

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

February 9, 2017

Town of Rural Retreat
PO Box 130
Rural Retreat VA 24368

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **March 1, 2017** Rural Retreat 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 I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974(PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Rural Retreat Downtown Revitalization Project, for the purpose of Blight remediation through façade improvements, sidewalk improvements, demolition of blighted structures, storm water improvements, construction of a farmer’s market and commons area, with additional downtown parking.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Rural Retreat 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 Rural Retreat Town Offices, 307 South Main Street, Rural Retreat VA 24368 and may be examined or copied weekdays (9) A.M. to (5) 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 Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, attn: Brian Reed, 1021 Terrace Drive, Marion, VA 24354. All comments received by will be considered by Rural Retreat prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

Rural Retreat certifies to DHCD that Jason Childers in his capacity as Town Manager 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 Rural Retreat to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and Rural Retreat certification received by **March 20, 2017** 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 Rural Retreat 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.

Jason Childers, Town Manager