

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine, Floyd, VA

Project Activities: installation of solar photovoltaic panels to herb processing building and the purchase of supplies and equipment to expand Chinese medicinal herb plantings.

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, 300 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23219 and the Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine, 144 Laurel Creek Road, Pilot, VA 24138 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 April 30, 2017 will be considered by DHCD, who will not release any ARC funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to May 14, 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 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 Blue Ridge Center for Chinese Medicine 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:

Mr. William C. Shelton, Certifying Officer
c/o Christina Owens, Community Development Specialist
Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
Attention: Project Administration and Assistance Office
600 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219
(804) 371-7000 / Virginia Relay Center 7-1-1

THE FONSI NOTICE MUST BE DISTRIBUTED TO:

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (3EA30)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029
Attention: Ms. Barbara Rudnick, PG NEPA Team Leader
(215) 814-3322
Fax: (215) 814-2783

Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Environmental Enhancement
629 East Main Street, 6th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 698-4330

Director
Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office
600 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23219-1321
(804) 371-7061 [Virginia Relay Center 771 / FAX 371-7093]

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