

COMBINED NOTICE  
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

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**City of Tawas City**  
**550 West Lake Street, P.O. Box 568,**  
**Tawas City, MI 48764**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about February 27, 2019 the above named City will request the Michigan Strategic Fund to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

**Project Name:** Tawas City Shoreline Park Pier Rehabilitation

**Nature of Project:** The City of Tawas City plans to repair the existing Shoreline Park Pier and construct a new boardwalk or similar walking path. The pier would be used for recreational pedestrian and fishing access. Temporary (day) or transient dockage for recreational boats is also planned. Based on the current condition of the pier and anticipated future use, the following description summarizes repairs:

1. Replace the sheet pile around the lakeward sections. The lakeward areas with suitable water depths will have a vertical face for boat dockage.
2. Install armor stone to stabilize the sheet pile in the landward sections.
3. Construct a concrete walkway along the sheet pile cap. This will significantly increase the footprint of the pier.
4. Install armor stone at the toe of the structure to provide a benefit to fish habitat for the fishing pier and also provide a barrier between fishermen and the water.
5. Construct a 100-foot L-shaped addition to the north with 10-15 dock slips for day dockage of recreational boats near the end of the pier.

By stabilizing and extending the existing pier the community will have safe access to Lake Huron for fishing, viewing and day-docking for boaters traversing this portion of Lake Huron's Tawas Bay. These efforts will increase and extend the usership of the park impacting the City of Tawas City's local economy.

**Project Location:** 429 W. Lake Street, Tawas City, MI 48764

**Project Cost:** \$3,589,949.00

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows:

- 1.) Project does not require compliance with any authority under Paragraph 58.5.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the above-named City which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an EIS is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the above address between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 5:00 p.m..

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

#### Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the Office of the Undersigned on or before February 27, 2019. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

#### Release of Funds

The City of Tawas City will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Michigan Strategic Fund under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Tawas City is certifying to the Michigan Strategic Fund that the City of Tawas City and Annge Horning in her official capacity as City Manager consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Tawas City may use the Block Grant funds and the Michigan Strategic Fund will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

#### Objections to Michigan Strategic Fund Release of Funds

The Michigan Strategic Fund will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) The certification was not in fact executed by the responsible entity's Certifying Officer.
- (b) The responsible entity has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to 58.40 or to make the written determination required by 58.35, 58.47 or 58.53 for the project, as applicable.
- (c) The responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subpart E of this part for the preparation, publication and completion of an EA.
- (d) The responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subparts F and G of this part for the conduct, preparation, publication and completion of an EIS.
- (e) The recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by this part before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by HUD (or the state).
- (f) 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 to the Michigan Strategic Fund, c/o Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 300 North Washington Square, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48913.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the Michigan Strategic Fund. No objection received after March 15, 2019 will be considered by the Michigan Strategic Fund.

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