

**Amendment to the 2009 Annual Action Plan and 2009-2011 Consolidated Plan
Coordination of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program with Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

The City is receiving money through a NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) grant to purchase foreclosed-REO (Real Estate Owned) bank property and undertake necessary rehabilitation. The city committed to utilize CDBG Rehabilitation funds in conjunction with NSP Rehabilitation funds to make required repairs to the purchased properties prior to resale to qualified buyers. The program must be amended due to regulations present in the CHIP (Community Housing Investment Program) grant that the city is implementing. The CHIP program requires the properties to meet Housing Quality Standards and local building code at the time of purchase with CHIP assistance.

The purpose of this amendment is to modify the City's Rehabilitation (Major and Minor Rehabilitation programs) to allow payment for work prior to final ownership. In other words, the home will not be owner-occupied at the time the rehabilitation is undertaken, but will be subsequently sold to a LMI household. The rehabilitation work will be completed while the property (home) is vacant and owned by the South East Georgia Community Land Trust. The City will be creating a new project and setting aside \$35,000 to utilize with the NSP grant.

The City will follow the rules set forth by both programs: the CDBG major and minor rehabilitation programs, and the NSP rehabilitation program. The NSP program is prequalifying the final buyers/owners to assure that income qualifications are met. At the completion of the rehabilitation, the houses will become owner-occupied by qualified LMI owners.

Program: Housing Rehabilitation of Existing Housing Units
National Objective: Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income individuals.

The City is partnering with the South East Georgia Community Land Trust to provide permanently affordable housing. The activity focuses on preserving the existing housing stock, eliminating vacant houses, and creating home ownership opportunities.

A copy of this document is available on the City's Web site as of October 19, 2009.

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Amendment to 2009 CDBG Program and Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Brunswick is seeking public comment on an amendment to its Annual Action plan and Consolidated plan. The City is preparing to amend its 2009 Annual Action plan and 2009-2011 Consolidated plan to include coordinating CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) rehabilitation funds with NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) funds. The City is seeking to create a new program that will allow the rehabilitation of homes owned by the South East Georgia Community Land Trust. These homes will subsequently be sold to qualified LMI households. There is no change in the amount of funds the City will receive. The City is creating a sub-activity within its rehabilitation program. The new activity will be funded with \$35,000 from the rehabilitation program. The City will follow the rules set forth by both programs: the CDBG major and minor rehabilitation programs, and the NSP rehabilitation program. Copies of the amendment are available in the Community Development Department office or online at the City's Web site. A copy is also available to view at the Three Rivers Regional Library, 208 Gloucester Street.

The City will hold a Public Hearing on October 26 at 5:00 P.M. in Old City Hall on Newcastle Street in order to seek input from the community.

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