*

*P.O. Box 123*

*Americana, Indiana 47777*

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

On or about *May 17, 20XX*, the *Town of Americana* will request the release federal funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for Community Development Block Grant Funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

***Americana Storm Sewer Improvements Project***

The project will consist of the rehabilitation and construction of storm sewer lines throughout the downtown to alleviate severe drainage problems.

**Finding of No Significant Impact**

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named *Town of Americana* has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

All preliminary environmental reviews by state and county agencies indicated that the proposed project would not endanger the environment under any capacity.

An Environmental Review Record regarding the proposed project has been made by the abovenamed *Town of Americana* which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request the *Americana Town Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday*. Should town offices be closed, the ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to [insert mailing address] or by email to [insert email address]. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of funds.

**Public Comments of Findings**

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the *Town of Americana* to the *Americana Town Hall, PO Box 123, Americana, Indiana 47777 or by email to [insert email address]*. Such written comments should be received by *May 16, 20XX*. All such comments so received will be considered and the *Town of Americana* will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentences.

**Release of Funds**

The *Town of Americana* will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The *Town of Americana* is certifying to the State that the *Town of Americana* and *John Smith*, in his official capacity as *Council President* consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the *Town of Americana* may use the Block Grant funds and the State will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

**Objections to State Release of Funds**

The State will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State; or (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be submitted to Grant Services & OCRA through the ER Report in GMS.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other that those stated above will not be considered by the State. No objections received after *June 1, 20XX* will be considered by the State.

*John Smith*

*Council President*

*Town of Americana*