

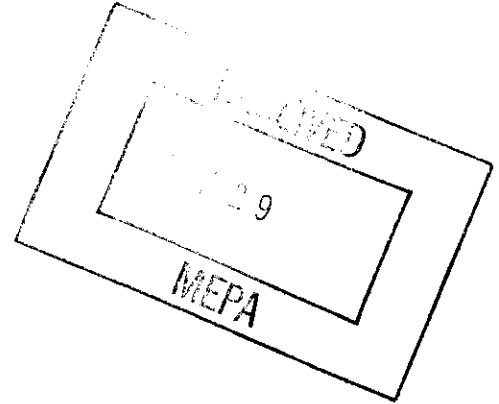


# DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

THOMAS M. MENINO, MAYOR  
CHARLOTTE GOLAR RICHIE, CHIEF AND DIRECTOR

November 25, 2005

MEPA Unit  
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs  
251 Causeway Street  
Suite 900  
Boston, MA 02114



Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (P.L. 91-910) (NEPA), the City of Boston has undertaken an environmental review of the Intervale Scattered Sites project. This project, summarized on the attached legal notice from *The Boston Herald*, is partially funded with federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Based on this review, the City of Boston has determined that a request for release of funds will not significantly affect the human environment.

Pursuant to HUD regulations, you have been identified as someone that should receive a copy of this notice.

If you have any questions or comments, please notify me at 617-635-0380.

Sincerely,

Maya Hasegawa  
Compliance Manager

Enclosure

# Boston Herald

Wednesday, November 25, 2005

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

City of Boston  
Department of Neighborhood Development  
26 Court Street  
Boston, MA 02108  
Telephone: 617-635-0610

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Boston's Department of Neighborhood Development.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about the December 13, 2005 the above named City of Boston, acting through its Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release federal funds through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program pursuant to the authority of the HOME Investment Partnerships Act, as amended (12 U.S.C. 12701 et seq.) for the following project:

**Intervale Street Scattered Sites** - The Intervale Street Scattered Sites project involves the new construction of fifteen (15) affordable housing units on eight (8) scattered, vacant, city-owned land parcels on Coleus Park, Klineo Street, Lawrence Avenue, Mascoma Street and Quincy Street in Dorchester. The project includes 13 homeownership units and 2 rental units. The 15 affordable units will be constructed within two- and three-story buildings. The 8 buildings include one (1) detached single-family home, 2 two-family homes, and 5 duplexes. The lot sizes for the planned houses will range from 4,985 square feet to 6,850 square feet at the scattered sites. The developer for the project is Intervale Street Home Ownership LLC/Fred Fairfield with an estimated total development cost of \$4,238,054. The total amount of HOME federal funds will be approximately \$649,027 from the City of Boston.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Boston 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 DND Compliance Unit, 26 Court Street, 11th Floor and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding legal holidays.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the DND Compliance Unit. All comments received by December 12, 2005 will be considered by the City of Boston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Boston certifies to HUD that Thomas M. Menino, in his 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Boston to use Program funds.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Boston'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 City of Boston; (b) the City of Boston 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 the City of Boston; 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 HUD at Thomas P. O'Neill Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Thomas M. Menino, Mayor  
City of Boston, City Hall, Boston, MA 02201

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