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

State of Wisconsin
Division of Energy, Housing, and Community Resources
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TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about November 27, 2024 the State of Wisconsin, through the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), created by the National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990, for the following Projects:

Name of Project:	THE OAKS ON MARIA
Address:	1800 MARIA DRIVE
City County State:	CITY OF STEVENS POINT PORTAGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN
Amount:	\$999,000.00

Description:

The Oaks on Maria is a proposed new construction activity to develop 67 total units in a single, multi-story, elevated building in Stevens Point, WI. There will be eleven (11) HOME assisted units of two-and three-bedroom sized units, designated for SUB 30% households. The 67 total units are comprised as follows: There will be twenty-seven (27) one-bedrooms, twenty-nine (29) two-bedrooms, and eleven (11) three-bedrooms. The eleven (11) SUB 30% HOME units will be comprised of seven (7) two-bedroom and four (4) three-bedroom sized units.

This activity will be undertaken over multiple years.

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

The reasons for such decisions are:

An environmental assessment has been completed and any adverse impacts can be mitigated through consultation with the appropriate laws, authorities and agencies.

An Environmental Review Record respecting this project has been made by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, documenting the environmental review of the project and setting forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is available for the public examination and copying upon request 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 agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the State to the above-mentioned address. Such written comments should be received at the address specified on or before November 26, 2024. All such comments so received will be considered and the State will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to such date.

The Department of Administration, Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, will undertake the project described above with HOME funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, under NAHA of 1990. The State of Wisconsin is certifying to HUD that the State and Kathy Blumenfeld, in her official capacity as Secretary of Department of Administration, consent to accept jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, may use the HOME funds and the Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources, will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept any objection to its approval of their release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if (a) the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD, or (b) the applicant's 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 via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Milwaukee Field Office at MKE-ENV@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Milwaukee Field Office via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

David Pawlisch, Administrator