

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

November 29, 2016

Town of Pocahontas
PO Box 128
Pocahontas, VA 24635

276-945-9522

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 19, 2016 the Town of Pocahontas will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under [Title/Section (1)] of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Phase Iv of the Greater Tazewell Water Treatment Plant to Pocahontas Water Supply Project, for the purpose of providing safe potable water for the residents of Pocahontas.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Pocahontas 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 the Town of Pocahontas, 300 Centre Street, Pocahontas, VA and may be examined or copied weekdays (8) A.M. to (4) P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Town of Pocahontas, PO Box 128, Pocahontas, VA 24635. All comments received by December 19, 2016 will be considered by the Town of Pocahontas prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Pocahontas certifies to DHCD that Ben Gibson in his capacity as Mayor 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. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of Pocahontas to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Pocahontas certification received by December 31, 2016 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the Town of Pocahontas approved by DHCD; (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 project have

committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; 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) and shall be addressed to DHCD at:

Director
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office
Main Street Centre
600 E. Main St., Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ben Gibson, Mayor