

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

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*Community Development Division*  
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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 *June 15, 2022*, 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 *Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program*, to undertake the following project:

Project Title: *Erwin Center Parking Lot Project*

Purpose: The primary purpose of this project is to construct a parking lot in a community park next the recreational facility.y

Location: *Property: PID 305788, Gastonia, Gaston County, NC - No assigned address*  
The subject property is situated on North Pryor Street, adjacent to the community center.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

*Project involves development of a paved parking lot adjacent to Erwin Community Center located at 913 N. Pryor Street, Gastonia, NC. The project size totals approximately 0.84 acres and is assigned parcel identification number 305788. The project entails redevelopment of a vacant infill residential lot into a paved parking lot for the adjacent recreational facility. There are no structures on site and none are planned as part of the redevelopment. Ground disturbance will be required in completion of the anticipated redevelopment. The City of Gastonia has acquired the project site.*

**PROJECT ISSUES: MITIGATION REQUIRED**

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

A site plan and sediment and erosion control plan will be prepared and submitted to the City of Gastonia Zoning Administrator and the Gaston County Natural Resources Administrator for review/approval prior to the commencement of the project.

**ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$725,000**

*The project will receive funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through use of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Total project funding estimated at \$725,000.*

## 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, 150 S. York Street, Gastonia, NC 28052. *Public requests to examine the document may be submitted by telephone, (704) 866-6758 or email request to [danetted@cityofgastonia.com](mailto:danetted@cityofgastonia.com), or by visiting the office 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, Director of Housing and Community Engagement, City of Gastonia, Community Development Division, PO Box 1748, Gastonia, NC 28053-1748*** or by email to [danetted@cityofgastonia.com](mailto:danetted@cityofgastonia.com). All comments received by *June 15, 2022*, 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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