

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

3/2/2025

Town of Leland

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 19, 2025 the *Town of Leland* will submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Project Funding Grant funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42) (the FY2024 Act), and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-47) (the Further FY2024 Act)], as amended, to undertake a project known as *Town of Leland Unpaved Road Improvements Project* for the purpose of attaching currently unpaved roads (Appleton Way, Graham Drive, John Sneed Lane, and Breman Lane) to paved streets to strengthen the connection between residents and the community through the *Town of Leland Unpaved Road Improvements Project*. The estimated total HUD funded amount is \$3,000,000. As the *Town of Leland* continues to grow, these unpaved street projects maintain rural character, with narrow to moderate widths, and narrow or no shoulders and need to be updated to better serve the residents of the *Town of Leland*. The *Town of Leland* is striving to modernize infrastructure assets to meet the needs of all roadway users. To meet the needs of the residents of the town, *Leland* is dedicated to paving roads in a Historically Disadvantaged Community to bring safe and equitable modes of transportation to this population.

The Town of Leland Unpaved Road Improvements Project will improve safety for the residents of Leland as well as visitors. This will provide safer multimodal facilities by providing sidewalks for nonmotorized travel. The newly paved roads will increase access to roadways and allow greater connectivity to parks and multi-use paths. By completing the Town of Leland Unpaved Road Improvements Project, active transportation will be promoted and supporting equity to provide access to paths. Economic development will be encouraged by completing this project as it will promote revitalization to a Historically Disadvantaged Community.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The *Town of Leland* 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 Hall at 102 Town Hall Drive, Leland, NC 28451 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 5 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the *Town of Leland*. All comments received by *March 18, 2025*, will be considered by the *Town of Leland* prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The *Town of Leland* certifies to HUD that *David Hollis* 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 *Town of Leland* to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the *Town of Leland* 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 *Town of Leland*; (b) the *Town of Leland* 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 – Greensboro Field Office at 1500 Pinecroft Road, Suite 401, Greensboro, NC 27407-3838. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

David Hollis – Town Manager

