

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 22, 2022, The Town of Jaffrey will submit a request to the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) to release Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383), the National Affordable Housing Act as amended to undertake a project known as Cold Stone Springs.

The project is located along the east-central side of Jaffrey, southwest corner of Peterborough, and northwest corner of Sharon, New Hampshire, and includes construction of a new water treatment plant (WTP); construction of a new well control building (WCB); construction of 2,150 linear feet of 6-inch raw water main to connect production wells BD-2, BD-1, and PW-1 to the WCB; construction of 3,200 linear feet of 10-inch raw water main from the WCB to the WTP; construction of 1,050 linear feet of 10-inch treated water main along Chamberlain Road from the WTP to the Jaffrey Water Distribution System on Old Sharon Road; construction of approximately 9,800 linear feet of 12-inch water transmission main and all associated clearing and grubbing from the WTP to the Peterborough water distribution system, including directional drilling under the Contoocook River; and construction of a paved access road from Old Sharon Road to the WTP and a gravel access road from the WTP to the wells.

The estimated total cost of the project is approximately \$16,900,000, including approximately \$500,000 of CDBG funding.

Wetland crossings are required to complete this project, including both permanent and temporary impacts. A wetland permit will be required by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services prior to construction, and the project will be held to the conditions of that permit. NH Fish and Game has several requirements including informing site operators of the potential presence of wood turtles in the area, and a restriction on the use of welded plastic, plastic, or multifilament or monofilament polypropylene netting or mesh for erosion control. Otherwise, no other HUD environmental regulation requires mitigation to achieve compliance.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Jaffrey 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. The ERR may be reviewed at the Town of Jaffrey, 10 Goodnow Street, Jaffrey, New Hampshire, during the hours of Mon - Fri 8:00am – 4:30pm. An electronic file may also be requested by emailing jfrederick@townofjaffrey.com.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Jon R. Frederick, Town Manager, Town of Jaffrey, 10 Goodnow Street, Jaffrey, New Hampshire 03452. All comments received by May 21, 2022 will be considered by the Town of Jaffrey prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing-the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for the Release of Funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Jaffrey is certifying to CDFA that Jon R. Frederick, in his capacity Town Manager, 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. CDFA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Town of Jaffrey to use CDBG Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

CDFA will accept objections to the release of funds and the Town of Jaffrey'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 Town of Jaffrey, Jon R. Frederick; (b) the Town of Jaffrey 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 CDFA; 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 Mollie Kaylor, CDFA, 14 Dixon Ave, Suite 102, Concord, NH 03301 or via email at mkaylor@nhcdfa.org. Potential objectors should contact CDFA (603-226-2170) to verify the actual last date of the objection period.

Jon R. Frederick, Town Manager