**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

February 7, 2025

City of Peabody
North Shore HOME Consortium
City Hall, 24 Lowell Street
Peabody, Massachusetts 01960
Telephone # 978-538-5774

Massachusetts Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by EOHLC.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about February 26, 2025, EOHLC and *the North Shore HOME Consortium will submit a separate request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of EOHLC Moving to Work Funds (MTW) and HOME Program Funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended*; to be utilized in a project known as Hilldale, located at 230 Hilldale Avenue, Haverhill, MA.  The project consists of the new construction of a 34-unit multi-family development. The project anticipates $3,500,000 in MTW funding and $100,000 in North Shore Consortium HOME funds. Additional public funding anticipated includes EOHLC Soft Debt, FHLB Boston Soft Loan, HHA Program Loan, and State and Federal Low-income housing tax credits. The project sponsor is Haverhill Housing Authority. The total estimated project cost is approximately $23,501,513.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Both agencies have 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) and is available upon request at the City of Peabody Department of Community Development and Planning, Peabody City Hall, 24 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA 01960 or at EOHLC, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114 and may be examined or copied during normal business hours; City of Peabody: Mon-Wed 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Thursday 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM, and Friday 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM or at EOHLC: Mon-Fri 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this activity may submit written comments to EOHLC or to the City of Peabody at the respective addresses indicated above. All comments received by February 25, 2025, will be considered by these agencies prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which notice and proposed project they are addressing.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Commonwealth of MA acting through EOHLC certifies to HUD that Catherine Racer is in her capacity as Certifying Officer, 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 project, to use HUD program funds for the purpose specified.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Commonwealth of Mass. 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 Commonwealth of MA; (b) the Commonwealth of MA have 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 via email to *CPDRROFBOS@hud.gov* in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Environmental Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Boston, MA.  Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr., Mayor, City of Peabody, MA

Catherine Racer, Undersecretary, EOHLC