

FYI on NDR

National Disaster Resilience

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2022 Year in Review

NDR Acquisitions Aid in Flood Mitigation

The primary goal of Minot's National Disaster Resilience (NDR) program is to reduce flood risk and increase resilience, which the city accomplishes through its acquisition efforts. This program focuses on getting residents and businesses in the valley out of harm's way by purchasing their property and providing relocation services to safer, more resilient locations. "Acquiring these properties helps relocate citizens out of the flood zone. We have cleared areas in the valley that are now used for flood prevention construction, saving more homes and properties from future flood events," said Justin Redding, Construction Manager with CDM Smith. "As we near the end of NDR Acquisitions, it's easy to see this program's impact in Minot. Properties once in danger of flooding, now aid in creating a more resilient community, and citizens have found safer homes." Overall, Minot has acquired 222 properties and demolished 164 properties that contained standing structures or improvements.



New Minot City Hall

In 2020, Council moved forward with purchasing the former Wells Fargo building to relocate Minot City Hall. Moving downtown centralizes city offices and allows the Minot Police Department and Dispatch to expand. The activity to relocate City Hall and the emergency dispatch center out from a potential flood zone and into the downtown area was identified in the NDR Action Plan. The original NDR allocation was \$3.75 million, with another \$4 million added to the project by a substantial amendment that eliminated the Downtown Public Gathering Space project. After construction bids came in higher than expected, an additional substantial amendment was added in January 2022, bringing the total NDR project allocation to \$8,222,593. Construction activities kicked off in early 2022; the project continues to stay on schedule. One year later, the project is almost completed and official move-in is scheduled for this springtime.



Resilient Homebuyer Program Completed

During the summer of 2022, NDR completed its final closing for the Resilient Homebuyer Program. The program provided gap financing in the form of a forgivable second mortgage of up to \$60,000 to enable LMI flood victims to purchase an affordable home. By conducting outreach to Minot's real estate agents and lending institutions, more than 200 applications were received, and ultimately, 76 homebuyers closed on the home of their choice. The program was an innovative way to utilize NDR funds and delivered assistance directly to Minot residents.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Acquisition Program

- Overall, the City of Minot has acquired 222 properties to date: 91 properties using NDR-CDBG funds and 129 properties using State Water Commission Funds; 8 properties included in the 91 NDR properties were partially funded with State Water Commission funds. These properties are needed for on-going or upcoming flood mitigation projects.
- The 2022 Round 1 demolition project has been completed. Twelve properties were demolished during the 2022 season. Overall, the City has demolished 164 properties, with 79 of those being funded by NDR-CDBG funds.

Affordable Housing

- Milton Young Towers (MYT) renovations continue to move forward in a timely fashion; so far, 142 apartments have been rehabilitated. The project is on schedule and its current phase is 75% complete.
- Construction is complete on Park South II; the City continues to work with Epic Properties to receive outstanding documents that are required to close out the project.
- Project BEE started construction at the Broadway Circle location. Currently, construction efforts are focused on the interior remodel of the existing commercial building, which will serve multiple purposes. In the spring, construction will begin on the 17-unit affordable housing complex.

Family Homeless Shelter

- Project BEE started construction at the Broadway Circle location. Currently, construction efforts are focused on the interior remodel of the existing commercial building, which will serve multiple purposes. In the spring, construction will begin on the six-unit Family Homeless Shelter.

City Hall

- Construction is winding down at the new City Hall location; a punch list has been developed and contractor is working on resolving issues. The project remains on schedule and on budget.

Center for Technical Education

- At the December 19th City Council meeting, council allocated \$1.84 million in Hub City funds, which Minot receives from the state as an oil-impacted community, for the funding of the Center for Technical Education. The City will schedule a meeting with MSU and DCB to discuss the use of Hub City funds.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Reduce Flood Risk/ Improve Water Management

A. Buyouts / Acquisitions / Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total Budget - \$21,085,967
- b. Spent to Date - \$20,962,458

Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$27,361,136.80
- b. Spent to Date - \$21,433,345

B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$6,295,977.50
- b. Spent to Date - \$6,178,913

C. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$3,364,198
- b. Spent to Date - \$1,030,281

Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$3,540,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$40,230

B. Relocate City Hall

- a. Total Budget - \$8,222,593
- b. Spent to Date - \$6,947,697

Administration

- a. Total Budget - \$2,965,450
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,437,362

Completed Projects

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