

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

January 18, 2024

Northville Charter Township
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168
248-662-0498

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Michigan International Technology Center (MITC):

44065 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168
Email: kheise@plymouthtp.org

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **February 2, 2024** the Northville Charter Township will authorize the Michigan International Technology Center to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) Grants funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, as amended, to undertake a project known as 5 Mile Sanitary Sewer for the purpose of the installation of sanitary sewer along a 0.79 km (0.5 mi) long stretch of 5 Mile Road between a point 485 m (1,591 ft) west of Ridge Road and a point 305 m (1,001 ft) east of Ridge Road where the new sanitary sewer line will connect with existing sanitary sewer line and the current Western Township's Utility Authority (WTUA) interceptor.

The Project Area east of Ridge Road presently contains a 30 cm (12-in) diameter sewer line that will be upgraded to 46 cm (18 in) diameter sewer line, while 15 cm (6-in) force main will be installed along the Project Area west of Ridge Road. Planned ground disturbing activity involves the excavation of previously dug and new sewer line trenching, the removal of any road materials, drainage ditches, culverts, and/or other obstructions in order to reach appropriate depth, and the replacement of the same materials following sanitary sewer installation.

All Project activities will be contained to the current 5 Mile Road or CSX Railroad grade and right-of-way. The sanitary sewer will also cross the Johnson Drain. The force main is expected to be installed using directional drill methods. The railroad crossing is anticipated to be installed using jack and bore methods. These methods are used to be minimally invasive to the construction area and will avoid impacts to the wetland surrounding the Johnson Drain. The replacement of the existing 12-inch diameter sewer line with new 18-inch diameter sewer will be done using open cut methods. The open cut area will require minor impacts to the edge of an existing wetland east of Ridge Road. The wetland impacts are anticipated to be permitting by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). Native plantings will be used to restore the site after construction.

Mitigation measures will also be in place to prevent the loss of habitat for the Indiana Bat and Northern Long Eared Bat, and the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake (EMR). Tree clearing of trees greater than 3-inches in diameter will only be done during the inactive season from September through April for the protection of the bat species, and wildlife friendly erosion control products will be used for the protection of EMR.

The project will provide sanitary sewer connections for future development along the corridor, which has been designated as a high technology corridor. The project is primarily funded through HUD's Community Project Funding program, which is providing a \$2 million grant to the program. The remainder of the matching funds will be provided by Plymouth and Northville Townships.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Northville Charter Township 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 Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 and may be examined or copied weekday's 8 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Northville Charter Township, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, Attention: Bob Belair, Director of Public Services. Comments may also be submitted via email at bbelair@twp.northville.mi.us. All comments received by **February 2, 2024** will be considered by the Northville Charter Township prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Northville Charter Township certifies to HUD that Mark J. Abbo in his capacity as Township Supervisor 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 Michigan International Technology Center to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the Northville Charter Township'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 Northville Charter Township; (b) the Northville Charter Township 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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 the **U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Detroit Field Office, Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development at DetroitCPD@hud.gov**. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Mark J. Abbo, Northville Township Supervisor, Certifying Officer
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