

COMBINED NOTICE

NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Union, PO Box 987, 101 Sharpe Avenue, Union, SC 29379; 864-429-1700

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Union.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 14, 2023, the City of Union will submit a request to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Grants Administration for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project: City of Union, Buffalo/Excelsior/Union Mill Villages Sewer Upgrade Project, CDBG # 4-CI-23-009

Purpose: The multi-phase project concerns the replacement and rehabilitation of the existing gravity sewer system in portions of three mill villages in Union County, SC. Activities for current and future phases concern abandoning and/or demolishing at least 25 manholes plus associated sewer pipe and the installation of least 6,389 LF of new or rehabbed gravity sewer mains and at least 24 new or rehabbed manholes. Services to each residence will be replaced as well. The project will temporarily disturb approximately .2 acres in a floodplain area (Zone A and Zone D) area near Mill Street and South Street in the Buffalo Mill area. It is anticipated that all work will take place on previously-disturbed land. No acquisition is anticipated. Costs for the first phase of this multi-phase project are estimated at \$525,000 in CDBG funds and \$697,700 in non-federal funds.

Location: The project will take place in the City of Union and Buffalo in Union County, SC. Buffalo Mill in the Town of Buffalo refers to work that will take place in four locations which primarily concern Clifford Drive, Flat Drive, Church Street, Hill Street, South Street, Mill Street, Westville Street. Excelsior Mill in the City of Union refers to work that will take place primarily on College Street. Union Mill in the City of Union refers to work that will take place primarily on North Enterprise Street and West Main Street.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Union 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 the City of Union offices at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The Combined Notice can also be found during the comment period at <http://www.cityofunion.net/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments to Community Development Office, Catawba Regional Council of Governments, PO Box 450 / 215 Hampton Street, Rock Hill, SC 29731. All comments received on or before August 13, 2023, will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Union certifies to the South Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC) that Joe Nichols, in his capacity as City Administrator, 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. DOC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Union to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS

DOC will accept objections to its release of funds and the City'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 City's Certifying Officer; (b) The City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) The City or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; 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 procedure (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Department of Commerce, Grants Administration, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Potential objectors should contact the DOC Environmental Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.