Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Designated Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that The North Carolina Housing Finance Authority (NCHFA) under 24 CFR Part 58 has determined that the following proposed action under the HOME Investment Partnership American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain, and NCHFA will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is 514 Candleberry Court in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, North Carolina.

The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using freeboard value approach. The Proposed Action Site currently consists of an approximately 2.66-acre parcel of land developed with two multifamily residential buildings on the northern portion, grassy and landscaped areas, and asphalt-paved parking areas. The Proposed Action includes the development of 10 single-family rental developments, approximately 1,400 sq. feet each, on the southern and eastern portions of the parcel, as well as the rehabilitation and expansion of the current residence, being used as the program office, located at 503 Old Wilmington Road. The program office will be expanded to include a large meeting space, small kitchen, and meeting rooms. Approximately 0.1 acres of the Proposed Action is located within a riverine FFRMS floodplain may potentially be adversely impacted by the construction of the 10 units.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in the floodplain and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate project impacts on the floodplain. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about the floodplain can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in the floodplain, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) at the following address on or before *June 16*, *2025*:

NCHFA, Attention: Scott Farmer, Executive Director, 3508 Bush Street, Raleigh, NC, 27609 and 919-877-5700

A full description of the project may also be viewed from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at NCHFA, 3508 Bush Street, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Comments may also be submitted via email at csyoung@nchfa.com

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