



**COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

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Town of Plymouth  
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**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

This is to give notice that on or about **March 4, 2016**, the Town of Plymouth will request the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) to release Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, for the Town of Plymouth **FY 2013 CDBG Infrastructure- Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Waterline Improvements**. The project is funded with \$2,784,828 of CDBG funds (94% of total project cost) and \$165,250 of local funds.

The proposed project is to improve the WTP at 809 Washington Street in Plymouth with select equipment improvements, and replacement of waterlines and fire hydrants throughout town with the greatest structural need for improvement. The WTP improvements will address several NOV's received, deteriorated equipment, and allow the plant to properly achieve and maintain disinfectant levels and allow plant operators to better manage the facilities. The waterline and hydrant improvements will lower water system loss and improve water quality, pressure and fire protection.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE**

This notice is intended to meet two separate requirements under 24 CFR Parts 58: (1) To notify the public that the Town has determined that the Request for Release of Funds for the above named project will not have a significant impact on the environment, and (2) To notify the public that the Town is requesting the release of funds for the above named project.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the Town has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA- PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows:

Appropriate permits and approvals will be obtained as needed for hazardous waste remediation, disposal, soil/erosion control, etc. Proposed project is compatible with current and future water treatment, local zoning and land use, and county CAMA land use plan. No adverse impact to ambient air quality is anticipated beyond temporary emissions during construction. No adverse impact to historic or cultural preservation or noise-sensitive uses is anticipated. Noise and air control devices will be used on construction equipment. The EPA-listed facilities within 1.5 miles of the project area report no violations. Proposed project activities are to directly address NOV's issued and WTP and water distribution quality. All WTP equipment replacement is on or within existing buildings and little to no ground disturbance is proposed. Waterline and hydrant work will take place within previously disturbed areas and DOT right-of-ways. The immediate project area is grass/gravel, surrounded by moderate mixed development, and does not provide critical habitat for federal, state, or local threatened, endangered, or unique species. While the proposed project is located on land with soil types related to prime/unique farmlands, it is not currently farmed, and proposed ground disturbance involves previously disturbed natural/developed areas. The project's location and features do not actively contribute to or support local tourism, parks and recreation, social services, historic landmarks, or environmental justice issues. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) by current ASTM standards did not identify Recognized Environmental Conditions (RECs). Any USTs or petroleum contaminants discovered will be reported to NCDENR and properly addressed. The Town will require its contractors to provide proof of proper disposal for all waste generated as part of the project and

encourage use of recyclable materials. Community agencies, organizations and the State Environmental Clearinghouse were consulted for concurrence of anticipated FONSI. All agencies responded with no adverse comments.

Additional project information is contained in the Town's Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon **between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM Monday - Friday**. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

All interested agencies, groups and persons are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Town to the above address on or before **March 3, 2016**. All such comments so received will be considered by the Town prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Town certifies to DWI that Brian Roth, in his official capacity as Mayor, Joanne Floyd, in her official capacity as Finance Officer, and Mike Wright, in his official capacity as General Services Director, consent 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 legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Town may use the CDBG Program funds and DWI will have satisfied its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities.

### **OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DWI will accept an objection to its approval and release of funds and the Town's certification until **March 19, 2016**, or for a period of **fifteen (15) days** following the anticipated submission date, or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Town's Certifying Officer; (b) the Town omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations; (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 release of funds by DWI; 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 58.76) and shall be addressed to DWI at **1633 Mail Service Center (27699-1633), 512 N. Salisbury St, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27604; [julie.cubeta@ncdenr.gov](mailto:julie.cubeta@ncdenr.gov); phone 919-707-9189**. Potential objectors should contact DWI to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Brian Roth  
Mayor of Plymouth

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*This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con **Joanne Floyd, Finance Officer al 252-793-9101** o en **124 East Water Street, Plymouth, NC 27962** de alojamiento para esta solicitud.*

