

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

February 13, 2026

Town of Leland

102 Town Hall Drive

Leland, NC 28451

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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 3, 2026, the Town of Leland will submit a request to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of FY 2023 Community Project Funding funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Gateway District Utility Resiliency Project for the purpose of relocating approximately 4,800 linear feet of existing Duke Energy overhead power and telecommunication lines to approximately 42,500 linear feet of underground conduit within the same general footprint of the existing utility corridors. Improvements are planned primarily along Village Road NE, with potential utility improvements extending onto adjacent streets.

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 Leland Town Hall, 102 Town Hall Drive, Leland, NC 28451, and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 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 Engineering Department. All comments received by March 2, 2026, 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 funds and the Town of Leland'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 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 at the HUD Greensboro Field Office, Asheville Building, 1500 Pinecroft Rd., 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
