

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

**March 15, 2016
Town of Saratoga
P.O. Box 206
Saratoga, NC 27873
252-258-2497**

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be taken by the Town of Saratoga.

Request for Release of Funds

At least one day after the end of the Comment Period, the Town of Saratoga will submit a request to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Water Infrastructure (the Division) for the release of funds under Community Block Development Grant for Infrastructure (CDBG-I) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Activities being conducted as part of the Town of Saratoga Speight School Road Municipal Sanitary Sewer Improvements for which the funds are being requested are described below.

[Briefly describe the purpose and need, scope of project, estimated funding amount, project location(s), and duration.]

Purpose and Need of Project:	Presently, the project area encounters numerous sanitary sewer problems, i.e. failing septic systems, wastewater backup in homes, poorly drained soils, small parcels, etc. Additionally, the septic systems, which appear to be functioning, are not actually treating the wastewaters due to the drain field being located in poorly drained and unsuitable soils.
Project Description:	The proposed project is located on Speight School Road in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the Town of Saratoga, Wilson County, North Carolina. The project, as funded, will extend Municipal Sewer Service to a previously, municipally unsewered (septic systems) area of the Town’s ETJ. The project will make sewer service available to 38 +/- residences presently on septic system and will connect the LMI residences in the Project Area. The project will entail installing 5,600 LF of 8” PVC Sewer Line, 14 – 4’ diameter manholes, 38 – 4” Sanitary Sewer Service Taps, and replace a 1990 Sanitary Sewer Pump Station. The project will eliminate approximately 9 +/- failing septic systems, whose discharge currently pollutes the Neuse River Subbasin.

Estimated CDBG-I Funding Amount:	\$1,143,942.00
Other Funding Source(s):	N/A
Other Funding Amount(s) (if applicable):	N/A

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Town of Saratoga 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 Town of Saratoga Municipal Building, 6904 Main Street, Saratoga, NC 27873 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Public Comments

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Brenda Wilson, Town Clerk, the designated officer responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by April 3, 2016 will be considered by the Town of Saratoga prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

Release of Funds

The Town of Saratoga certifies to the Division that Charles T. Hawkins 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 Division's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of Saratoga to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds

The Division will accept objections to its release of funds and the Responsible Entity's certification for a period of 15 days following the anticipated submission date or the actual submission date (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town of Saratoga;
- The Responsible Entity has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58;
- 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 Division; or
- 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) and shall be addressed to

Julie Cubeta, Supervisor
Division of Water Infrastructure
1633 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1633
or julie.cubeta@ncdenr.gov

Potential objectors should contact the Division at 919.707.9189 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Charles T. Hawkins
Mayor

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Brenda Wilson at 252-238-3487 or at 6904 Main Street, Saratoga, NC 27873 for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Brenda Wilson al 252-238-3487 o en 6904 Main Street, Saratoga, NC 27873 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.