

COMBINED NOTICE

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

City of Lancaster, PO Box 1149 / 216 South Catawba Street, Lancaster, SC 29721; 803-283-2489

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about February 16, 2021, the City of Lancaster 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 Lancaster, Williams Estate/Basin 19 Sewer Upgrade, CDBG # 4-CI-20-011

Purpose: The proposed project concerns improvements to the deteriorated sewer system in a portion of the Williams Estate Neighborhood area and includes the rehabilitation or replacement of at least 10,600 linear feet of sewer main (approximately 10 acres), at least 11 existing manholes, and other appurtenances using the dig and replace method. If appropriate, the cured in place pipe (CIPP) or trenchless pipe bursting methods may be used instead of dig and replace. It is anticipated that all work will occur in existing public rights of way or sewer easements on previously-disturbed land with minimal new ground disturbance. The project may temporarily disturb up to .25 acres of non-tidal marsh wetlands and streams. No acquisition is anticipated. Costs are estimated at \$750,000 in CDBG funds and \$500,000 in non-federal funds.

Location: The proposed project concerns the Williams Estate neighborhood in the City of Lancaster in Lancaster County, SC, and includes portions of Woodlawn Avenue, Old Woodlawn Avenue, Elmwood Avenue, Yancey Street, Williams Estate Drive, and Brooklyn Avenue. A portion of the project area is located outside of City limits.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lancaster 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 Lancaster offices at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The ERR can also be found online during the comment period at <https://www.lancastercitysc.com/>

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 during the comment period 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 Lancaster certifies to the South Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC) that Steven "Flip" Hutfles, 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 Lancaster 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.

Steven "Flip" Hutfles, City Administrator, City of Lancaster, SC

Date: January 27, 2021