

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459-1449  
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41 Cochituate Road  
Wayland, MA 01778  
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These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Newton and the Town of Wayland.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about August 14, 2023, the City of Newton will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for the release of HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Funds under Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as:

**Project Title:** 12 Hammond Road, Wayland, MA

**For the Purpose Of:** Construction of a 3 bedroom single-family home on a .4 acre parcel of land located at 12 Hammond Road, owned by the Town of Wayland Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The parcel contains an existing 4 bedroom home that is rented to an affordable household earning less than 80% of the area median income. The new home will also be rented to an eligible household earning less than 80% of the area median income. The project includes the construction of the dwelling, installation of storm water management structures, a Title V compliant septic system, driveway and landscaping.

**Location:** 12 Hammond Road, Wayland, MA 01778

**Estimated HOME Funding:** \$112,256

**Estimated non-HUD Funding:** \$341,744

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Newton 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 City of Newton, Planning and Development Department, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459, and at the Wayland Town Offices, 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA 01778, and may be examined or copied during normal business hours. Individuals in the Town of Wayland seeking additional project information contained in the ERR can make a request by emailing the Wayland Planning Department at [rhummel@wayland.ma.us](mailto:rhummel@wayland.ma.us).

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Newton, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459-1449 and/or the Town of Wayland, 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA 01778. All comments received with a postmark of August 4, 2023 will be considered by the WestMetro HOME Consortium and the Town of Wayland prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Comments should be directed to:

Allison McIntyre, Housing Development Planner  
City of Newton Planning and Development Department  
WestMetro HOME Consortium  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459-1449  
Email: [amcintyre@newtonma.gov](mailto:amcintyre@newtonma.gov)

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The WestMetro HOME Consortium/City of Newton certifies to HUD that Barney Heath, in his capacity as the Director of the Planning and Development Department for the City of Newton, 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 WestMetro HOME Consortium and Town of Wayland to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the certifications by the City of Newton for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Newton, MA; (b) the City of Newton 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 sent to HUD via email to [CPD\\_COVID-I90EE-BOS@hud.gov](mailto:CPD_COVID-I90EE-BOS@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

For the WestMetro HOME Consortium: Barney Heath

For the Town of Wayland: Robert Hummel