

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 12, 2025
City of Leesburg
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On or about May 20, 2025 the City of Leesburg will submit a request to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Water/Sewer Improvements FY 2025 CDBG Northwest Leesburg for the purpose of construction of water and sewer improvements to replace the existing water and sewer systems in a portion of Northwest Leesburg, at an estimated funding level of \$1,117,975.00 in Leesburg, Georgia.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Leesburg City Hall, 107 Walnut Ave., Leesburg, GA 31763 and may be examined or copied on weekdays 9 AM to 4 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City Manager's Office. All comments received by May 19, 2025 will be considered by the City of Leesburg prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Leesburg certifies to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs that Billy Breeden 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. The Department of Community Affairs' approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Leesburg to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Community Affairs will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Leesburg'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 Leesburg; (b) the City of Leesburg 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 DCA; 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 Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 60 Executive Park South NE, Atlanta, GA 30329-2231. Potential objectors should contact the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Billy Breeden
Mayor

