



# Community Update

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## NSP 2 News

Congress allocated \$2 billion to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) 2. The funding is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. NSP 2 funds must be used to establish financing mechanisms for the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed homes and residential properties. The State of Ohio submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development totaling \$50 million dollars. If awarded, Newark and Licking County will share in the award to be administered on a regional basis by the Mid-Ohio Planning Commission. Fairfield, Perry, and Ross counties are also part of the regional consortium.

Newark hopes to receive a minimum of \$3 million dollars to complete a minimum of 30 housing units. Severely deteriorated/abandoned housing will be demolished and land banked for use as in fill housing. Rehabilitation of existing housing units will also be part of the Newark strategy. The four qualifying Census tracts are 7511, 7525, 7504, and 7501. The acquisition, rehabilitation, resale activity will target low and moderate-income homebuyers earning 120% or below of the area median income.

The Ohio Department of Development will require all NSP 2 award recipients to collaborate with the Ohio Habitat for Humanity and Ohio Homebuilders

Association local affiliates. Locally, the City will partner with the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority, Licking County Housing Inc., and the Licking County Coalition for Housing in the NSP 2 initiative.

Statewide thirty-three counties and 176 Census tracts met Ohio criteria for greatest need.



## CDBG Stimulus Targets Infrastructure

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allocated Newark \$226,355.00. in additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The appropriation was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Newark Wastewater Treatment plant will utilize the Federal Stimulus dollars for a Biogas Recovery System. Reduced pollution emissions will result from its creation.

Basically, the plan is to take the gas that is produced during the solids stabilization process and use it as an energy source for city buildings. This will be a net profit for the City. The methane gas will be extracted and used for heating in place of natural gas. In addition, the new system may provide the City the option of selling excess cleaned gas back to the utility and possibly provide it for local industry at a reduced rate.

HUD awarded \$980 M of CDBG-R funds to 1,200 jurisdictions across the nation.

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### Tour Set for December 17th

An open house is set for December 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 PM at 760 East Main Street. The site is the location of a successful residential redevelopment housing project, financed by the HUD Neighborhood Revitalization Program Grant (NSP). The general public along with City officials, employees, and vendors are welcome to participate in the tour.

construction for owners and renters, acquisition/rehabilitation, down payment assistance/rehabilitation, demolition/reconstruction for owners and renters

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Newark was awarded \$858,584.00 in NSP funding . Of that funding \$472,784. is earmarked at residential redevelopment. The activity includes new

\$300,000. is set aside for a land bank and demolition of blighted residential structures. Census Tracts 7510, 7525, 7519, 7513, and 7504 will be the focus both activities. Census Tract 7504 will be targeted for the land bank and demolition activity. \$85,800. is available for administrative costs.

### Downtown Health Clinic Opens

On November 18<sup>th</sup> a ribbon cutting and reception took place to welcome the Community Health Clinic to downtown Newark. The facility, formerly housed in the old Children's Home on East Main Street , is now located in the Licking County Metropolitan Housing Authority Office at 144 West Main Street.

Grant funds from the City of Newark fueled the relocation of the clinic. A generous grant from the Licking County Foundation also assisted with project.

provided. There is a \$5.00 charge per medical claim. For more information contact the Clinic at 740-345-1113.

The services are open to uninsured and underinsured residents of Licking County needing medical attention. Appointments must be scheduled. Proof of current income and verification of a resident's address must be

Community Development Block

*Happy Holidays  
And  
Best Wishes for a  
Healthy New Year*  
  
*From the  
Newark Community  
Development  
Staff*

### Habitat for Humanity Keeps on Building



30 Morris Street

144  
East  
Main  
Street

