Jess Helms Park Project

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# NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNFICANT IMPACT AND

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

**January 24, 2024**

**Union County Government**

**500 N. Main Street**

**Monroe, NC 28112**

**704-283-3657**

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

**The public comment period for these notices will begin on March 13, 2024, and conclude on March 28, 2024.**

# REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

**On or about March 29, 2024,** **Union County Government****will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development****for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)****funds under Title I****of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, to undertake a project known as Jesse Helms Park****for the purpose of expanding recreational amenities currently offered at 1505 Summerlin Dairy Road in Wingate, NC. The total project cost is estimated to be $1,258,914.00 ($758,914.00) in CDBG funds).**

# FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

### Union Countyhas 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 Government Center, 500 N. Main Street (Suite 300), Monroe, NC 28112 and will be made available for review either electronically or U.S. mail. Additionally, it can be found on our website, <https://www.unioncountync.gov/cdbg>. Please submit your request for a hard or emailed copy by email to cdbg@unioncountync.gov or by U.S. mail to:

### Sara Scheirer

### 500 N. Main Street (Suite 300)

### Monroe, NC 28112.

# PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Union County, County Manager’s Office. Please submit comments to Union County by U.S. mail to Sara Scheirer, 500 N. Main Street (Suite 300), Monroe, NC 28112 or by email to** **cdbg@unioncountync.gov** **.****All comments received by March 28, 2024, will be considered by Union County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice you are addressing. If, after the 15-day comment period ends, no comments are received or all comments received have been resolved, HUD may issue the Authority to Use Grant Funds authorizing the release of funds.**

# ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

**Union County Government****certifies to HUD****that its Certifying Officer****in his/her****capacity****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 Union County****to use Program funds.**

# OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

## **HUD** **will accept objections to its release of fund and Union 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 Union County**; **(b) Union County** **has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by 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 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 Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD** **at 1500 Pinecroft Rd. #401, Greensboro, NC 27407**. **Potential objectors should contact HUD** **to verify the actual last day of the objection period.**

## **Brian Matthews, County Manager**

**Union County**

**500 N. Main Street**

**Monroe, NC 28112**

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