

COMBINED NOTICE

NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Town of Great Falls, P.O. Box 177 / 810 Dearborn Street, Great Falls, SC 29055; 803-482-2055

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Great Falls.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 19, 2026, the Town of Great Falls will submit a request to the South Carolina Department of Commerce, Business Incentives and Community Development for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake the following project:

Project: David Minors Park Improvements, CDBG # 4-LP-25-005

Purpose: The proposed project consists of the following, as well as similar and associated activities: removal of existing playground equipment; site preparation; installation of concrete pads, benches, trash cans, signs, picnic tables, and shade structures such as umbrellas or other; installation of play structures, swings, and accessory equipment; grading, grassing, playground surface material, and landscaping. Project may also include cleaning, painting, and relocating some of the existing playground equipment within the playground area for better use of the space if available funds do not allow complete replacement. The recreational complex is comprised of approximately 21 acres. It is anticipated that the project would disturb approximately .5 acres of previously disturbed land at the site of the existing playground with no change in land use. No acquisition is anticipated. Costs for the project are estimated at \$300,000 in CDBG funds and \$30,000 in non-federal funds.

Location: The proposed project is located at the David Lex Minors Playground within the David Lex Minors Recreational Complex at 613 Chester Avenue in the Town of Great Falls, in Chester County, South Carolina.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Great Falls 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 Town of Great Falls offices at the above address and may be examined or copied weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to

12pm and 1:00-5:00 p.m. The Combined Notice can also be found during the comment period at <https://www.greatfallssc.gov/>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments to Community Development Office, Catawba Regional Council of Governments, P.O. Box 450 / 215 Hampton Street, Rock Hill, SC 29731. All comments received on or before May 18, 2026, will be considered by the Town prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Great Falls certifies to the South Carolina Department of Commerce (DOC) that Keevi Worthy, in her capacity as Mayor, 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. DOC's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Great Falls to use CDBG Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE FUNDS

DOC will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town'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 Town's Certifying Officer; (b) The Town has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) The Town 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 DOC; 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 procedure (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Department of Commerce, Business Incentives & Community Development, 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Potential objectors should contact the DOC Environmental Officer to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Keevi Worthy, Mayor, Town of Great Falls

Date: April 30, 2026