

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 7, 2025
Lee County Board of Commissioners
102 Starksville Avenue North
Leesburg, GA 31763
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On or about May 15, 2025 the Lee County Board of Commissioners 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 Improvements FY2025 CDBG Weslo Mobile Home Park for the purpose of construction of water main and water services with associated appurtenances to replace the existing water distribution system at 1137 US 19 South, Leesburg, GA at an estimated funding level of \$1,120,000 in Lee County, Georgia.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations as 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 the T. Page Tharp Governmental Building, 102 Starksville Avenue North, 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 County Administrator's office. All comments received by May 14, 2025 will be considered by the Lee County Board of Commissioners prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Lee County Board of Commissioners certifies to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs that Luke Singletary in their capacity as Chairman 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 Lee County Board of Commissioners to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Department of Community Affairs will accept objections to its release of funds and the Lee County Board of Commissioners' 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 Lee County Board of Commissioners; (b) the Lee County Board of Commissioners 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.

Luke Singletary
Chairman

