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

*Date of Notice*            October 17, 2017

*Name of Responsible Entity*    Town of Barrington, RI

*Address*    283 County Road

*City, State, Zip Code*    Barrington, RI 02806

*Telephone Number*    (401) 247-1900 x347

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *Town of Barrington, RI*.**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about at least one day after the end of the comment period the Town of Barrington will submit a request to the RI Office of Housing and Community Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under 24 CFR Part 58 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1970, as amended, to undertake a project known as Palmer Pointe/Sweetbriar for the purpose of development of affordable housing, total cost approximately \$11.01 million, including \$250,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding, on the former Sowams Nursery property on the east side of Sowams Road south of Orchard Avenue.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Town of Barrington 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 the Planning and Economic Development Department, where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Department of Planning and Economic Development, 283 County Road, Barrington, RI 02806. All comments received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 10, 2017 will be considered by the *Town of Barrington* prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Town of Barrington certifies to the RI Office of Housing and Community Development that James J. Cunha in his capacity as Town Manager 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 State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Barrington to use Program funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The State Office of Housing and Community Development will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Barrington'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 Town of Barrington; (b) the Town of Barrington 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 State Office of Housing and Community Development; 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 State Office of Housing and Community Development at One Capitol Hill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Providence, RI 02908. Potential objectors should contact State Office of Housing and Community Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Philip Hervey, Town Planner, Town of Barrington, RI*