

**COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND
INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

April 4, 2018

Responsible Entity: Cynthia Coto, County Manager, Union County- 500 N. Main Street, Suite 918, Monroe, NC 28112; Phone: 704-283-3636; Fax: 704-282-0121; TDD: 711 or 800-735-2962;
<http://www.co.union.nc.us/government/county-manager>

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

This is to give notice that on or about **April 22, 2018**, or **eighteen (18) days** after publication of this notice (whichever is later), Union County, NC will submit a request to HUD for the release of Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, for the **Union County- FY17/18 CDBG Infrastructure- Clark Street Waterline Replacement Project**. The County is requesting approx. \$128,050 to undertake the following activities: Replacement of approx. 1,700 LF of aging 4" waterline with new 6" PVC or CIP waterline, and approx. three (3) new fire hydrants along Clark Street, from Monroe-Ansonville Road to Ansonville, approx. 1.5 miles northeast of the Town of Wingate. All construction will take place in previously disturbed, urban built-up, existing road right-of-ways.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE

This notice is intended to meet two separate requirements under 24 CFR Parts 58: (1) To notify the public that the County has determined that the Request for Release of Funds for the above named project will not have a significant impact on the environment, and (2) To notify the public that the County is requesting the release of funds for the above named project.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA- PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows:

Appropriate permits and approvals will be obtained as needed for hazardous waste remediation, disposal, soil/erosion control, etc. The proposed project is compatible with current and future local zoning and land use. No adverse impact to ambient air quality is anticipated beyond temporary emissions during construction. No adverse impact to historic or cultural preservation or noise-sensitive uses is anticipated. Noise and air control devices will be used on construction equipment. Traffic may be redirected during construction. There are no EPA listed facilities within 1 mile report reporting any air, water, toxin, or hazard violations or concerns impacting the project. The immediate project area is grass, gravel, shrubs, and mixed trees, surrounded by moderate rural mixed development, and does not provide critical habitat for federal, state, or local threatened, endangered, or unique species. While the proposed project area contains soils types related important farmlands, but it is not currently farmed, and proposed ground disturbance generally involves previously disturbed developed areas. The project is not located in a floodplain. A stormwater ditch/unnamed tributary wetland crosses Clark St, which can be delineated as needed and recommended to be crossed via directional drilling to avoid any adverse impact. No dredge or fill is proposed. The project's location and features do not actively contribute to, support, or avert local tourism, social services, historic landmarks, or environmental justice issues. The project is designed to assist the local low income and disadvantaged population with improved water quality & fire protection, and potentially improved street drainage. Any USTs or petroleum contaminants discovered will be reported to NCDEQ and properly addressed. The County will require contractors to provide proof of proper disposal for all waste generated as part of the project and encourage use of recyclable materials. Community agencies, organizations and the State Environmental Clearinghouse were consulted for concurrence of the anticipated FONSI. No adverse comments were received.

Additional project information is contained in the County's Environmental Review Record is on file at the above addresses and is available for public examination and copying upon **between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM Monday - Friday**. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All interested agencies, groups and persons are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County to the above address on or before **April 22, 2018**, or **eighteen (18) days after this publication** (whichever is later). All such comments so received will be considered by the County prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County certifies to HUD that Cynthia Coto, in her official 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. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval,

the County may use the CDBG Program funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept an objection to its approval and release of funds and the County's certification until **May 7, 2018**, or for a period of **fifteen (15) days** following the anticipated submission date, or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the County's Certifying Officer; (b) the County omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations; (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 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 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Greensboro at **1500 Pinecroft Rd, Ste 401, Greensboro, NC 27407-3838; phone 336-851-5054**. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Cynthia Coto, Union County Manager

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Michael James, Asst. County Mgr., Union County, al 704-283-3630 o en 500 N. Main St., Monroe, NC 28112, de alojamiento para esta comunicado.

