

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

DATE OF NOTICE: November 15, 2021
RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: County of Somerset
ADDRESS: 300 North Center Avenue
Somerset, PA 15501
TELEPHONE: 814-445-1400

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 1, 2021, Somerset County (County) will submit a request to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for the release of federal Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds, under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, as amended to undertake a project known as UPMC Somerset Twin Lakes Center for the purpose of the construction of a new building. The project will increase the capacity of the 24-hour custodial care of residents receiving drug and alcohol abuse treatment, by providing eleven additional male residential beds, four additional female residential beds and seven additional detox unit beds.

The building shall be structurally framed light gage metal studs and steel members and set on reinforced concrete spread footings. The floor will be 5" concrete slab on grade with 6x6 w2.1 x w2.1 W.W.F. over 10 mil vapor barrier over compacted granular fill. Perimeter insulation will consist of 2" x 24" rigid insulation boards installed both vertically and horizontally.

The roof will be a combination of sloped pre-engineered metal trusses and open web steel joists in areas for roof mounted mechanical units. Sloped trusses will be 16" o.c. with preformed metal deck covered in plywood, covered with Lifetime Architectural Roofing shingles over (2) layers of 15# felt. Provide ice-water shield where required by code. The attic spaces will be insulated with R-49 fiberglass batt insulation. Provide scissor trusses over the gymnasium. Flat roof areas will be insulated with two layers of ploy-iso rigid insulation for an R-value of R-30 covered with 60 mil EPDM fully adhered membrane roof over 5/8" cover board. Tapered insulation will be provided to maintain positive drainage. Two (2) 36"x48" roof hatches will be provided to access the flat roof areas.

Exterior walls will be framed with 2x6. 16 gage studs at 16" o.c. Studs will be infilled with fiberglass batt insulation (R-20). The exterior surface will be sheathed with 5/8" "DensGlass" and a spray applied air barrier. The interior surface will be sheathed with primed and painted 5/8" mold mitigation gypsum board over continuous 10 mil vapor barrier.

Up to 25% of the façade will be vinyl clad double hung windows with tempered dual pane, low-e

glazing and screens. Windows shall be by “Anderson 200 Series” with a “Prairie Top Sash” grill pattern, or equal.

The exterior veneer will be a combination of fiber cement siding by “James Hardie” or similar and cultured stone by “Boral” or similar. James Hardie siding will consist of a mixture of “HardiPlank” lap siding, “HardiShingle” (staggered) siding, “HardiTrim” boards and “HardiSoffit” panels from the standard color selections. Sealants will be color-matched to the adjacent siding material. “Boral” cultured stone will from the “Southern LedgeStone” line in standard colors. Assume a mix of 45% to 50% cement fiber siding and 25% to 30% of cultured stone.

Exterior utilitarian doors to be primed and painted insulated hollow metal doors with fully welded hollow metal frames by “Ceco”, or equivalent. Main entrance doors shall be “Anderson Commercial” doors (or equal) with tempered Low-E4 glass and a “Prairie” grill pattern. Interior doors will be stained, solid core wood doors. Lock and latch sets shall be “medium duty” cylindrical type with lever handles.

The interior walls of this building will be 2x4 or 2x6 20 gage metal studs at 16” o.c. with primed and painted 5/8” mold mitigation gypsum board on both sides. Provide sound attenuating batt insulation in all new wall systems. Shear walls will be provided as needed for structural support. Where required, “Simpson Strong Tie” site built portal frames will be introduced to provide lateral bracing. There will be three, 60’ long, 2 hour rated fire walls to compartmentalize the building. The wall will traverse from the concrete floor to the underside of the roof deck. Walls to be UL Design U301 or approved equal.

Dorm rooms and corridors within the male and female areas will be separated with a one hour fire rated wall assembly per UL design number U305. The bottom of the trusses will be surfaced with taped and sealed 5/8” Type C gypsum board.

All penetrations through fire rated assemblies will be proper through penetration assemblies. The attic spaces sprinklered with a dry fire suppression system. Ceilings will be a combination of 2x2 “square edge” acoustic ceiling panels by “USG” or equivalent, “mold mitigation” gypsum board (toilet rooms) and gypsum board painted ceilings (gymnasium). Ceiling heights will vary from 8’ a.f.f. to 10’ a.f.f. Ceilings around the perimeter of the building at window locations will be 9’ a.f.f. minimum.

Floor treatments will be a combination of VCT, LVT and carpet tiles with appropriate transition strips and thresholds.

Project Location: 224 Twin Lake Road Somerset PA, 15501

Estimated Funding: \$15,250,000 (ARC (\$1,000,000); State RACP funds (\$1,000,000); Private funds (\$500,000); UPMC funds (\$12,750,000))

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The County has determined that the above 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 Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County, 300 North Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Redevelopment Authority of Somerset County, 300 North Center Avenue, Suite 520, Somerset, PA 15501, Attention: Patricia Adamczyk, Deputy Executive Director. Comments may also be submitted via email at patty@somersetredevelopment.org. All comments received by November 30, 2021, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Somerset County certifies to DCED that Gerald Walker, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, 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. DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and Somerset County'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 the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the County's Certifying Officer; (b) the County has omitted a step or failed to make a determination 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 DCED; 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: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development at chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Gerald Walker, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners