

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

Date Published March 13, 2026

City of Houghton
(Name of Applicant)

616 Sheldon Ave., Houghton, MI 49931
(Street, City, Zip Code)

(906)482-1700
(Telephone Number)

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about **March 31, 2026** the above named City of Houghton 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:

Water System Improvements – Phase 5 – WRI 225010
(Project Title or Name)

Water System Improvements – Watermain Replacement
(Purpose or Nature of the Project)

City of Houghton
(Location – City, County, State – of Project)

CDBG/ \$2,000,000 EGLE SRF/ \$1,000,000 CITY/ \$400,000
(Estimated Cost of Project)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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 of Houghton 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.) Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the above-named City of Houghton 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 616 Sheldon Ave., Houghton, MI 49931 and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 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 of Houghton to the City of Houghton, 616 Sheldon Ave., Houghton, MI 49931 on or before March 30, 2026. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Houghton 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

City of Houghton 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 Houghton is certifying to the Michigan Strategic Fund that the City of Houghton and Eric Waara in his 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 Houghton may use the Block Grant funds and the Michigan Strategic Fund will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

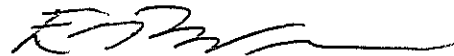
OBJECTIONS TO MICHIGAN STRATEGIC FUND RELEASE OF FUNDS

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, 4th 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 April 15, 2026 will be considered by the Michigan Strategic Fund.



Signature of Certifying Officer

Eric T. Waara

Print Name

City Manager

Title

616 Sheldon Ave., Houghton, MI 49931

Address