

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

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City of Lakewood  
Lakewood Department of Planning & Development  
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Lakewood, Ohio.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about May 19, 2025, at least one day after the end of the statutorily-required 30 day (5.2.25 - 5.16.25) Public Comment Period, Lakewood, Ohio will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$80,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the Cove Park Overflow Parking Area Project for the purpose of increasing access to and usage of Cove Park by repurposing a vacant, non-performing, City-owned parcel. Total estimated funding for this project from all sources is \$80,000.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Cove Park Overflow Parking Area Project entails the new construction of a surface parking lot to serve as supplementary parking for Cove Park, a popular City of Lakewood public space situated just northeast of the project site. The proposed location (1318 Thoreau/PPN 312-31-079) is a .104-acre vacant lot with 40 feet of frontage on Thoreau Road that is 113 feet deep. Renderings of the project site are not yet available. Thoreau Avenue and the surrounding neighborhood were originally developed between 1900 - 1920. A single-family home constructed on the project site in 1915 was demolished by the City in 2016. The lot has been vacant since that date. The ground of the subject parcel was disturbed for the original grading and development of the neighborhood, construction of the 1915 house (which included a basement), its 2016 demolition and subsequent re-grading.

Cove Park, which serves predominantly low-moderate income residents, was substantially improved utilizing CDBG funds in 2017. Because the park is tucked snugly into a densely populated residential neighborhood and has inadequate parking in its dedicated lot, users must find and use already scarce on-street parking which increases traffic congestion in the surrounding neighborhood and further restricts residents' parking opportunities.

The sole vehicular entrance to Cove Park is via Cove Avenue on the park's east end. The project location is proximate to the pedestrian entrance at the west end of the park on Thoreau Road. As such, the proposed project will improve access to and usage of Cove Park; provide additional parking for residents and visitors; increase on-street parking for neighborhood residents; improve public safety by reducing the number of vehicles circling the neighborhood seeking on-street parking, and repurpose a non-performing, dis-used City-owned lot that has been vacant for nearly a decade.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

As the Responsible Entity, the City of Lakewood has determined the Cove Park Overflow Parking Area 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) documenting environmental determinations for this project is on file at Lakewood's Department of Planning & Development located at 12650 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107 and may be examined or copied on weekdays between 9am and 5pm. Please contact Dan Wyman, Development Officer, by phone (216-529-7680) or email ([daniel.wyman@lakewoodoh.gov](mailto:daniel.wyman@lakewoodoh.gov)) for additional information and/or assistance. The ERR may also be viewed at <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/legal-notices/>.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments regarding the Cove Park Overflow Parking Area project's Environmental Review Record to the Lakewood Department of Planning & Development. All comments received by May 16, 2025 will be considered by the City of Lakewood prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) to HUD. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

The City of Lakewood certifies to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) that Meghan F. George, Certifying Officer, in her capacity as Mayor, 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 City of Lakewood to use HUD program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Lakewood's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Lakewood's Certifying Officer;
- b) Lakewood has omitted a step or failed to render 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 in accordance with required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be submitted to the HUD Columbus Field Office via email at [CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov](mailto:CPDColumbusRROF@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

**Certifying Officer**  
Meghan F. George  
Mayor  
Lakewood, Ohio