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

March 6, 2025
City of Detroit, Housing and Revitalization Department
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Detroit, Michigan, 48226
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities undertaken by the City of Detroit.

### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about March 24, 2025, the City of Detroit will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Detroit Field Office for the release of HOME Funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (HOME), to undertake a project known as:

Project Title: The Elmtree Apartments: 1988, 2000, and 2020 Elmhurst, and the Ewald Apartments: 1920 and 1943 Ewald Circle, Detroit, Michigan.

For the Purpose Of: Acquisition and rehabilitation of three existing buildings in Detroit, Michigan. The Elmtree site consists of one existing four-story 35-unit apartment building located at 2020 Elmhurst Street. The renovation consists of general interior renovations, exterior renovations, and landscaping activities. Additionally, the Elmtree project includes reconstruction of the parking area located at 1988 and 2000 Elmhurst. The Ewald site consists of one existing two-story 16-unit residential building located at 1920 Ewald Circle, and one existing two-story 16-unit residential building located at 1943 Ewald Circle. The renovation consists of general interior renovations, exterior renovations, and landscaping activities. Additionally, the Ewald project includes onsite uncovered parking spaces.

Mitigation Measures/Conditions/Permits: 1. Asbestos: Any materials impacted during renovations will be removed by qualified professionals. 2. Lead: Any materials impacted during renovations will be removed by qualified professionals. 3. Historic Preservation: The Unanticipated Discoveries Plan will be followed. 4. Hours of construction shall be in accordance with local code to mitigate temporary construction phase noise.

## **FUNDING**

City of Detroit HOME - \$1,000,000
Permanent Loan - \$3,873,835
LIHTC - \$6,019,398
Sponsor Loan - \$727,000
Income from Operations - \$57,166
Deferred Developer Fee - \$341,239
HUD Section 8 Project Based Vouchers - 35
Total Cost: 12,018,638

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Detroit 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 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAMYC), 2 Woodward Ave., Suite 908, Detroit, Michigan 48226 and may be examined or copied with an appointment weekday's 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. The ERR is also located on the City of Detroit's Housing and Revitalization Department Website's Public Notice section: <a href="https://detroitmi.gov/departments/housing-and-revitalization-department/public-notices">https://detroitmi.gov/departments/housing-and-revitalization-department/public-notices</a>.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit oral or written comments on the ERR to Penny Dwoinen, the City of Detroit Environmental Review Officer at telephone: 313.224.2933 or email: <a href="mailto:dwoinenp@detroitmi.gov">dwoinenp@detroitmi.gov</a>. All comments received by March 21, 2025, will be considered by the City of Detroit prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The City of Detroit certifies to HUD that Ms. Julie Schneider, in her capacity as Director of the Housing and Revitalization Department at the City of Detroit 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 City of Detroit to use Program funds.

## **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Detroit's certification for a period of fifteen (15) 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 Detroit; (b) the City of Detroit 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 has committed funds or incurred costs 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 the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development –Detroit Field Office, Keith E. Hernandez, Director, Community Planning and Development at 477 Michigan Ave, Suite 1600, Detroit, MI 48226 or <a href="DetroitCPD@hud.gov">DetroitCPD@hud.gov</a>. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

## **NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The City of Detroit does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, creed, handicap, national origin, race, sex or sexual orientation. Persons or groups with discrimination complaints may file those complaints with the City of Detroit Human Rights Department, 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1026, Detroit, Michigan, 48226.

Ms. Julie Schneider, Director, Housing and Revitalization Department, City of Detroit