

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

**February 10, 2024  
Town of Marion  
138 West Main Street  
Marion, VA 24354  
276-783-4113**

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Marion/Marion Economic Development Authority.**

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**On or about February 26, 2024 the Town of Marion will authorize the Marion Economic Development Authority to submit a request to the HUD Richmond's Community Planning and Development Division (CPD) for the release of a Community Project Funding Grant under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) to undertake a project known as Project BAUD: Workforce, Senior and Veterans Housing for the purpose of The BAUD (Blighted, Abandoned, Underutilized and Abandoned) Properties program, dubbed "Renew Marion", the Marion Economic Development Authority is leading the region in eliminating substandard, unsafe housing and blighted properties to repurpose these once downtrodden properties into safe, sustainable, housing stock. These newly revitalized sites will help ease the shortage of workforce housing in Marion. The homes will be marketed as affordable workforce housing. Preference will be given to first-time homebuyers, veterans, and seniors as these markets were identified as being underserved. By ensuring veterans and seniors are included in these diverse communities we enrich the community by introducing their wisdom and sense of structure.**

**Sites are vacant residential lots and minimum grading will be needed for construction. Ground disturbance will be kept to a minimum, erosion and sediment control and storm water regulations will be adhered to. Junk and debris are being removed from the properties.**

**The removal of derelict housing from the sites has been completed.**

**The sites for the construction of the initial 6 homes have been identified.**

**This grant funding will be utilized to assist with the funding of the construction of these homes. Through Program Income additional homes will be constructed upon the sale of the initial homes.**

**\$2.5 million Total Estimated Project Cost - \$1.5 million EDA (Acquisition, Site grading & stabilization & demolition - \$1 million HUD Grant funding – construction of the first 6 homes.**

**Locations: Southside of Marion sample address:**

**219 Palmer 230-135-C-31**

**211 Henderson 230-138-1-19**

**224 Palmer 230-134-D-20A**

**234 Pearl 210-125-85**

**312 S. Iron 210-118-10**

**127 Fairground 169-50-B-32A**

**630 Hamlet 168-53-2**

**Race 169-50-B-28**

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**The Town of Marion 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 Town of Marion; 138 West Main St; Marion, VA 24354 in the Clerk's Office and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M to 5:00 P.M.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Marion. All comments received by February 26, 2024 will be considered by the Town of Marion prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

**The Town of Marion certifies to HUD Richmond CPD that William T Rush III 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. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Marion Economic Development Authority to use grant funds.**

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

**HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town of Marion'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 the Twon of Marion; (b) the Town of Marion 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, 600 E. Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-1800, Attention: Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Sr., Director, CPD or by email at [CPDRROFRIC@hud.gov](mailto:CPDRROFRIC@hud.gov) . Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4881, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.**

**William T. Rush III, Town Manager**