

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

June 16, 2022
City of Houston,
Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD)
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Houston Housing Authority (HHA).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 5, 2022, on behalf of the Houston Housing Authority (HHA), the City of Houston's Housing and Community Development Department will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), for approval of demolition and open space preparation activities under Section 18 of the Housing Act of 1937 (the Act) to undertake a project known as Irvinton Village.

Project Location: 2901 Fulton St. Houston, TX 77009 (Latitude: 29.788226, Longitude: -95.362787).

Project description: This project entails the demolition of a flood damaged apartment building (Building 127) in the Irvinton Village apartment complex.

Irvinton Village is a 318-unit apartment complex that offers affordable housing to residents. It was built in 1941 with remodeling completed in 2008. There are 27 buildings with residential apartments, an administration building, and a maintenance building. Irvinton Village is located north of downtown Houston adjacent to the Little White Oak Bayou (E101-00-00) waterway. Building 127 is one of the 27 apartment buildings and contains 10 apartment units numbered 471 to 489. It is the only building that had flood damage.

Building 127 experienced rising floodwaters for 3-4 days during Hurricane Harvey. The floodwaters reached a level of 1.5 feet above the first floor, entering through the exterior doors. The high-water mark was 42.66'. Flood waters remained in the building for several days, and destroyed all the interior construction as well as the cabinets, appliances, fixtures, air conditioners, doors and frames.

Building 127 will be demolished, and the resulting open space adjacent to Little White Oak Bayou will be cultivated for the residents to enjoy. The open space will also provide flood risk reduction for the surrounding area, because of the removal of the building.

HHA will contract with qualified contractors to demolish Building 127 and safely remove and dispose of the debris under City, State, and Federal laws and regulations. The property will then

be landscaped and left as open space for the enjoyment of residents with detached/movable park furniture (bench and picnic tables) on site. This parcel of land directly abuts the Little White Oak Bayou, and nearly 80% of the parcel lies within the floodway.

The property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for a use that is compatible with open space preservation, recreational use, and proper floodplain and wetlands management practices. Also, no new structures or other improvements will be erected on property.

HHA will be receiving FEMA as funds shown below:

Irvinton	
Demolition of building 127 (demolition and abatement)	\$125,000.00
Open space (landscaping including detached/movable park furniture)	\$150,000.00
Total	\$275,000.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Houston 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). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to P.O. Box 1562, Houston, TX 77251-1562 or 2100 Travis St., 9th Floor, Houston, TX 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Houston, Housing and Community Development Department, ATTN: Environmental Review Officer, 2100 Travis, 9th Floor, Houston, Texas 77002 or by email to hcdenvironmental@houstontx.gov. The ERR can be accessed online at the following website <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>. All comments received by the close of business on July 1, 2022 will be considered by the City of Houston prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

On behalf of the Houston Housing Authority, the City of Houston certifies to HUD, that Sylvester Turner, 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 Houston Housing Authority to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Houston 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 Houston; (b) the City of Houston 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: Ms. Lorraine Walls, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 550, Houston, Texas 77010 or or by phone at (713) 718-3199, or e-mail to CPD_COVID-19OEE-HOS@hud.gov (environmental), CPD_GeneralCorr-HOS@hud.gov; (general). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Sylvester Turner, Mayor
City of Houston*
