

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

Future Legends, LLC (Future Legends): Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

SUMMARY: The Rural Development has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to Future Legends, LLC for the construction of the Future Legends Complex in Windsor, Colorado.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project includes the construction of a complex that will include sports stadium, retail buildings/space, sports dome and associated welcome center, concessions and restrooms, sports fields (soccer and baseball/softball), hotels, maintenance building, and associated parking area. The proposed project also includes installation of associated utilities and roadways. The project area will include construction/ground disturbance on approximately 119 acres. Alternatives considered by Rural Development and Future Legends, LLC included the No-Action Alternative and the proposed action. The alternatives are discussed in the Future Legends EA. The Rural Development has reviewed and approved the EA for the proposed project.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper(s): Fort Collins Coloradoan and Windsor Beacon on April 27, 2021 and April 28, 2021 respectively. A 14 day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice(s). The EA was available for public review at the Future Legends website. No comments were received.

Based on its EA, commitments made by Future Legends, LLC, and public comments received, Rural Development has concluded that the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to water quality, wetlands, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

Note that a portion of the proposed project will occur within a 100-year floodplain. A Floodplain Development Permit Application was submitted to the City of Windsor on June 25, 2020 and approved on July 9, 2020. To comply with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) an eight-step process to analyze the impacts to the floodplain and areas downstream will be conducted under the application and approval of a Letter of Map Revision from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect

federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, Rural Development has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

Rural Development is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. Rural Development's federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

Dated: May 14, 2021