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

Posting Date: September 26, 2014

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Berea Heights, LLC.

On or about **October 15, 2014**, the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority (Authority), on the behalf of Berea Heights, LLC, will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)/Columbia Field Office for the release of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Section 288 of Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA), as amended (42 U.S.C., 12838) for the HOME Program to undertake a project known as:

Project Title: Berea Heights

Location: Berea Heights Road, Berea SC 29617

Purpose of Project: New Construction of 36 units containing (9) HOME-Assisted units

Estimated <u>TDC</u>: \$6,280,681 (\$560,000 in HOME funds)

Finding of No Significance Impact:

The Authority 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 in the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority, located at 300-C Outlet Pointe Blvd., Columbia, SC29210, and may be examined and copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Public Comment:

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Authority. All comments received by **October 15**, **2014**, will be considered by the Authority prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which **Notice** is being addressed.

Release of Funds

The Authority certifies to HUD/Columbia Field Office that Laura Nicholson, in her official capacity as Development Director, 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 the Nehemiah CRC to use Program funds.

Objections to Release of Funds:

HUD/Columbia Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the Authority'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 it is on one of the following basis: a) the certification was not executed by the certifying officer of the Authority; b) the Authority omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs 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) and shall be addressed to: Bradley S. Evatt, Director, Community Planning and Development, US Department of HUD, 13th Floor, 1835 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29201. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Potential objectors should contact the HUD/Columbia Field Office at (803) 253-3228 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Laura Nicholson Development Director Certifying Officer