

## COMBINED NOTICE

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

Date of Publication: November 26, 2007

Expires: December 12, 2007

Grantee: City of Matthews

Address: P.O. Box 54

City, State, Zip Code: Matthews, MO 63867

Telephone Number of Grantee: 573-471-2541

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Matthews.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after December 12, 2007, the City of Matthews will submit a request to the State of Missouri for the release of Federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Matthews Streets and Drainage Project:

The City of Matthews, Missouri is located in the northern section of New Madrid County within the Bootheel Region. The proposed project's scope is to upgrade the street and drainage system in a target area north of Highway "H" which runs through the city. The original drainage system was not designed to adequately collect and remove excess rainwater whenever heavy rainfall or a combination occurs. The poor drainage has damaged the city streets by eroding the shoulder, pavement edges and eroding potholes. The excess rainwater, over a period of time, soaks into the subgrade and weakens the base causing streets to fail from the weight of normal traffic. The poor drainage has adverse impacts on public and private property. Stormwater ponding in yards can damage buildings, drives, and structures. The ponding allows water to soak into the yard's subgrade causing the structures to settle or fail.

The proposed project is warranted to eliminate ponding, damage to existing streets and structures and will improve the quality of life to area motorist and residents.

Location: Target area of City north of Highway "H", Matthews, MO, New Madrid County

Estimated Cost: \$399,210.00

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Matthews 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 Matthews City Hall, 100 West Main Street and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Matthews City Hall. All comments received by December 12, 2007 will be considered by the City of Matthews prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Matthews certifies to the State of Missouri that Jimmy Burch 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. The State Of Missouri's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Matthews to use HUD program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State of Missouri will accept objections to its release of funds only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer of City of Matthews; (b) the Grantee 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 the State of Missouri. Objections to the release of funds must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Missouri Department of Economic Development, CDBG Program, PO Box 118, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the State. Objections must be submitted within 15 days following the receipt of the Request for Funds by the State.

Jimmy Burch,  
Mayor

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Name and Title of Certifying Officer

P.O. Box 54, Matthews, MO

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Grantee Address

## **NOTICE OF EXPLANATION**

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

The City of Matthews intends to undertake their acquisition, streets and drainage project to serve a northern section of the City. The streets/drainage project consists of acquisition, streets/drainage reconstruction and culvert replacement. The project involves construction of a five acre detention basin as part of the drainage section of the project. This project is needed due to substandard streets and flooding conditions created by the substandard conditions of the drainage system. This project is located in the 100-year floodplain and wetland. The project cannot be undertaken in any other location because of the nature of the problem and no other alternatives are available to alleviate flooding. There are no other alternatives to be undertaken to alleviate flooding conditions caused by the substandard condition of the drainage system. The City of Matthews has determined that it has no practicable alternative other than that stated above. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reasons:

1. Design to minimize adverse impact.
2. Design to preserve the natural floodplain.

The proposed project is designed to minimize adverse impacts and preserve the natural floodplain and wetland. The City of Matthews has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990 in accordance with HUD regulation at 24 CFR 55.20 to determine the potential affect that activities in the floodplain and wetland will have on the environment.

Written comments must be received by December 12, 2007 at the following address:  
Mayor Jimmy Burch, P.O. Box 54, Matthews, MO 63867