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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING
OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON
THE ENVIRONMENT
AND
INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE
OF FUNDS

Oregon Housing and Community
Services Dept.
1600 State Street
Salem, Or 97310

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES,
GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The above-named applicant proposes to request the office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under the HOME Investment Partnership Program to be used for the following project:

Name of Sponsor: Community Action Team

Address of Sponsor: 310 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens

Purpose of Project: New Construction of 26 units

Location: 500 California Avenue, Vernonia

Estimated Cost: \$1,890,100
HOME funds to be Requested: \$400,000

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment; and, accordingly the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

Blue Heron Hollow is a 26 unit townhouse project located in the city of Vernonia. The project will include one, two and three bedroom apartments with rents affordable to families from 45% to 47% of area median income. The project is located one block from Vernonia's

grade, middle and high school complex and within six blocks from the main grocery and a pharmacy. The units will be oriented toward courtyard areas rather than the parking lot. All apartments except the one bedroom units will be constructed as townhouses with the first floor of each unit handicap accessible. The units will be built as five four-plexes and one six-plex on approximately two acres.

The remaining acreage will be open space, including the wetland areas. The wetland areas will be undisturbed.

The project sponsor has submitted an application to FEMA requesting a CLOMA, as a small portion of the project is located in a floodplain. No activities will occur on the site until receipt of a CLOMA from FEMA.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the Department at 1600 State Street, Salem, Oregon between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department. Such written comments should be received at 1600 State Street, Salem, Oregon, Attention: HOME Program on or before February 1, 1996. All such comments received will be considered and the Oregon Housing and Community Services Dept. will not request the release of Federal funds or take any ad-

ministrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Community Action Team will undertake the project described above with HOME Investment Partnership Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), administered by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act passed by Congress in October 1990, and amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. The Oregon Housing and Community Services Department is certifying to HUD that the Department and Lynn Schoessler in his official capacity as Certifying Officer, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decisionmaking, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon approval, Community Action Team may use the HOME Investment Partnership Program funds, and the Department will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer of the Department; or (b) that the environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Portland Office, Region X, Attention: Roy Scholl, 400 Southwest Sixth Avenue, Suite 700, Portland, Oregon 97204-1632. Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection re-

ceived after February 17, 1996 will be considered by HUD. This combined notice is intended to meet the separate procedural requirements for publication of the Finding of No Significant Impact and the Request for Release of Funds. Commenters should specify in their com-

ments which notice their comments address.

Lynn Schoessler, Certifying Officer
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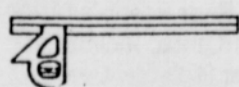
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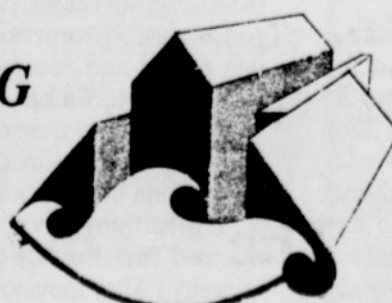
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