

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

**July 28, 2020  
Putnam County, Florida  
2509 Crill Ave,  
Palatka, FL 32177  
(386) 329-0207**

**THESE NOTICES SHALL SATISFY TWO SEPARATE BUT RELATED PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY PUTNAM COUNTY.**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about August 14, 2020, Putnam County will submit a request to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, for stormwater improvements along St. Johns Avenue in the City of Palatka. Putnam County intends to install a new storm water collection and piped conveyance system by using a 4'x8' box culvert at St. Johns Avenue from the primary outfall to Kay Larkin Drive. The project also includes the addition of more storm water pond storage and an improved outfall structure.

The pond and outfall construction will involve the construction of a new retention pond, reshaping of an estimated 1,900 linear foot of drainage outfall, and building a new roadway cross culvert. In addition, from Kay Larkin Drive to the drainage outfall, construction will involve installing a large storm trunk line at the center of St Johns Ave., roadway modifications, and swale adjustments.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Putnam County 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 Putnam County Administrative offices located at 2509 Crill Ave, Suite 200, Palatka, Florida 32177, and may be examined or copied Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Terry Turner, Chairman, Putnam County, Board of Commissioners, 2509 Crill Ave, Suite 200, Palatka, Florida 32177. All comments must be received by **August 13, 2020**. Comments will be considered prior to Putnam County requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Putnam County certifies to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and HUD that Terry Turner, in his capacity as Board Chairman 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 State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Putnam County to use the CDBG funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

DEO will accept objections to its release of funds and Putnam County 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 Putnam County; (b) Putnam County 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 has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; 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 at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact the Town of Oakland to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

**Terry Turner, Chairman, Putnam County Board of County Commissioners  
Environmental Certifying Official**