



CITY of NEW ALBANY

Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2014 Community Development Block Grant Program Five-Year Consolidated Community Development Plan **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

The purpose of this Citizen Participation Plan is to ensure the timely and accessible involvement of the citizens of New Albany in the drafting, implementation, and assessment of the City of New Albany's FY2010-2014 Five-Year Consolidated Community Development Plan ("Consolidated Plan") and FY2010 One-Year Action Plan. The Consolidated Plan is a community development plan outlining the City's needs and goals with regard to affordable housing and homelessness, as well as community and economic development. The Consolidated Plan is a requirement in order to receive assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The FY2010 (FY10) One-Year Action Plan is an annual statement of activities as outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The City will submit the FY2010- 014 Five-Year Consolidated Community Development Plan and FY2010 One-Year Action Plan, to HUD on or about May 21, 2010 and the Fiscal Year will begin on July 1, 2010, and run through June 30, 2011. This Citizen Participation Plan shall be implemented by the Department of Redevelopment with its office located in Room 325, City-County Building, New Albany, Indiana. The following elements shall govern citizen participation in the process of formulating, implementing, and evaluating the Consolidated Plan:

1. **Participation by very-low and low-income persons.**

Participation by very-low, low- and moderate income residents particularly those of slum and blighted areas and areas in which funds are proposed to be used is encouraged. Participation shall be solicited through the publication of public hearing legal advertisements in accordance with Indiana Code requirements and by supplemented block advertisements of the proposed plan in the newspaper. In addition, notices of public hearings shall be posted in and/or made available to such neighborhood congregating places as churches, social service agencies, neighborhood centers, as well as the City-County Building and the New Albany-Floyd County Public Library, www.cityofnewalbany.com, and as per the following list (subject to change):

Public Schools:

Fairmont Elementary School
Children's Academy of New Albany
Scribner Junior High School
Silver Street Elementary School

S. Ellen Jones Elementary School
Green Valley Elementary School
Hazelwood Junior High School
New Albany High School

Public Buildings:

Griffin Street Recreation Center
NA-FC Floyd County Public Library

Boys & Girls Club -Ekin Avenue
City-County Bldg. Lobby & 3rd Floor

Public Housing Authority Properties:

Main Office -300 Erni Avenue

Other Locations:

Brown Starks Neighborhood Place, 1100 Bono Road
Rauch - Fairmont Co-Location Center, 2001 Abbie Dell Avenue
Interfaith Community Council, 702 East Market Street
Hispanic Ministries, 720 East Elm Street

2. Participation by Residents of Publicly-assisted Housing.

Participation by residents of publicly-assisted housing is encouraged. In addition to the methods listed above, participation shall be solicited by informing the New Albany Housing Authority of public hearings regarding the Consolidated Plan, and requesting that the Housing Authority post notice of public meetings and public hearings at all locations it deems reasonable.

3. Access to Information.

All citizens shall be provided reasonable and timely access to local meetings, information and records relating to the City of New Albany's proposed use of *Consolidated Plan* funds. Notices of all public hearings shall be published in accordance with Indiana Code requirements and such notifications shall be supplemented with additional block advertisements.

A summary of the proposed Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan will be published in the newspaper and comments will be solicited. This summary shall include the estimated amount of federally funded assistance the City expects to receive, and how the City intends to use such assistance, including the amount that will be made available to very-low and low- and moderate income persons. The full draft of the proposed Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan shall be made available at various community locations throughout the City, including the Redevelopment Office, the NA-FC Public Library, New Albany Housing Authority management office, and at www.cityofnewalbany.com. The City shall receive written public comments on the draft for a period of not less than thirty days from the date it is first made available.

Environmental Review notices shall be published as required in the newspaper, and comments shall be solicited. The opportunity to comment on the City's community development performance will be solicited through a newspaper advertisement as well as public hearings. Files of the Redevelopment Commission are open for public inspection between the hours of 8 A.M. and 4 P.M., Monday through Friday, in Room 325, City-County Building. Copies of documents are available when requested in writing. No charge shall be made for fewer than 10 pages copied; a reasonable charge will be made for 10 or more pages copied. The staff of the Redevelopment Commission will be available by appointment to discuss the community development concerns of citizens.

4. Technical Assistance.

Any group representing very-low and low-income persons, which requests it in writing shall be provided technical assistance in developing proposals for activities that are consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

5. Public Information Meetings and Public Hearings.

In order to obtain citizen views and to respond to proposals and questions at all stages of the community development program, the following public information meeting and public hearings will be held to solicit comments on the following subjects: suitable living environment; housing; and, economic development needs; proposed activities; project implementation (as requested and/or required); community development program performance; and, amendments to the Consolidated Plan. Notices of all public hearings shall be published in accordance with Indiana Code requirements and such notifications shall be supplemented with additional block advertisements. The current schedule for 2010 public information meetings, public hearings and key dates is as follows. Annual meetings are scheduled thereafter. Public information meetings are held at various locations and all

public hearings are held in the Assembly Room, Room 331 City-County Building, (unless otherwise noted). Please verify meetings due to possible dates, rooms and/or time changes.

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 2:30 p.m.

NARC will authorize the Citizens Participation Plan for publication in the Tribune on Sunday, March 14, 2010.

Tuesday, March 30, 2010 and Wednesday March 31, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

NARC shall conduct Public Information Meetings concerning the nature of the Community Development Block Grant program; eligible and ineligible activities; program areas, as well as to discuss CDBG and its uses and to receive general comments about the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in New Albany.

Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

NARC meeting to conduct two Public Hearings to accept input into the development of the FY2010-2014 Five-Year Consolidated Community Development Plan and FY2010 One-Year Action Plan.

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Publish in Tribune the DRAFT FY2010-2014 Five-Year Consolidated Community Development Plan and FY2010 One-Year Action Plan.

Monday, April 12, 2010 through Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Thirty-day comment period commences and concludes.

Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 2:30 p.m.

NARC will ADOPT the Final FY 2010-2014 Five-Year Consolidated Community Development Plan and FY2010 One-Year Action Plan.

Thursday, May 20, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

New Albany Common Council will adopt a Resolution formally approving the FY2010-2014 Five-Year Consolidated Community Development Plan and FY2010 One-Year Action Plan.

Thursday, September 7, 2010, 2:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.

NARC will conduct Public Hearings to report the Grantee's performance for FY 2009.

6. Consultations.

In order to better use the resources and expertise of other corporate and non-corporate organizations with interests in affordable housing, a better living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, the Redevelopment Commission shall involve, to the extent possible, these organizations in developing an assessment of needs for the City. Such consultations shall include, but not be limited to the following: not-for-profit social service and/or housing organizations, banks, realtors, and other municipal governing bodies.

7. Written Comments and Complaints.

All citizen comments and complaints regarding any facet of the Consolidated Plan should be directed to the New Albany Department of Redevelopment. As per CFR '91.105(b)(5), the City shall consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally at the public hearings or public information meetings, in preparing the final *Consolidated Plan*. Written comments and complaints shall be responded to within 15 working days where practicable. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or

views not accepted and the reasons therefore, shall be attached to the final Consolidated Plan.

8. Non-English Speaking Persons.

According to the 2000 U. S. Census of Population, an estimated 550 adults in New Albany are unable to speak English well or do not speak it at all. The Department of Redevelopment shall accommodate the needs of this population through the use of interpreters, if necessary. Special arrangements will be made to communicate with these persons, if any desire to participate in a public hearing or public meeting.

9. Special Assistance to the Disabled or Handicapped.

Disabled or handicapped individuals who may require special assistance to attend any Meeting or Hearing open to the public may make their request known by contacting the Department of Redevelopment at 948.5333 (Voice) or 1.800.743.3333 (Indiana Statewide Relay for the hearing-impaired {toll free}).

10. Amendment Process.

A substantial change is a condition, which requires a formal amendment to the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan amendment process requires the opportunity for public input as per the City of New Albany Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation Plan. Said criteria include the following:

1. To make a change in its allocation priorities or a change in the method of distribution of funds: An increase in the budgeted amount of any activity by more than 25%.
2. To carry out an activity, using funds from any program covered by the consolidated plan (including program income), not previously described in the action plan.
3. To change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity: Any reduction in the number of beneficiaries of low-moderate by more than 25%.
4. Adding or deleting a priority need, strategy, objective, and/or activity identified in the Consolidated Plan and/or One-Year Action Plan.

11. Anti-displacement.

The City of New Albany maintains a policy of minimizing displacement in its activities funded through CDBG as indicated in its Anti-displacement Plan of March 22, 1995. Said Anti-displacement Plan is available at the Office of the Redevelopment Commission, listed below. The Anti-displacement Plan specifies the general types and levels of assistance that the jurisdiction will make available to persons in the event of displacement. In the event a CDBG activity would cause displacement, the City will have an informational meeting for affected persons.

12. Performance Reports.

Citizens shall be provided with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports. Notice of the availability of performance reports shall be given in the same manner as the notice of the availability of the Consolidated Plan (as per Number 1, above). Draft performance reports shall be made available at the same locations as the draft Consolidated Plan (as per Number 3, above). Comments on the performance report prior to its submittal to HUD shall be received for a period not less than 15 days. The City shall consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally at the public hearings or meetings, in preparing the final performance report. Written comments and

complaints shall be responded to within 15 working days, where practicable. A summary of these comments or views, and a summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons therefore, shall be attached to the final performance report.

13. Jurisdiction Responsibility

The requirements for citizen participation outlined in this document do not restrict the responsibility or authority of the City for the development and execution of the *Consolidated Plan*.

Written comments should be addressed to:

New Albany Redevelopment Commission
ATTN: Director of Community Development
Room 325, City-County Building, 311 Hauss Square
New Albany, IN 47150

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