

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 29, 2018*, 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 Program (CDBG)*, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: *Erwin Center Bathroom*
Purpose: *Construct a bathroom facility within a public park*
Location: *Norment Avenue, Gastonia, NC 28052*
Gaston County Parcel Identification Number(s): 100901

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this proposed public facilities project is to construct a public bathroom facility. Usage is for community residents and visitors using park amenities that are not close to the community center building. The project consists of constructing a two-stall bathroom with a storage area on parcel # 100901. Construction will not encompass the entire parcel, and only involves occupancy of the southeastern portion of the parcel, approximately 2600-3500 square feet (i.e., .06 of an acre) or .04 of the parcel, facing Norment Avenue.

PROJECT ISSUES: MITIGATION REQUIRED

Based upon sources, agencies and persons consulted, the following cautionary mitigation measure(s) were recommended for implementation:

No impact is anticipated, HOWEVER, the following cautions were issued by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NC DEQ):

- 1. Any open burning associated with the subject proposal must be in compliance with 15 A NCAC2#.1900,*
- 2. Demolition and renovation of asbestos materials must be in compliance with 15 A NCAC 20.1110 (a) (1),*
- 3. Notify the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) in the event of discovery of an Underground Storage Tank (UST),*
- 4. Petroleum spills must be contained, and*
- 5. Any soils excavated during construction that show evidence of petroleum contamination must be reported immediately to the local Fire Marshall to determine if a hazard exists.*

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$220,000

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) financing for the project will consist of funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, estimated at \$212,507.00. Various City departments will provide in-kind services estimated at \$7,500.00.

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 *Danette Dye, HUD Compliance Officer, at the address above.* All comments received by *November 28, 2018,* 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 Michael C. Peoples, 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.

*Michael C. Peoples, City Manager
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