

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

Laurens County, 100 Hillcrest Square, P.O. Box 445, Laurens, SC 29360, 864-984-5484

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Laurens County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 29, 2020, Laurens County 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: Hwy56/76 Sewer Upgrades, CDBG Control #CI-20-16.

Purpose: Sewer Upgrade project involving the installation of 12" and 24" gravity sewer line, 24" steel casing pipe, manholes with interior coating, new bypass pumping valves, force main header piping and reconnection of force mains. The new sections of encased sewer lines will run parallel with the existing lines. Sections of the proposed sewer trunk lines will need to be replaced via an open cut trench method. The project will use an estimated \$715,000 of CDBG funding and \$120,000 in non-Federal funding.

Location: The project areas are located in Laurens County and within the City of Clinton. The first project area is located at the SC Hwy 76 and Springdale Drive crossing, located in the city limits of Clinton. The second project area is located at the SC Hwy 56 and Springdale Drive crossing, located just outside the City limits of Clinton, within Laurens County.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Laurens 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. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Laurens County offices at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Community Development Office, Upper Savannah Council of Governments, 430 Helix Road, Greenwood, SC 29646. All comments received during the comment period 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

Laurens County certifies to the SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division (DOC) that Jon Caime in his capacity as County 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. The DOC approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Greenwood County to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS

DOC will accept objections to its release of funds and Laurens 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 they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Laurens County; (b) Laurens County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) Laurens County 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 SC Department of Commerce, Grants Administration Division at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, SC 29201. Potential objectors should contact the DOC Environmental Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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Date: September 11, 2020