

Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)  
And  
Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF)

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the *City of Gastonia*:

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after *November 14, 2016*, the *City of Gastonia* will submit a request to the *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* for the release of federal funds from the *Community Development Block Grant funding*, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: *Erwin Center Splashpark*

Purpose: *Public Infrastructure water feature facility*

Location: *913 N. Pryor Street, Gastonia, NC 28052 (PID: 100902)*

Project Description:

*The City of Gastonia's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan established community development and improvement needs for all low and moderate-income areas as a priority to ensure availability and accessibility to safe, attractive and well-maintained public infrastructure and facilities.*

*The proposed splash park will be installed at Erwin Park, 913 N. Pryor Street, Gastonia, at the northwest corner of Norment Avenue and Morris Street (see facility map). The splashpark will provide recreational facilities in a low-to moderate income area in an attempt to provide equitable resources to all residents of the City of Gastonia. Currently the facility only has a community pool which is more adept to older adolescence, teens and adults. The addition of the splashpark allows the opportunity for all residents to enjoy the water feature.*

Project Issues:

*None Known - Not Applicable*

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits (if any):

*Based on upon sources, agencies and persons consulted, the following mitigation measure were recommended:*

- *Check for USTs on site and take appropriate action*
- *Request an erosion and sedimentation control plan if applicable; at a minimum acquire an erosion and sediment control permit.*
- *Modification to NPDES Wastewater, and Wastewater Collection System Permits may be necessary to discharge into surface water and/or permit to operate and construct wastewater facilities discharging into state surface waters.*
- *Potential stream impacts should be determined prior to construction*
- *If located wells should be property abandoned.*
- *Review any water main replacement or relocation with Two Rivers Utilities (TRU).*
- *ADA accessibility and amenities should be implemented as required.*

#### Estimated Project Cost:

*CDBG funds released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the City of Gastonia will be used toward the project in the amount of \$120,000.00. The total project budget is \$300,000.00.*

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The *City of Gastonia* 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 *Housing and Neighborhoods Division office, located on the second floor of the Garland Municipal Business Center, 150 S. York Street, Gastonia, NC 28052, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 4:30 P.M.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to *Vincent C. Wong, Housing and Neighborhoods Administrator, at the address above.* All comments received by *November 13, 2016*, will be considered by the *City of Gastonia* prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which Notice they are addressing, either the RROF and/or the FONSI.

#### RELEASE OF FUNDS

The *City of Gastonia* certifies to the *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development* that *Edward C. Munn*, in his capacity as *City Manager* 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 *City of Gastonia* to use HUD program funds.

#### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

*HUD* will accept objections to its release of funds and the *City of Gastonia'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 *City of Gastonia*; (b) the *City of Gastonia* 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 to *the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, ATTN: Lenwood Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist at 1500 Pinecroft Road, Suite 401, Greensboro, NC 27407-3838*. Potential objectors should contact *HUD* to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

*Edward C. Munn, City Manager*  
*1-C October 29, 2016*