

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

April 8, 2026

Village of Plaquemine
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Plaquemine, LA 71362
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Village of Plaquemine

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 28, 2026, the Village of Plaquemine will submit a request to the Louisiana Division of Administration (DOA) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Section 105(a) of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as Village of Plaquemine Water System Improvements for the purpose of improving water service to residents along Crackville Road, English Road, and Katie E. Road in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana. The project consists of replacing undersized water mains and associated appurtenances along Crackville Road and English Road. It also includes installing a new water main and associated appurtenances along Katie E. Road, where no water main currently exists. The total estimated project funding is \$725,000.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The project is located within wetlands and floodplains. The Village has determined that no practicable alternative exists to constructing the improvements within the floodplains. Additionally, the only practicable alternative for work within the wetlands is to utilize trenchless installation methods in those areas. The proposed project will have no significant impact on the wetlands or floodplains for the following reasons:

1. **No disturbance to wetlands:** The project will utilize trenchless installation methods, which will avoid direct disturbance to wetland areas.
2. **No increased development within the floodplain:** The project does not include new development or expansion into undeveloped areas within the floodplain.
3. **No impact on floodplain runoff:** The project will not alter existing grades or drainage patterns and will not contribute to increased runoff within the floodplain.

The Village of Plaquemine 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 Village of Plaquemine, 146 Gin Street, Plaquemine, LA 71362, and may be examined or copied weekdays 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Village of Plaquemine. All comments received by end of business April 27, 2026, will be considered by the Village of Plaquemine prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Village of Plaquemine certifies to the DOA that Terryl St. Romain, 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. DOA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Village of Plaquemine to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DOA will accept objections to its release of funds and the Village of Plaquemine's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date of its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if there are on one of the following bases:

- a) The certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Village of Plaquemine;
- b) The Village of Plaquemine has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or funding 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 DOA; 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 the Louisiana Division of Administration at P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095. Potential objectors should contact DOA to verify the actual last day of objection period.

Terryl St. Romain, Mayor
Village of Plaquemine

Public Postings:

1. Town Hall Bulletin Board.
 - Posted on April 8, 2026. Posting will be removed on April 28, 2026.
2. Village's Website.
 - Posted on April 8, 2026. Posting will be removed on April 28, 2026.