

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

January 30, 2025
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Cambridge Village Park and Ramblewood Neighborhood CDBG-MIT project.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 17, 2025, the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds. These funds, authorized by the Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (Division B, Subdivision 1 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Pub. L. 115-123, approved February 9, 2018) will support a project known as Cambridge Village Park and Ramblewood Neighborhood.

Project Location: Approximately 115 acres of land bounded by Nitida St. on the west, Tidewater Dr. on the south, Brookstone St. on the north, and Buxley on the east. The site includes HCAD # 046155000001, #1373230010001, and the public thoroughfare on Brookstone St., Woodmont Dr., Lotus St., and Buxley St.

Project description: The project consists of Cambridge Park Drainage Improvements, bounded by Nitida Street on the west, Tidewater Drive on the south, HPD facility on the north, and the Ramblewood neighborhood to the east. Cambridge Park facilities and amenities are currently owned and maintained by the City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department.

The project includes the construction of a 7'x4' RCB storm sewer, dry bottom detention pond, and the reconstruction of park amenities within Cambridge Park to provide mitigation and outfall for the Ramblewood Storm Sewer Improvements project. Park amenities include an 8' wide concrete trail, tree preservation, landscape improvements, pedestrian lighting, playground equipment, a soccer field, and irrigation systems. Any park amenities removed during the construction phase will be replaced with current standard equipment.

For Ramblewood Neighborhood, the project consists of Ramblewood Storm Sewer Improvements Sub-Project 1 along the following streets Lotus Street, Buxley Street, Woodmont Drive, and Brookston Street. This project involves a combination of pavement and storm sewer improvements which initiates at the west end of Lotus Street and extends east to Buxley Street then continues north to the end of Buxley Street. Storm sewer improvements are also included at the intersections of Woodmont Drive and Avonelle Lane, Woodmont Drive and Grantmoor Lane, and at the west end of Brookston Street. The land is already owned by the City of Houston.

This project involves construction of 7-feet by 3-feet and 4-feet by 3-feet reinforced concrete boxes, B-B Inlets, 6-inch-thick reinforced concrete pavement on half of Lotus Street and half of Buxley Street, 6-inch concrete curb, and 4-foot wide sidewalk. The construction also includes new storm drainage systems and water line offsets to accommodate proposed drainage improvements.

The total project budget is \$12,063,218.87, of which \$9,537,749.00 is funded by HCDD for construction and the remaining \$2,525,469.87 is funded by HPW for testing and materials, construction/design management and engineering design. HPW will be responsible for managing and oversight of the design and construction activities.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Uses	Funding Amount
B-18-MP-48-0001	CDBG MIT	Construction	\$9,537,749.00
Total			\$9,537,749.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$9,537,749.00

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$12,063,218.87.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Houston 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1562 or 2100 Travis St., 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>. All comments received by the close of business on February 14, 2025, will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Houston certifies to HUD that John Whitmire, 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Houston to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston 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 Houston; (b) the City of Houston 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 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD), 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77010 or e-mail at cpdroffhou@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period and may do so via email or calling (713) 718-3199.

*John Whitmire, Mayor
City of Houston*
