

Citizen Participation Plan

I. Purpose

Citizen participation includes actively encouraging citizens, particularly the low and moderate income population, to participate in the planning process for the five-year Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plans, the submission of substantial amendments and the development of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

II. Public Meetings and Hearings

All notices of public meetings will be published in local newspapers (i.e. *The Sun*, or equivalent) at least fourteen (14) days prior to the public meeting. Notices will also be posted electronically on the Horry County website at www.horrycounty.org.

All public meetings will be held at times and in locations convenient to residents, particularly those who are potential or actual beneficiaries. Meetings will be held at a variety of times to provide maximum flexibility for an array of citizen schedules. Attention will be given to ensure meeting times increase the probability of maximum citizen participation. Meetings will not be scheduled on Sundays.

III. Needs Assessment Public Meeting

Prior to the development of the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan, the community development needs will be assessed in detail, particularly those of low and moderate income residents. The assessment process will be conducted through a Community Development Needs Assessment Public Meeting. Horry County will hold no less than one (1) needs assessment public meeting as part of the planning process for the five-year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan.

The Needs Assessment Public Meeting will address the amount of available funding for CDBG and any other related federal or state funding. The hearing will also address the range of activities that may be undertaken with such funds, particularly in relation to identified community needs.

IV. Public Comment Period

A public comment period is required prior to submitting the five-year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, the CAPER and any substantial change to the Consolidated Plan or the Annual Action Plan. The public will have 30 days after publication to provide written comments to Horry County regarding the 5- year Consolidated Plan. The public will have 15 days after publication to provide written comments regarding the Annual Action Plan, the CAPER, and any substantial change to the Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan. The publication in local newspapers shall include a summary of the contents and purpose of the Action/Consolidated Plan, and shall include a list of the locations where copies of the entire proposed plan may be examined. The County will respond to all written correspondence received.

***Note: Full citizen participation plan on file at Horry County Community Development and also available at www.horrycounty.org.**