COMBINED NOTICE

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

Union County, 210 West Main Street, Union, SC 29379; 864-429-1600

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about January 10, 2023, Union County will submit a request to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Grants Administration for the release of Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds to undertake the following project:

Project: Union County, Buffalo Mill Site Improvements Project, ARC #SC-20708

Purpose: The proposed single-phase project concerns the restoration of and improvements to the approximately 7.73-acre Buffalo Community Park. This environmental review seeks to clear all project activities. It is anticipated that all work will take place on previously disturbed land with minimal new ground disturbance. The project will disturb Zone D and Zone A floodplains with no long-term negative impacts. No acquisition is anticipated as the site is owned by the County. Costs for the project are estimated at $422,047 in ARC funds and $180,878 in non-federal funds.

Location: The project site is located at 101 Linersville Road, in the Buffalo Community in Union County, SC.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Union 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 Union County offices at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Combined Notice can also be found during the comment period at https://gearupunionsc.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 through January 9, 2023, will be considered by Union

County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Union County certifies to the South Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC) that Phillip Russell, in his capacity as County Supervisor, 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 Union County to use ARC Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS

DOC 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 they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the County's Certifying Officer; (b) The County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) The 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 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.

Phillip Russell, Supervisor, Union County, SC Date: December 22, 2022