

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

July 22, 2026
Town of Malone, FL
5182 9th Avenue
Malone, FL 32445
(850) 569-2308

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *Town of Malone, Florida (Town)*.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 10, 2026, the Town will submit a request to Florida Commerce (FC) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project to expand the existing public park infrastructure within the town. Specifically, the town intends to purchase a vacant parcel adjacent to the existing Johnny Williams Memorial Park and expand the park by nearly 17 acres. The Town proposes to develop the newly acquired parcel by constructing a parking lot, multi-use walking trails, sidewalks, lighting, pavilion, playground area and other recreational amenities. Additionally, the Town proposes to create a new park by developing parcels of land near the Town Hall located at the corner of 9th Avenue and 11th Street. It is proposed that the new park will be furnished with a security fence, pavilion with stage, playground, sidewalks and walking trails, a parking area, lighting improvements and other recreational amenities. The total estimated total cost of the project is \$912,500.00 with funding provided by the HUD Small Cities Community Development Block Grant – Neighborhood Revitalization Program (Grant 26DB-N09).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town 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 Town Administration Office located at 5182 9th Avenue, Malone, FL 32445 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M to 3:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town. All comments must be received by August 7, 2026. Comments will be considered prior to the Town requesting a release of funds. Comments should specify which notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town certifies to Florida Commerce and HUD that Brandon Watford, in his capacity as Town 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. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town to use the CDBG funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Florida Commerce will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Town; (b) the Town has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the State; 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 at 24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76 and shall be addressed to Florida Commerce, CDBG Program, MSC-400, 107 East Madison Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-6508. Potential objectors should contact Florida Commerce to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Brandon Watford, Mayor