

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Revere, Dept. of Planning & Community Development (DPCD)

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281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151

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Project/Program or Activity Title: Forest Pocket Park

Purpose: Redesign of asphalt lot into mini urban forest

Location: 69 Shirley Ave, Revere, MA 02151

Project/Program Description: The project will include a cooling area, and an open social space. It will include the demolition and removal of asphalt at the site and be transformed into an urban forest with a variety of native plantings in planting beds formed with reclaimed granite and a solar powered irrigation system accompanied by educational plant identification. In the center of the open space the installation of seating and catenary light poles for passive enjoyment.

Level of Environmental Review Citation: 24 CFR Part 58.36

Estimated Project Cost: \$200,000

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements per the citations listed above. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at the DPCD and may be examined at

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/environmental-review/environmental-review-records/>.

The ERR is also available electronically, upon email request to [mragab@revere.org](mailto:mragab@revere.org).

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Forest Pocket Park 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 281 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151 where ERR can be examined.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Revere, DPCD. All comments received by November 7, 2024, will be considered by the City of Revere prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Revere certifies to HUD that Patrick Keefe, Certifying Officer, in his 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 Revere to use HUD Program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Revere's certification for a period of 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 the Certifying Officer of the City of Revere (b) the City of Revere 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 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 and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Boston at CPDRROFBOS@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD Boston via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.