

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

Date of Notice	February 16, 2026
Name of Responsible Entity	Township of Lakewood, Ervin E Oross Jr., PP AICP CPM. Community Development Block Grant Coordinator
Address	231 Third Street, Municipal Building
City, State, Zip Code	Lakewood, New Jersey 08701
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This notice shall satisfy two separate, but related, procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Lakewood.

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 1, 2026, the Township of Lakewood will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Newark CPD Field Office, Region II – New York and New Jersey for the release of Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending (**Grant No. B-22-CP-NJ-0616**) funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103); and the Explanatory Statement for Division L of that Act, which was printed in the House section of the Congressional Record on March 9, 2022 (Explanatory Statement); and superseding provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328), to undertake a project known as Vermont Avenue Extension, Lakewood, NJ at a cost **of \$3 million dollars.**

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Township of Lakewood 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 Lakewood Township's Clerk's Office, 231 Third Street, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701, where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays between 8 A.M and 4 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of Community Development, C/O Ervin Oross, Lakewood Municipal Building, 231 Third street, Lakewood, New Jersey 08701. All comments received by **March 5, 2026**, will be considered by the Township of Lakewood prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The Township of Lakewood certifies to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Newark CPD Field Office, Region II – New York and New Jersey (HUD) that Ervin Oross in his capacity as Community Grant Coordinator and representative of the Township of Lakewood 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 Town of Lakewood to use Program funds for the extension of Vermont Avenue.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Township of Lakewood'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 Township of Lakewood; (b) The Township of Lakewood 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 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) via email to [CPDRROFNJN@HUD.GOV](mailto:CPDRROFNJN@HUD.GOV). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Ervin E Oross Jr., PP AICP CPM.

Community Development Block Grant Coordinator

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