

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

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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Orange County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 29, 2023, the County of Orange will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds under Section 228 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) to be used for the following project in the County:

East End Lofts: The East End Lofts proposes substantial rehabilitation and new construction of sixty-six (66) rentable loft-style apartments located at 15 S Colden Street in the City of Newburgh, Orange County, NY. The Lofts will be fully compliant with the Green Building Initiative of New York State, the Energy Efficiency Initiative, NYSERDA compliant, and LEED certified. Eight of the units will be HOME-assisted. Proposed HUD Funding: \$800,000; Estimated Total Project Cost \$24,848,858.

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The County has determined that the projects will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to Orange County Office of Community Development, 40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A; Goshen, NY 10924 or by email to CommDev@orangecountygov.com. The ERR can be accessed online at <https://www.orangecountygov.com/192/Community-Development>.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Director of the Orange County Office of Community Development; 40 Matthews Street, Suite 307A; Goshen, NY 10924. All comments received by August 28, 2023, will be considered by the County of Orange prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Orange certifies to HUD that Steven M. Neuhaus, in his capacity as County Executive of the County of Orange, 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 County of Orange to use HOME Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Orange'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 County of Orange; (b) the County of Orange 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the New York Office of Community Planning and Development CPD_COVID-19OEE-NY@hud.gov Potential objectors should contact HUD New York via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Steven M. Neuhaus, County Executive
County of Orange, NY