



## **NSP FAQ-1**

City of Detroit Planning and Development Department  
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### **Neighborhood Stabilization Program** **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q: What is the purpose of the City of Detroit NSP?**

A: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has allocated federal funds to the City of Detroit to address vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties. The Detroit NSP targets nine (9) neighborhoods for investment of the funds.

**Q: What is the status of implementing the Detroit NSP?**

A: In response to a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) inviting the submittal of project proposals in NSP neighborhoods, the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department (PDD) will make funding recommendations this month for new construction and rehabilitation projects.

**Q: What types of project proposals did PDD receive?**

A: Project proposals were received from for-profit and non-profit developers to perform rehabilitation and new construction of affordable single and multi-family housing for rental, lease to own and homebuyers programs.

**Q: How many responses were received?**

A: PDD received a combined total of 83 responses for project proposals in the nine NSP neighborhoods.

**Q. How many NSP projects will be recommended for funding consideration?**

A. Approximately 25 project proposals have received notice of preliminary funding.

**Q: When will NSP projects commence?**

A: PDD project closings for recommended proposals will commence within the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010. Developers whose projects receive notice of funding recommendation will participate in an orientation and training session in January to enhance their ability to succeed with project implementation and quarterly performance requirements.

**Q: What is the focus of demolition under the NSP plan?**

A: The NSP strategically targets blight in areas:

- Within close proximity to schools (in coordination with Safe Routes to Schools);
- Areas experiencing investment in housing and infrastructure, and
- Neighborhoods otherwise stable without the blighting influences

**Q: How many houses has the City demolished in NSP areas?**

A: The City has demolished approximately 100 houses under the NSP plan.

**Q: How many houses are targeted for demolition under the NSP plan?**

A: The \$14 million allocated for demolition in the current NSP plan will support the demolition of approximately 1,100 houses.

**Q: What can realistically be accomplished under the NSP demolition plan?**

A: By strategically targeting and prioritizing structures near schools, areas of investment and with stabilizing factors, demolition will further stabilize targeted areas by eliminating blighting influences.

**Q: What's the next step for the NSP demolition plan?**

A: The City of Detroit Buildings Safety & Engineering (BS&E) Department is processing the next 350 addresses scheduled for demolition in NSP neighborhoods.

**Q: What will be the next redevelopment offerings?**

A: PDD is also finalizing an RFP for Public Improvement projects in NSP areas. The RFP will be ready for issuance in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010.

Strategic property acquisition for rehab and new construction in the 9 NSP neighborhoods will begin in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2010.