



City of Barberton Neighborhood Stabilization Program (Proposed)

HUD's new Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) provides targeted emergency assistance to governments to address the nation's abandoned and foreclosed homes crisis.



The City of Barberton is proposing to use approximately \$1.2 million of NSP funds that have been allocated by the State of Ohio via HUD to acquire and repair foreclosed residences; to offer down payment assistance to low- to moderate-income homebuyers; and to demolish blighted structures. HUD set income at a maximum of 120 percent of area median income. In Barberton, that means \$74,025 for a family of four.

The proposed budget includes \$150,000 for down payment assistance, \$3,500 for housing counseling, \$150,000 for demolition, \$338,598 for acquisition, \$170,000 for rehabilitation, \$360,000 rental property acquisition, 10% for administration as well as soft costs to carry out the program.

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program also seeks to protect future homebuyers by requiring that new homebuyers using this program obtain a mortgage loan from a lender who agrees to comply with sound lending practices.

The NSP draft application will be available on February 12, 2009 in the Barberton Planning Department, 576 W. Park Avenue, Floor 3, Barberton, Ohio between the hours of 9am – 3pm. Public comments are encouraged via e-mail to planning@cityofbarberton.com or by US Mail.

An informational meeting will be held on February 18, 2009 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers, Floor 2. The final NSP application will be sent to the Ohio Department of Development Community Development Division Office of Housing and Community Partnerships on February 26, 2009.