



**COMBINED NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF A
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT (FONSI)
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)**

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To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

The State of Ohio's Department of Development proposes to request the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended to be used for the following project(s):

Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP 2)

Project Types: establish financing mechanisms for the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed upon homes and residential properties for low- and moderate-income homebuyers; purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon, in order to sell, rent or redevelop such homes and properties; and demolish blighted structures and redevelop demolished or vacant properties as housing.

Source of Funds: \$25,422,148 of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds

Location of Projects: 33 counties and 176 Census tracts met Ohio's criteria for areas of greatest need (Counties of Adams, Allen, Belmont, Brown, Clinton, Columbiana, Coshocton, Crawford, Darke, Fairfield, Fayette, Guernsey, Hancock, Harrison, Highland, Jefferson, Licking, Marion, Medina, Meigs, Morgan, Morrow, Muskingum, Perry, Pike, Portage, Putnam, Ross, Seneca, Scioto, Vinton, Van Wert and Wood)

The State of Ohio's Department of Development has determined that the project(s) will have no significant impact on the environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended is not required.

The State of Ohio's Department of Development has prepared an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the above referenced program. The ERR is on file and available for the public's examination and copying, upon request, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays) at the Courthouses of each county listed above and 24th floor of the Verne Riffe Center, 77 S. High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The State of Ohio's Department of Development plans to undertake the program described above with the Federal funds cited above. Any interested person, agency, or group wishing to comment on the project or disagreeing with this Finding of No Significant Impact decision may submit written comments for consideration to the State of Ohio's Department of Development at the above listed address by 5:00 p. m. on May 31, 2010, which is at least 18 days after the publication and posting of this combined notice. A notice regarding the responsible entity's intent to request the release of funds is listed immediately below.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

To All Interested Persons, Agencies, and Groups:

On or about, but not before, June 1, 2010, the State of Ohio's Department of Development will submit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Federal funds under Section 104 (g) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. to be used for the program listed above.

The State of Ohio's Department of Development certifies to the State of Ohio that Lisa Patt-McDaniel in her capacity as Director of the Ohio Department of Development consents to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the State of Ohio's Department of Development may use the Federal funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following grounds: (a) the certification was not, in fact, executed by the responsible entity's Certifying Officer; (b) the responsible entity has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to Section 58.40 or to make the written determination required by section 58.35, 58.47, or 58.53 for the project, as applicable; c) the responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subpart E of 24 CFR Part 58 for the preparation, publication, and completion of an Environmental Assessment; d) the responsible entity has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at subparts F and G of 24 CFR Part 58 for the conduct, preparation, publication, and completion of an Environmental Impact Statement; e) the recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification by the State; or f) 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.

Written objections must meet the conditions and procedures set forth in subpart H of 24 CFR Part 58, and are addressed to: HUD, Community Planning Office, 200 North High Street; Columbus, OH 43215-2463.

Objections to the Release of Funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the State of Ohio. No objections received after June 16, 2010 (which is 15 days after it is anticipated that the HUD will receive a request for release of funds) will be considered.

The address of the certifying officer is:

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