

**SUMMARY OF NOTICE OF
INTENT TO REDEVELOP A BROWNFIELDS PROPERTY**
Brownfields Property Name: Sawmill Hollow
Brownfields Project Number: 26015-22-100

Pursuant to the North Carolina Brownfields Property Reuse Act (the “Act”) authorized by North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) § 130A-310.30 through 130A-310.40, and specifically pursuant to NCGS § 130A-310.34, Northwestern Housing Enterprises, Inc., as Prospective Developer, has filed with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) a Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property (“Brownfields Property”) located at Sawmill Hollow Road and Highway 19E, Burnsville, Yancey County. The Brownfields Property, which is the former site of a sawmill, consists of 3.86 acres. Environmental contamination exists on the Brownfields Property in soil, groundwater, and soil gas. Northwestern Housing Enterprises, Inc. has committed itself to redevelop the Brownfields Property for no uses other than single family rental homes, amenity space, and parking. The Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property includes: (1) a proposed Brownfields Agreement between DEQ and Northwestern Housing Enterprises, Inc., which in turn includes (a) a map showing the location of the Property, (b) a description of the contaminants involved and their concentrations in the media of the Property, (c) the above-stated description of the intended future use of the Brownfields Property, and (d) proposed investigation and remediation; and (2) a proposed Notice of Brownfields Property prepared in accordance with NCGS § 130A-310.35.

The full Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property may be reviewed at Burnsville Town Hall, 2 Town Square, Burnsville, NC 28714, or by contacting Chad Fox, Town Clerk, at that address, at clerk@townofburnsville.org, or at (828) 682-2420; or at the offices of the N.C. Brownfields Redevelopment Section, 217 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC or by contacting Shirley Liggins at that address, at shirley.liggins@deq.nc.gov, or at (919) 707-8383. The full Notice of Intent to Redevelop a Brownfields Property may be reviewed online at the DEQ public record database, Laserfiche, by entering the project number 26015-22-100 into the search bar at the following web address:

<https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/WasteManagement/>

The Act requires a public comment period of at least 30 days. The first day of public comment is defined as the day after which all of the following public notice tasks have occurred: the date this Notice is: (1) published in a newspaper of general circulation serving the area in which the Brownfields Property is located; (2) conspicuously posted at the Brownfields Property; and (3) mailed or delivered to each owner of property contiguous to the Brownfields Property. Written public comments may be submitted to DEQ within 30 days after the public comment period begins. Written requests for a public meeting may be submitted to DEQ within 21 days after the public comment period begins. These periods will start no sooner than November 6, 2024, and will end no later of: 1) 30 and 21 days, respectively, after that; or 2) 30 and 21 days, respectively, after completion of the latest of the three (3) above-referenced tasks, if such completion occurs later than the date stated herein. All public comments and public meeting requests should be addressed as follows:

Bruce Nicholson, Chief
Brownfields Redevelopment Section
Division of Waste Management
NC Department of Environmental Quality
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1646