

**Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and
Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds – Combined Notice**

City of Waelder
300 Highway 90 West
Waelder Texas 78959
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**Date of Notice Posting
December 13, 2021**

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Waelder, Texas.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about **January 4, 2022** the City of Waelder will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/ Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the release of Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) to undertake a project known as TxCDBG TDA Contract No. 7220-489 for the purpose of Water/Sewer Improvements: Activities consist of replace a section of sewer trunk line and install additional equipment at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to enhance sewage treatment and bring the facility back into compliance with TCEQ. Contractor shall install three (3) hybrid aerators, six hundred seventy linear feet (670 l.f.) of eight-inch (8”) gravity sewer line, four (4) manholes, three (3) tie ins, asphalt and concrete pavement repair, service line repair, and all associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place at the WWTP located at 605 South H Street and at the project locations identified below:

STREET	FROM	TO
Avenue H	Second Street	South First Street
Railroad Street	Avenue H	Between Avenue H and Avenue G on Railroad Street

And;

Wastewater Treatment plant located at 605 South H Street

The estimated total project cost of (HUD and non-HUD funds: \$325,000.00

The Project activities will benefit the entire 827 residents Waelder of which 88.51% are low to moderate income.

No acquisition of land is anticipated for this project. All improvements are taking place on city owned road right-of-way and the improvements at the sewer plant location have been permitted for sewer treatment. Project sites are surrounded by scattered residential, light commercial uses, and open spaces.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Waelder 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 City of Waelder City Hall, Office

of the City Secretary, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM by calling the Office of the City Secretary at 830-788-7331 or by email at Melinda Caballero melindac@gvvc.com

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Waelder, Office of the City Secretary, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 or by email melindac@gvvc.com. All comments received by **January 3, 2022**, will be considered by City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Waelder certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ((HUD)/ Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) that Roy Tovar 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. The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows City of Waelder to use Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/ Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) will accept objections to its release of funds and City of Waelder'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 Waelder, Texas; (b) The City of Waelder 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/ Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA); 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 (TDA) at P. O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Potential objectors should contact the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

(s) signed

Roy Tovar, Mayor
300 Highway 90 West
Waelder, Texas 7899

