

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FEDERAL FLOOD RISK
MANAGEMENT STANDARD DESIGNATED FLOODPLAIN
OLD FOREST 1**

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Responsible Entity (RE): Louisiana Housing Corporation (“LHC”)
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This notice shall satisfy three separate but related procedural notification requirements for activities to be undertaken by LHC, as well as satisfy three comment periods between LHC and HUD.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS. On or about **April 18, 2025** the LHC will submit a request to HUD for the release of HOME funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake a project known as Old Forest 1:

HOME: CHAAP

New construction of four (4) units and two sites that consist of vacant land. Each building will have parking spaces in front of their units at North 16th Street and Hankins Street, Oakdale, Allen Parish, LA 71463. The total amount of funding requested is **\$850,000.00** in **HOME Funds**.

PROJECT ISSUES: Floodplain Management – The project is in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain.

MITIGATION: The structure will be elevated to the BFE, the site plan will preserve natural water systems, and flood insurance will be maintained.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A FFRMS FLOODPLAIN: This is to give notice that LHC has determined that the following proposed action is located in a FFRMS Floodplain. LHC will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in a FFRMS floodplain and the potential impact from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C: Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management.

LHC has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial functions and intrinsic values of the existing floodplain: **ALTERNATIVES:** 1) Alternative design styles, 2) Locate the project outside of the floodplain, 3) A no action alternative. **Mitigation:** The structure will be elevated to the FFRMS floodplain.

LHC has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the FFRMS floodplain and has determined it has no practicable alternative to floodplain development. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 7 of Executive Order 13690 as amended by Executive Order 11990, and/or Executive

Order 11990 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the public comments section of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: LHC 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. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at LHC, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70808, and (225) 763-8700 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination, or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to this office by mail to the LHC Environmental Department or by email to Dr. Sue Chin at schin@lhc.la.gov. All comments received by **April 16, 2025** will be considered by this office prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS: LHC certifies to HUD that Kevin J. Delahoussaye, in his capacity as Executive Director, 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 LHC to use HUD Program Funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS. HUD will consider objections to its release of funds and LHC's certification received 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 LHC approved by HUD; (b) LHC 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 project have committed funds or incurred costs 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:

Cheryl Breaux
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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