

January 21, 2025

The following notices shall satisfy related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Oneida Nation (Nation) regarding the Cattail Marsh Neighborhood Project.

Notice: REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 1, 2025, the Nation will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs (EWONAP), Chicago, Illinois for the release of program funds, as amended, to undertake a project known as Cattail Marsh Neighborhood Project for the purpose of constructing a new homes and provide home building opportunities for Tribal members within the Oneida Reservation.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Nation'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 conditions:

- a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Nation;
- b) the Nation 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 addressed to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Eastern/Wood lands Office of Native American Programs (EWONAP) at 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Notice: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Nation’s Environmental, Land, and Agriculture Division (ELAD) 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 Little Bear Development Building located at N7332 Water Circle Place, Oneida, WI 54155 and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Nation’s ELAD certifies to HUD that James L. Snitgen in his capacity as Environmental Quality Manager 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 Nation to use Program funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the ELAD. All comments received by February 5, 2025 will be considered by the ELAD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing. Submissions can be addressed to the following individual by mail or email:

Victoria Flowers, Environmental Compliance Coordinator
ELAD
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