



Housing Affordability & Community Revitalization

Date: April 20, 2020

From: Wake County Government
Department of Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization
PO Box 550
Raleigh, NC 27602-0550

To: To All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons

Re: Notice to Public of Finding of No Significant Impact and
Notice to Public of Intent to Request Release for Funds

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements of 24 CFR part 58 for activities to be undertaken by Wake County Government (County). These procedural requirements provide notice to the public that the County has determined that the request for release of funds for the Project will not have a significant impact on the environment, and the County is requesting HUD to release the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) grant program funds planned for this Project.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 11, 2020, the County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HOME funds to undertake a project known as Pennington Grove II (Project) for the purpose of constructing an affordable senior housing community in Garner, NC.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County 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. The decision to not prepare a NEPA statement is based on the determination that this new affordable senior apartment complex will benefit low-income seniors without any adverse impact to the natural environment. For additional information that is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR), the public can view this file at Wake County Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization, 336 Fayetteville Street, Suite 415, Raleigh, NC 27601. The ERR is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Additionally, the ERR is available for review at www.wakegov.com/housing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the following:

Mr. John Scales
Housing Affordability and Community Revitalization
Wake County Government
WCOB, 440
PO Box 550
Raleigh, NC 27602-0550

All comments received by May 11, 2020, will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice(s) are being addressed.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County will adhere to all applicable laws when administering the HOME funds for the Project. The County certifies to HUD that David Ellis, in his capacity as County 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 County to use HOME Program funds for the activity described above.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County'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 the objections are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County; (b) the County has omitted a required decision, finding, or step applicable to 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 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:

Mr. Lenwood E. Smith, II, CL
Environmental Protection Specialist
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
1500 Pincroft Road, Suite 401
Greensboro, NC 27407-3838

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

David Ellis, County Manager
Wake County Government