

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

Date of Notice: 12/21/2021

Walker County, 1100 University Ave., Rm 204, Huntsville, TX 77340, (936) 436-4910

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Walker County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On 01/11/2022 Walker County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (TDA-ORA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Water Improvements on Behalf of Walker Co. SUD 7220490, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and proposes to replace approximately fourteen thousand two hundred linear feet (14,200 l.f.) of six-inch (6") water line, fire hydrants, service connections, boring and all associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place at the following locations: Along Farm-to-Market 1791, from Walker Loop, 3,250 Linear Feet West; along Farm-to-Market 1791, from Farm-to-Market 3179, 8,050 Linear Feet East; along Farm-to-Market 1791, approximately 2,900 Linear Feet North. Walker County has been awarded \$350,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$17,500 in match funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Walker County 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 Walker County Courthouse, 1100 University Ave., Rm 204, Huntsville, Texas 77340 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A digital copy of the ERR may be obtained by contacting Sherri Pegoda, Assistant Emergency Mgr. Coordinator via email walkercountyoem@co.walker.tx.us or (936) 436-4910.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the County Judge. Comments may also be submitted via email to walkercountyoem@co.walker.tx.us. All comments received by 01/10/2022 will be considered by Walker County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Walker County certifies to TDA-ORA that Robert D. "Danny" Pierce in their capacity as County Judge 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. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Walker County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and Walker County'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 Walker County approved by TDA-ORA (b) Walker County 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 TDA-ORA; 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 Luci Cook-Hildreth, Environmental Review Specialist of The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs, via email at CDBG_EnvReview@TexasAgriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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At 2:42 o'clock P M

Robert D. "Danny" Pierce, County Judge

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KARI FRENCH, COUNTY CLERK
WALKER COUNTY, TEXAS
By Deputy