

CONCURRENT NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: February 11, 2026

**McIntosh County
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Darien, Ga 31305
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS

On February 27, 2026 McIntosh County will request the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to release Federal funds under - Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the following project:

The project activity location is located in the upper Northwestern section of the County, approximately 1 1/2 miles southeast of the Long County line on Jones Rd. The roads located within the project area Jones Road, Lecounte Road, Tyson Bacon, and West Roads
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality or the human environment and, accordingly, McIntosh County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

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

No significant negative impact on the environment was found.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by McIntosh County which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Record is on file at the McIntosh County Board of Commissioners Office and is available for public review and copying upon request at the McIntosh County Board of Commissioners Office between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. Please call: Shawn Jordan, County Manager, McIntosh County, 1200 North Way, Darien, Ga 31305, 912-437-6671.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FONSI

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the McIntosh County Board of Commissioners. Written comments should be submitted to the McIntosh County Board of Commissioners, Catherine Pontello Karwacki, Chairman, at 1200 North Way, Darien, Ga 31305. Such written comments should be received by the Chairman on or before February 26, 2026. All such comments so received will be considered and McIntosh County will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS (NOI/RROF)

At least one day after termination of the public comment period for the FONSI but not before comments on the FONSI have been considered and resolved, McIntosh County will submit a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) and Certification to DCA. By so doing McIntosh County will ask DCA to allow it to commit funds to this project certifying that 1) it has performed the environmental review prescribed by HUD regulations ("Environmental Review Procedures for Title I Community Development Block Grant Program" - 24 CFR Part 58), and 2) the Certifying Officer, Catherine Pontello Karwacki, Chairman, does so accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review or resulting decision-making and action. The legal effect of the certification is that by approving it, DCA will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environment Act thus allowing McIntosh County to commit Community Development Block Grant funds to this project.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

DCA will accept objection to this approval of the release of funds and the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Certifying Officer; or b) that applicant's Environmental Review Record for the project indicated 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 DCA at CDBG Section, 60 Executive Park South NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the State. No objection received after March 14, 2026 will be considered by DCA.

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Chairman
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