

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

Date of Notice	April 15, 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 May 11, 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 Lakewood Township Local Federal Entitlement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds-(Grant Number B 24 MC 34 0128) funds under the Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et. seq) to undertake a project known as Vermont Avenue Extension in Lakewood, NJ at a cost of approximately \$900,000 dollars. This notice replaces the content of a similar notice published in this newspaper on February 14 and 15, 2026.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Township of Lakewood proposes roadway improvements, specifically the connection of an unfinished section of Vermont Avenue from Oak Street to Essex Avenue. This unpaved portion of Vermont Avenue is approximately 2,350 ft. in length. The applicant is proposing a full-depth, 40' wide roadway extension. Improvements to the site will also include driveways, curb, sidewalk, an ADA compliant ramp, and stormwater management facilities. The stormwater management facilities proposed for this site include grass swales, vegetative filter strips, thirteen (13) small-scale bioretention systems, two (2) small-scale subsurface infiltration systems, and a stormwater conveyance system. Stormwater to be attenuated will be discharged after the required reductions to the existing storm sewer conveyance system. The proposed activities are shown on the plans entitled "Permit Plans for Vermont Avenue Roadway Improvements, Township of Lakewood, Ocean County, New Jersey," consisting of 24 sheets, dated April 24, 2023, and prepared by Colliers Engineering & Design.

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. Email address at eoross@lakewoodnj.gov. All comments received by May 11, 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 CPDRROFNJ@HUD.GOV. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Community Development Block Grant Coordinator

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