

**Combined Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and
Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

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

Date of Notice: 07/10/2017

*Name of Responsible Entity [RE]: Town of Port Royal
Address: Postal Drawer 9, Port Royal, SC 29935
Telephone Number of RE (843) 986-2200*

**These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Town of Port Royal.
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about July 31, 2017 Town of Port Royal **submitted a request to the SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division** for the release of CDBG funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as **the Town of Port Royal Columbia Avenue Sewer Upgrades Project** for the purpose of upgrading the Town's sewer service. The proposed project involves installing sewer lines in a residential neighborhood south of Ribaut Road and west of Madrid Avenue. Sewer connections would be on Columbia Avenue, 15th Street, 16th Street, Edinburgh Avenue and Ritter Circle.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Town of Port Royal 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 of Port Royal, 700 Paris Avenue, Port Royal and Lowcountry Council of Governments, 634 Campground Road, Yemassee, SC and may be examined or copied weekdays 9A.M to 5P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Town of Port Royal. All comments received by July 28, 2017 will be considered by the Town prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Town of Port Royal certifies to SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division that Van Willis 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. The SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Town of Port Royal to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division will accept objections to its release of funds and the Town'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 Port Royal; (b) the Town of Port Royal 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 the Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division; 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 SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division at 1201 Main Street, Suite 1600, Columbia, SC, 29201. Potential objectors should contact SC Department of Commerce/Grants Administration Division to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Van Willis, Town Manager