

COMMUNITY NOTICE AND SOLICITATION OF COMMENT



The City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge is currently preparing a grant application to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to help eliminate blight and reduce the number of abandoned and foreclosed upon properties in the Census Tracts of the City/Parish identified above. The specific Tracts for consideration are 3.0, 5.0, 9.0, 10.0, 11.04, 24.0, 30.0, 31.01, 34.0, 35.04, 35.07 and 40.12.

This application will be for a grant in the amount of up to \$100 Million and will provide funding to demolish, renovate and rehabilitate substandard abandoned or foreclosed homes (including tax-foreclosures); construct replacement residences where rehabilitation is not appropriate; and provide homebuyer training and assistance to qualified homeowners to prevent future foreclosures and abandonment in these areas. The activities under this grant will support the provision of affordable housing, stabilize these neighborhoods and foster redevelopment and infill development as required by the Horizon Plan.

This Notice is a public solicitation for comments regarding this grant application. All citizens are encouraged to comment. For additional information regarding this grant application, or to submit comments regarding the proposed activities, contact the **Office of the Planning Commission at (225) 389-3144 or email NSP2grant@brgov.com** before **July 12, 2009**.