

**CITY OF FLINT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
FOR SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT
TO THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN and 2008 ACTION PLAN
REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS (NSP)**

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008 was approved by Congress on July 30, 2008 with regulations for the program issued on September 29, 2009. The overall purpose of the program is to assist in the redevelopment of abandoned or foreclosed homes under the portion of HERA entitled *Emergency Assistance for Redevelopment of Abandoned and Foreclosed Homes*.

The City of Flint was allocated \$4,224,621 in funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) authorized by HERA. The City proposed to use NSP funds for acquisition and rehabilitation of abandoned and foreclosed homes and residential properties; financing assistance for homebuyers; purchasing foreclosed homes; demolition of blighted structures that have been foreclosed upon; and administration

HUD approved the City's plan for the use of NSP funds on March 19, 2009. The City is proposing changes to those uses. These changes constitute a substantial amendment. The City of Flint's Citizen Participation Plan, requires that citizens be afforded the opportunity to provide comments to such changes. The NSP regulations amend the citizen participation requirements by shortening the minimum time for citizen comments to 15 calendar days and requiring the substantial amendment materials be posted on the City's website.

In accordance with the regulatory requirements, the City of Flint is notifying the public of the following proposed changes:

Demolition – increase by \$175,000
Homeowner Counseling – new activity
Acquisition of Abandoned Buildings for Re-development – new activity
Homebuyer Financing Mechanisms - remove

The NSP Activities will therefore be as follows:

- 1. Acquisition Rehabilitation Resale – \$2,452,159**
- 2. Homebuyer Counseling - \$400,000**
- 3. Demolition - \$400,000**
- 4. Redevelopment - \$550,000**
- 5. Administration - \$422,462**

Information regarding the proposed uses will be available in the Department of Community and Economic Development, address below.

The citizens' public comment period on the substantial amendment begins **Monday, April 5, 2010 and ends Tuesday, April 20, 2010**. Comments should be submitted in writing to the City of Flint, Department of Community and Economic Development, 1101 S. Saginaw Street, Flint, MI 48502, to the attention of Suzanne Wilcox.