COMBINED NOTICE

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

Union County, 203 W 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 March 4, 2026, Union 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: Union County, Dry Cleaner Clearance, CDBG # 4-CE-25-016

Purpose: The proposed project concerns demolition of the building. The project area of the building is approximately 9,300 square feet of land and 20,000 square feet of building space. It is anticipated that the project would disturb up to approximately 9,300 square feet of previously disturbed land. The building is vacant, structurally dangerous, and is a safety concern. After demolition, the sites will be grassed to prevent run-off and leave an attractive green space. Acquisition is anticipated as the County is planning to purchase the property from the current owner. There are no plans to redevelop the project area at the present time. Costs for the project are estimated at $1,000,000 in CDBG funds and $100,000 in non-federal funds.

Location: The proposed project is located at 103 East Main Street, in the City of Union 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 the Union County offices at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays between the hours of 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The Combined Notice can also be found during the comment period at www.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 by March 3, 2026, 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

Union County certifies to the South Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC) that Phillip Russell, 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. DOC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Union County to use CDBG 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, Business Incentives & Community Development, 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, Administrator, Union County, SC Date: February 12, 2026