

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

July 23, 2026

North Carolina Department of Commerce
Division of Community Revitalization
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This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Revitalization.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 10, 2026 the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Revitalization (DCR) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Harkins Avenue Subdivision Development for the purpose of providing low- to moderate-income (LMI) single-family housing units in the West Canton community of Haywood County, North Carolina. Project activities will include all necessary site work, utilities and infrastructure necessary to support the development of the property. Areas of disturbance associated with the proposed development extend along Keith Street through the intersection of Keith Street and James Street to facilitate the installation of a new stormwater conveyance pipe along the centerline of Keith Street and new public infrastructure and utilities within the Keith Street right-of-way (see attached Project Plans). The subject property proposed for development is approximately 5.97-acres of undeveloped cleared land in the West Canton area of Beaverdam Township in Haywood County, North Carolina. The estimated total project cost is \$11,626,700, with an estimated \$2,497,827.05 being paid with CDBG-DR funds.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The DCR 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 North Carolina Department of Commerce (NCDOC), Division of Community Revitalization (DCR) at 301 North Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-1058 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The ERR is also available digitally by request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the North Carolina Department of Commerce (NCDOC), Division of Community Revitalization (DCR), 4301 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-4346, Attention: Daniel Herrera, Environmental Program Manager. Comments may also be submitted via email to dcr.environmental@commerce.nc.gov. All comments received before the end of the 15th day following publication will be considered by the NCDOC, DCR prior to authorizing the submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Revitalization certifies to HUD that Stephanie McGarrah in her capacity as Deputy Secretary of the Division of Community Revitalization 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Revitalization to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Revitalization 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 North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Revitalization; (b) North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Revitalization 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 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 HUD; 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 (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed by to Gerilee Bennett, Acting Director of the Office of Disaster Recovery at HUD at 451 7th St SW Washington, DC 20410. Potential objectors should contact the Office of Disaster Recovery at HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Stephanie McGarrah
Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Commerce
Division of Community Revitalization