



# TOWN OF ROMULUS

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## NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOIRROF)

01/11/2023  
Town of Romulus  
1435 Prospect Street  
PO Box 177  
Willard, NY 14588  
607-869-9326

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Romulus, NY.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 27, 2023 the Town of Romulus will submit a request to the Office of Community Renewal for the release of CDBG funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Town of Romulus Willard Water District Improvements Project for the purpose of upgrading the Town's drinking water distribution system in order to alleviate serious public health hazards linked to the existing out of useful life system. The Town currently owns and operates the water system within the Willard water district limits and will continue to own and operate the improvements to the system. Water will continue to be sourced and treated at the Drug Treatment Center's Water Treatment Plant and sent to the water district through a transmission main. The Town proposes to replace approximately 8,560 feet of failing 6- and 8-inch original cast iron water main, and associated laterals and appurtenances, as well as upgrades to the telemetry system. An improved water distribution system will increase flows throughout the system, add fire protections, and improve water quality in the area. The estimated project funding is \$3,888,950 with \$1,250,000 coming from CDBG funds, \$10,000 from ARPA funds, and the remaining \$2,628,950 coming from local/bond/ EFC DWSRF funding.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Romulus 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 Romulus, 1435 Prospect Street, Willard, NY 14588 and may be examined or copied Monday - Thursday 8 AM to 4 PM.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Romulus. All comments received by January 26, 2023, will be considered by the Town of Romulus prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Romulus certifies to the Office of Community Renewal that David Hayes in his capacity as Town Supervisor 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 Office of Community Renewal's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Romulus to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS



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The Office of Community Renewal will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Romulus' 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 Town of Romulus; (b) the Town of Romulus 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 Office of Community Renewal; 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 Crystal Loffler, President, at Office of Community Renewal, Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Potential objectors should contact the Office of Community Renewal to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

David Hayes, Town Supervisor, Town of Romulus