

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

PUBLICATION DATE: February 5, 2026
GRANTEE NAME: Somerset County
ADDRESS: 300 North Center Ave
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 Somerset County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 23, 2026, Somerset County (County) will submit a request to the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to release federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) (Act), as amended, to be used for the project known as Lowry Road Stormwater Improvements. The project proposes the installation of 800 linear feet of storm piping, 2,500 linear feet of asphalt wedge curb, 9 stormwater inlets, 2 outlet headwalls, riprap stabilization at the outlet, and restoration on Lowry Road, Somerset Township, Somerset County, PA. The project will improve the collection and conveyance of stormwater on Lowry Road to enhance public safety and limit erosion. Estimated CDBG funds: FY 2023 \$44,974.97; FY 2024 \$148,379.00; FY 2025 \$147,209.00. Total estimated HUD Funded amount \$340,562.97. Total estimated project cost: \$436,720.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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 ERRs to the redevelopment authority at the above address. All comments received by February 20, 2026, 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

The County certifies to DCED that Brian K. Fochtman, certifying officer, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of County 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

DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the 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 Certifying Officer of the County; (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.

Brian K. Fochtman, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners