COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

April 21, 2023

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These Notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Gate City.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 10, 2023, the Town of Gate City will submit a request to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for the release of Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and/or Appalachian Regional Development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (PL 93-383), to undertake a project known as the Park Street Phase II Housing Rehabilitation Project, involving the structural rehabilitation of four (4) residential structures, the substantial reconstruction of one (1) residential structure, and demolition and clearance of one (1) blighted structure in the Park Street neighborhood in the Town of Gate City.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Gate City 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 Gate City Town Hall located at 156 East Jackson Street, Gate City, VA 24251 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8A.M. to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Gate City Town Manager at the above address. All comments received by May 9, 2023, will be considered by the Town of Gate City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commentors should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Town of Gate City certifies to DHCD that Greg Jones in his capacity as Town Manager 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. DHCD'S approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Gate City to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DHCD will consider objections to its release of funds and the Town of Gate City's certification received by May 25, 2023 or a period of fifteen days from its 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 or other officer of the Town of Gate City approved by DHCD; (b) the Town of Gate City 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DHCD; 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 DHCD at:

Director

Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development Attn: Program Administration and Assistance Office Main Street Centre 600 E. Main St., Suite 300 Richmond, Virginia 23219-2430 (804) 371-7061 [TTP 371-7089 / FAX 371-7093]

Potential objectors should contact DHCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Greg Jones, Town Manager