

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

November 1, 2024

City of Richmond, VA
Housing and Community Development Department
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Richmond, VA 23219
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Richmond.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about November 17, 2024 the City of Richmond will authorize the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority to submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Richmond Public and Indian Housing Program Center for the release of 18 Housing Choice Vouchers, project based, under Section 8(o) of the U.S. Housing act of 1937 to undertake a project known as Swansboro Place Apartments. The proposed project is to be located at 2008 Hull Street and 2021 Decatur Street in Richmond, Virginia. The proposed project will include all the clearing and grading necessary to construct approximately 86 total dwelling units that will include 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units located within a single four-story building. The conceptual plan for the development includes an open community space, to be located in the northeastern portion of the project site, and all associated roadway and utility infrastructure. Sixty-nine total parking spaces will be provided, including 15 on-street and 54 off-street surface level parking spaces located on-site. Six accessible parking spaces consistent with Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility requirements will be provided in the on-site parking lot. The estimated value of the vouchers is \$3,361,932. The total estimated project cost is \$27,984,809 (inclusive of HUD and non-HUD funds).

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Richmond 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 City of Richmond, Department of Housing and Community Development, Main Street Station, 1500 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219, and may be examined or copied weekdays 8am to 5pm. Requests for copies must be made to Wilken Fernandez via e-mail at Wilken.fernandez@rva.gov or via telephone at 804-646-0361.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Wilken Fernandez, Senior Project Development Manager, City of Richmond, Department of Housing and Community Development, Main Street Station, 1500 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219, phone: 804-646-0361, electronic mail: Wilken.fernandez@rva.gov. All

comments received by November 16, 2024 will be considered by the City of Richmond prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Richmond certifies to HUD that Mr. J.E. Lincoln Saunders, in his capacity as Chief Administrative 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 Canterbury Enterprises to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Richmond'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 City of Richmond; (b) the City of Richmond 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, 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 submitted via email to robert.f.davenport@hud.gov Attention: Mr. Robert F. Davenport, Director, HUD Richmond Public and Indian Program Center. Potential objectors should contact HUD at (800) 842-2610, Extension 4899 to verify the actual last day of the Objection period for the Housing Choice Vouchers.

Mr. J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer