

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

Date of Notice: 7/2/2020

Morris County, 500 Broadnax, Daingerfield, TX 75638, (903) 645-3691

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Morris County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about 7/21/2020 Morris County will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs (TDA-ORA) for the release of Texas Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), as amended, to undertake a project known as Water Improvements 7219291, for the purpose of Administrative and Engineering Fees and Services and proposes to replace approximately 22,760 linear feet (LF) of 6-inch water line, boring, approximately 180 LF of steel casing, valves, and all associated appurtenances on State St from US HWY 259 to FM 144 North, where it intersects with Hubbard St (33.171872°, -94.742795°), and on FM 144 North from State St, and intersection with Hubbard St, to CR 3317, Omaha, Texas. Morris County has been awarded \$275,000 in grant funds and shall contribute \$13,750 in match funds.

Morris County 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 Morris County County Courthouse, 500 Broadnax, Daingerfield, TX 75638 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Office of the County Judge. All comments received by 7/20/2020 will be considered by Morris County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Morris County certifies to TDA-ORA that Doug Reeder in their capacity as County Judge 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. TDA-ORA approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Morris County to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA-ORA will accept objections to its release of funds and Morris County'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 Morris County approved by TDA-ORA (b) Morris County 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 TDA-ORA; 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 The Texas Department of Agriculture - Office of Rural Affairs at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact TDA-ORA to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Doug Reeder, County Judge