

# FYI on NDR

National Disaster Resilience

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## August 15 Town Hall to give NDR Recap and Look Ahead

The City of Minot National Disaster Resilience (NDR) program staff will join City of Minot staff to lead a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, Aug. 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to update residents of Minot on the NDR project activities. The city was awarded NDR funds in 2016 and they must be spent by September 30, 2022, so the timing is right for a mid-point status update. Everyone is welcome to attend the community Town Hall update, to be held at Washington Elementary School. This southeast school is relatively close to a variety of completed and proposed projects for multi-family affordable housing, including Park South, Park South Phase 2, Blu on Broadway, and the Family Homeless Shelter project.

Town Hall participants can anticipate hearing from the NDR staff within the city. In addition to an approximate one-hour presentation, there will be time for questions/answers, as well as an opportunity before and after the presentation to speak one-on-one with knowledgeable subject matter experts within each of the main categories of the NDR Program.

The goals and objectives of the City's application for the NDR grant were stated as follows:

- Reduce flood risk to address the needs of our most vulnerable, provide benefits in the near as well as the long term, support local land uses, layer with existing flood protection plans.
- Increase the supply of quality affordable housing for our most vulnerable residents in a manner that fosters livability and the long-

term viability and sustainability of neighborhoods.

- Foster a robust, diverse, and healthy economy that enables the region to weather disruptions from physical as well as economic disasters.

The City is well on their way to meeting these goals through the implementation of multiple activities:

### • Completed Projects

- o Park South Multi-Family Rental Rehabilitation
- o Affordable Housing Supply & Demand Study
- o New Single-Family Home Design Book for LMI Homeowners

### • Projects currently underway, in various stages

- o Strategic Buy-out Program in support of Flood Control Projects
  - Acquisitions

- Relocations
- Structure and Salvage Auctions
- Demolitions

- o Milton Young Towers Resilience Capital Improvement Project
- o Minot Area Community Land Trust, single-family housing
- o Park South Phase Two, new LMI rental housing
- o Family Homeless Shelter
- o Resilient Homebuyer Program
- o Blu on Broadway, mixed-use leverage project with LMI rental housing
- o Downtown Gathering Place

City of Minot staff and NDR program staff will have tables set up by major project categories to provide updates on these project activities and will be prepared to answer your questions.



Washington Elementary School in SE Minot will be the location for the August 15 City of Minot Town Hall meeting on the National Disaster Resilience program.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

### Acquisition Program

- 143 properties in the first three buyout areas have been acquired to date. These properties are needed to make way for flood mitigation projects.
- The city has demolished 94 properties in these first three buyout areas. All four commercial demolition sites have been completed. The 2019 Round 2 and 3 Structure Demolition and Site Restoration projects started advertisement in July. Bid openings and contract awards for rounds 2 and 3 are anticipated to be completed in August.
- The city's structure and salvage auctions continue, and all sales generate program income which will be fed directly back into acquisition program future purchases.

### Affordable Housing

- Essential Living will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural and engineering services for Park South Phase II.
- The Minot Housing Authority is slated to release an RFQ for architectural services on the Milton Young Towers project.
- One proposal was received for the Infill Mixed-Use Affordable Multi-Family Rental Housing Request for Proposals, which the City reviewed and approved. The Blu on Broadway mixed-use facility will provide 42 rental units built above a ground-level commercial space. The developer agreement is anticipated to be drafted in August.
- The City entered into a sub-recipient agreement with Lutheran Social Services Housing, Inc. to build 17 units of multi-family affordable rental housing; the environmental review process has begun.
- 47 people have applied to the Resilient Homebuyer Program: 22 remain in the process of review and eligibility verification through a lender of their choice, 22 applied for the program but were not eligible or withdrew, and 3 have closed to date. The program continues to take applications.
- The broad review environmental assessment was completed in June for the Minot Area Community Land Trust's single-family affordable housing activity; the Land Trust is currently evaluating housing construction options.

### Family Shelter

- The City entered into a sub-recipient agreement with Lutheran Social Services Housing, Inc. to create a 6-unit family shelter; the environmental review is underway.

### Downtown Gathering Place

- Earlier this year, the City extended voluntary acquisition offers to the property owners of the selected site for the Downtown Gathering Place. Negotiations are underway, with some tentative agreements reached and other negotiations far apart. Due to slower than expected progress on the acquisition of the needed properties, the City Council voted to place a negotiation deadline of August 30, 2019. Should the City and property owners fail to come to agreement, the City will look to pursue one of the alternative site options.

### City Hall

- A draft broad spatial analysis has been completed and is currently being reviewed.

### CTE

- Meetings with stakeholders are occurring to determine next steps.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### Reduce Flood Risk/ Improve Water Management

#### A. Buyouts / Acquisitions /

#### Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total Budget - \$20,031,020
- b. Spent to Date - \$14,020,031

### Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

#### A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$20,897,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,882,540

#### B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$12,807,750
- b. Spent to Date - \$992,826

#### C. Gathering Place

- a. Total Budget - \$6,000,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$189,655

#### D. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$3,041,500
- b. Spent to Date - \$97,589

### Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

#### A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$1,540,000

#### B. Relocate City Hall

- a. Total Budget - \$3,750,000

### Completed Projects

- Affordable Housing Supply & Demand Study
- Souris River Decision Support Tool
- Park South Renovations