

# City of Everglades

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

*November 27, 2023*

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

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about December 21, 2023 the City of Everglades City will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Project Funding (CPF) grant funds under Public Law 117-103 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, to undertake a project known as the *Everglades City Wastewater Treatment Plant Effluent Study project* for the purpose of planning, design, permitting, and construction activities of a new effluent reuse system and sludge dewatering system at the City of Everglades City Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 401 S. Copeland Avenue. The anticipated improvements are to replace the existing disposal method by Rapid Infiltration Basins, which are currently failing and are not capable of handling all effluent flow. The proposed work is to be constructed within the pre-developed areas of the plant's property.

### **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The City of Everglades City 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 Everglades City Hall at 102 Copeland Avenue N., Everglades City, FL 34139 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Everglades City Hall. All comments received by December 18, 2023 will be considered by the City of Everglades City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Everglades City certifies to HUD that Mayor Howell Grimm Jr. in his capacity as Mayor of Everglades City 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 Everglades City to use Program funds.

## OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Everglades City'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 Everglades City; (b) the City of Everglades City 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 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 Miami HUD administration office at Brickell Plaza Federal Building 909 SE First Avenue, Room 500, Miami FL, 33131-3028. Potential objectors should contact the CPD Director David Noguera via email [CPDROFMIA@hud.gov](mailto:CPDROFMIA@hud.gov) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



*Howell Grimm Jr.,*

*Mayor of Everglades City*

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