

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

April 4, 2025
City of Ann Arbor
301 E Huron St, 5th Floor
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Ann Arbor.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 21st, 2025 the City of Ann Arbor will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 to undertake a project known as Ann Arbor Solar/EV Projects for the purpose of adding on-site behind the meter solar installations and electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to several of its City-owned parks and facilities in order to reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions. The current scope of work is proposed at four (4) City-owned buildings, City Hall and three (3) Fire Stations, as well as one (1) City Park.

The work at the building sites will include solar panel and battery storage installations. At City Hall, 301 E Huron St, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, the scope of work is anticipated to include additional rooftop solar installations. No site work is anticipated beyond staging equipment in the adjacent parking lot. At Fire Station 1, 111 North Fifth Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, the scope of work is anticipated to include rooftop solar and electrical work for future ESS installation. Work will be done only on the 1980s addition, not the historic structure. At Fire Station 3, 2130 Jackson Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, the scope of work is anticipated to include an electrical work for future ESS installation and installation of a solar carport. Ground disturbance may be required for installation of the carport and associated conduit. At Fire Station 6, 1881 Briarwood Circle, the scope of work is anticipated to include ESS battery installation to accommodate storage for the existing rooftop solar panels. The battery will be installed outdoors.

At the park site, the work is proposed to include solar installations and EV charging facilities. At Bicentennial Park (formerly Southeast Area Park), 2901 East Ellsworth Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48108, a new carport in an existing parking lot is proposed. Rooftop solar panel installation is proposed on top of the proposed carport. Outdoor ESS battery installation is also proposed with the solar panels. In addition, EV chargers will be installed in the carport. Installation of EV chargers will involve installation of underground electrical conduit from the existing park building through the existing park baseball fields. The exact location of the carport has yet to be determined, so the Environmental Assessment was performed for both lots and their associated impacts.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Ann Arbor 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 City of Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations at 301 E Huron St, 5th Floor, and may be examined or copied weekday's 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations, 301 E. Huron St, 5th Floor, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Comments may also be submitted via email at sbarr@a2gov.org. All comments received by April 21st, 2025; will be considered by the City of Ann Arbor prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Ann Arbor certifies to HUD that Milton Dohoney Jr. in his capacity as City Administrator 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Ann Arbor to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Ann Arbor's 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 City of Ann Arbor; (b) the City of Ann Arbor 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; 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 the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development –Detroit Field Office, Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development at 477 Michigan Ave, Suite 1600, Detroit, MI 48226 or DetroitCPD@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Milton Dohoney Jr.

City Administrator

Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comments period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.