

NOTICE: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSON:

Damascus Downtown Waterfront Asset Development Project

Project activities: Construction of 700 LF of 15' one-way extension of Imboden Street to Smith Street; construction of 3,350 pedestrian walking loops; construction of event stage and supporting utility infrastructure; installation 24 vehicle spaces of stabilized turf; construction of 20 paved vehicle parking spaces; construction of 7 paved motorcycle parking spaces; installation of 8 decorative streetlights; site preparation work including, but not limited to, grading, topsoil, seeding, utility access

This notice shall satisfy procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by The Department of Housing and Community Development.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) 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 DHCD, 600 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23219 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the DHCD's Richmond office responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by January 23, 2017 will be considered by DHCD, who will not release any ARC funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to February 6, 2017. Comments should specify which aspect of the environmental review they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Department of Housing and Community Development certifies to State of Virginia that name of William C. Shelton in his capacity as Director 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 of Virginia's* approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Damascus to use Appalachian Region Commission (ARC) Program funds.

Comments must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76), and may be addressed to:

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