

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

April 23, 2025

St James Parish Government

5800 Highway 44

Convent, LA 70723

225-562-2500

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the St James Parish Government.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 9, 2025, the St James Parish will submit a request to the Office of Community Development for the release of Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funds under the Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 to undertake a project known as the St James Parishwide Drainage Improvements, also known as the Watershed Humble Phase III Drainage Improvements Project, for the purpose of upsizing segments of an existing drainage trunkline and roadside drainage pipes in the Caroldale Subdivision of St James in the amount of \$952,260.48, which includes \$823,790.28 of HUD-funded dollars and \$128,470.20 of local funds as obligated by St James Parish.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The St. James Parish 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 St James Parish Government Complex located at 5800 Highway 44, Convent LA 70723 and may be examined or copied Monday – Thursday 7:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Operations Department of St James Parish at 5800 Highway 44, Third Floor, Convent, LA 70723 or by mail at P. O. Box 106 Convent, LA 70723. All comments received by May 8,2025 will be considered by the St James Parish prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The St James Parish certifies to the Office of Community Development that Richard Webre in his capacity as Director of Operation 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. The Office of Community Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the St. James Parish to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Office of Community Development will accept objections to its release of fund and St. James Parish'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 St. James Parish; (b) the St. James Parish 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 the Office of Community Development; 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 Office of Community Development at 1201 N. Third St., Suite 3-150 Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Potential objectors should contact the Office of Community Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Pete Dufresne, Parish President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Dufresne", is placed over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct "P" at the beginning and a "D" at the end.