

COMBINED NOTICE

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

DATE of NOTICE: **June 8, 2026**

NAME of RESPONSIBLE ENTITY (RE): County of Jefferson

ADDRESS: Jefferson Place
155 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Brookville, PA 15825

TELEPHONE: (814) 849-1653

POSTING DATES 6/8/26 to 6/29/26

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 Jefferson.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 30, 2026 the County of Jefferson will submit a request to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the release of Community Development Block Grant Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Stahl Community Park Improvements, W. Liberty St. in Sykesville PA 15865
\$169,562 FFY 2024 CDBG - and Multi-Year CDBG.

Sykesville Borough's Stahl Park is located on W. Liberty Street, in what would be considered more of the business part of Sykesville Borough. This Park encompasses approximately 6+- acres and includes many amenities, including 2 baseball fields, a basketball court, 2 tennis courts, various pieces of playground equipment, 1 pavilion, 1 set of restrooms and partially surrounded by a walking path. There are various deficiencies within Stahl Park that need to be addressed.

This project will be only occur within the confines of the existing park area. No new structures are intended to be built on the site. Improvements include replacing some outdated playground equipment, redevelopment of the existing walking path as a pervious ADA accessible pathway, replacement of old bleachers, fencing the perimeter of the basketball court, adding ADA compliant picnic tables in the pavilions, improvements to the "bedding" associated with the playground equipment. This may be a multi-year funded project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Jefferson has determined that this 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 Jefferson County Department of Development, Jefferson Place, 155 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Brookville, PA 15825, Attn: **Elise Grovanz** and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Elise Grovanz, Director, Jefferson County Department of Development, Jefferson Place, 155 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Brookville, PA 15825. 814-849-3047 or email at: egrovanz@jeffersoncountypa.gov All comments received by June 29, 2026 will be considered by the County of Jefferson prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Jefferson certifies to the DCED that Jeff Pisarcik, serving in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Jefferson 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. The DCED's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the County of Jefferson to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The DCED will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Jefferson'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 basis: (a) the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Jefferson; or (b) the County of Jefferson has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; or (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs 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 in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department of Community and Economic Development at: chrhowe@pa.gov. Potential objectors should contact the DCED to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jeff Pisarcik, Chairman
Board of Jefferson County Commissioners
Jefferson Place
155 Main Street, 2nd Floor
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