

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

June 12, 2025
Town of Cornwall
24 Pine Street
Cornwall, CT 06753
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Cornwall.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about at least one day after the end of the comment period the Town of Cornwall will submit a request to the HUD for the release of Community Project Funding Grant funds under Title II--Department of Housing and Urban Development of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, (P.L. 117-103) to undertake a project known as Wastewater Treatment-Facility for the purpose of building a wastewater treatment facility in the village of West Cornwall. The project includes the establishment of a wastewater treatment facility that will be constructed at 406 Sharon Goshen Turnpike on a small flat track of land. The wastewater treatment facility will service twenty parcels in the Village of West Cornwall. Untreated wastewater will be pumped to the wastewater treatment facility building through six-inch diameter PVC piping installed below the existing town roadways. Lateral sewage lines will be connected to each parcel from the main. Grinders will be installed in line with the lateral piping and will masticate sewage prior to pumping to the treatment facility. The sewage, once received at the sewage facility, will undergo biological treatment using a membrane aerator biofilm reactor (MABF) process resulting in an effluent suitable for discharge into the Housatonic River. An effluent discharge pipe will be co-locating in the pipe trench with the sewer main piping but will extend to the Housatonic River to its discharge location. The treatment facility will replace existing individual septic systems that do not meet current health codes and are potentially susceptible to leaching of untreated wastewater to the Housatonic River and potable well water supply in the Village area. The sewer piping system will be installed under existing town roadways and within previously disturbed land areas of the individual parcels. The town roadways are under the management of the Town of Cornwall. The estimated cost of the project is \$6,230,000. The town has secured a Community Projects Funding Grant through HUD in the amount of \$3,000,000 and the balance of the project costs would be financed by the general obligation bond of the Town of Cornwall

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Cornwall 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 Town of Cornwall, First Selectman's office, 24 Pine Street, Cornwall CT 06753 or online at www.cornwallct.org and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 12 P.M. and 1:00 P.M to 4:00 P.M

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Cornwall, First Selectman's Office. All comments received by June 27th, 2025 will be considered by the Town of Cornwall prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Cornwall certifies to HUD that Gordon Ridgway in his capacity as First Selectman 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 Cornwall to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Town of Cornwall'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 Town of Cornwall (b) the Town of Cornwall 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) and shall be emailed to HUD at phillip.e.mckeough@hud.gov phone number 860-240-9770. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman