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Combined Notice —Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI/ NOI-RROF)

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

January 9, 2023

Town of Abingdon, Virginia

133 W. Main Street

Abingdon, VA 24210

(276) 628-3167

This Notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 31, 2023, the Town of Abingdon will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Appalachian Regional Commission funds, to undertake a project known as the William King Museum of Art Cultural Campus Development Phase II, for the purpose of site improvements to the William King Museum of Art's 22-acre campus to increase parking and accessibility, create 2.2 miles of fitness trails, and amphitheater, sensory and sculpture gardens, and a large grass lawn for holding outdoor community events.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Abingdon 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 William King Museum of Art, and may be examined or copied weekdays (8) A.M. to (5) P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Mayor. All comments received by January 28, 2023, will be considered by the Town of Abingdon prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Abingdon certifies to DHCD that Amanda Pillion in her 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. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the William King Museum of Art to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

ARC will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Abingdon's certification received by February 1, 2023 only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the Town of Abingdon approved by DHCD; (b) the (RE) 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by ARC; 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) and shall be addressed to DHCD at:

Director
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office
Main Street Centre
600 E. Main St., Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 232192430
(804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Amanda Pillion
Mayor

THE COMBINED NOTICE (FONSI/NOI-RROF) MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO:

US EPA Region III (3EA30)
1650 Arch Street, Phila, PA 19103
(215) 814-3322/ Fax: (215) 814-2783
R3_HUDNEPA@epamail.epa.gov

Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Environmental Enhancement
629 East Main Street, 6th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 698-4330

Director
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office
600 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23219-1321
(804) 371-7061 [Virginia Relay Center 771 / FAX 371-7093]

Local Regional and Tribal Agencies adjacent to or surrounding the jurisdiction issuing the NOI-RROF.