# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

## May 6, 2025

*Hardy County Rural Development Authority*

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**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the** Hardy County Rural Development Authority*.*

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

**On or about** *at least one day after the end of the comment period,* **the** *Hardy County Rural Development Authority* **will submit a request to the** *HUD* **for the release of** *Community Project Funding* **funds under** *Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2022 (P.L. 117-103)***, to undertake a project known as** *Crites Industrial Park Project* **for the purpose of** *the development of an industrial park including the extension of water and sewer services to the project area with an estimated funding of $2,268,000 in Moorefield, Hardy County, West Virginia.*

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

### The *Hardy County Rural Development Authority* 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 the *Hardy County Rural Development Authority Office at 223 N. Main Street, Suite 102, Moorefield, West Virginia 26836* and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Hardy County Rural Development Authority***.* **All comments received by** *May 22, 2025* **will be considered by the** *Hardy County Rural Development Authority* **prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.**

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

**The** *Hardy County Rural Development Authority* **certifies to HUD that** *Mallie Combs* **in** *her* **capacity as** *Executive Director* **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** *Hardy County Rural Development Authority* **to use Program funds.**

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

## HUD **will accept objections to its release of fund and the** Hardy County Rural Development Authority’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** Hardy County Rural Development Authority; **(b) the** Hardy County Rural Development Authority **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** Pittsburgh CPB Office **at** 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000 Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or PGHCPDObjections@hud.gov. **Potential objectors should contact** HUD **to verify the actual last day of the objection period.**

## Mallie Combs, Executive Director Hardy County Rural Development Authority

### Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, “Time delays for exceptional circumstances,” a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.

### Following completion of the comment period recipients may FAX the form HUD-7015.15 to HUD/State together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and, if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by FAX, the original signed form should be mailed to HUD/State. The date of receipt by FAX will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 “Authority to Use Grant Funds” until after the original signed form is received.