

# FYI on NDR

National Disaster Resilience

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## Upcoming Town Hall will provide NDR Recap and Look Ahead

The City of Minot National Disaster Resilience (NDR) program staff will join City of Minot staff to participate in a Town Hall Meeting in August to update the residents of Minot on the NDR project activities. The City of Minot was awarded NDR funds in 2016 and they must be spent by 2022, so the timing is right for a mid-point status update. Everyone is welcome to attend the community Town Hall update. The date is tentatively set for Wednesday, August 14. No location has been chosen yet. Stay tuned to the City's Facebook page for the latest information.

knowledgeable subject matter experts within each of the main categories of the City of Minot's NDR Program.

The goals and objectives of the City's application for the NDR grant were stated as follows:

- Reduce flood risk to address the needs of our most vulnerable, provide benefits in the near as well as the long term, support local land uses, layer with existing flood protection plans.
- Increase the supply of quality affordable housing for our most vulnerable

The City is well on their way to meeting these goals through the implementation of multiple activities:

### Reduce Flood Risk and Improve Water Management

- Strategic Buy-out Program (including Acquisitions, Relocations and Demolitions)
- Ecological Restoration in Flood Storage Areas
- Souris River Decision Support Tool

### Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

- Multi-family Affordable Rental Units
- Single Family Affordable Homes
- Downtown Public Gathering Place
- Family Homeless Shelter
- Resilient Homebuyer Program

### Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

- City Hall Relocation
- Center for Technical Education (CTE)



Another City of Minot Town Hall meeting will happen in August, similar to the one that occurred in May 2019. The focus of this Town Hall is to cover the National Disaster Resilience Program.

Town Hall participants can anticipate hearing from the program staff within the city. In addition to an approximate one-hour presentation, there will be time for questions/answers, as well as an opportunity before and after the presentation to speak one-on-one with

residents in a manner that fosters livability and the long-term viability and sustainability of neighborhoods.

- Foster a robust, diverse, and healthy economy that enables the region to weather disruptions from physical as well as economic disasters.

Again, at the upcoming Town Hall Meeting, City of Minot staff and NDR program staff will provide updates on these project activities and will be prepared to answer your questions.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

### Acquisition Program

- 140 properties in the first three buyout areas have been acquired to date. These properties are needed to make way for flood mitigation projects.
- The City has demolished 88 properties in the first three buyout areas. Three of the four commercial demolition sites have begun, with one complete and the rest projected for completion in July. The 2019 Round 1 Structure Demolition and Site Restoration Project has been completed. Estimates are being prepared for round two, with anticipated advertisement in July.
- The City's structure and salvage auctions continue, and all sales generate program income which will be fed directly back into acquisition program for future purchases.

### Affordable Housing

- The environmental review for the Milton Young Towers project was completed in June. The next step will be for the Minot Housing Authority to release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architectural services.
- The environmental review of Park South Phase 2 was completed at the end of May. Essential Living will issue an RFQ for architectural services.
- One proposal was received for the Infill Mixed Use Affordable Multi Family Rental Housing Request for Proposals. The proposal review committee met in early June; the proposer is providing additional information as a result of the meeting.
- At the June 4th City Council meeting, the sub-recipient agreement with Lutheran Social Services Housing, Inc. to build 17 units of multi-family affordable rental housing was approved.
- 45 people have applied to the Resilient Homebuyer Program: 22 remain in the process of review and eligibility verification through a lender of their choice, 21 applied for the program but were not eligible or withdrew, and 2 have closed to date. The program continues to take applications.
- The broad review environmental assessment was completed in June for a single-family affordable housing activity which will be conducted by the Minot Area Community Land Trust. The project involves the acquisition of 10 properties, which could either involve new construction of a single-family home or substantially rehabilitate an existing home.

### Family Shelter

- At the June 4th City Council meeting, the sub-recipient agreement with Lutheran Social Services Housing, Inc. to create a 6-unit family shelter was approved. The project may involve site acquisition and a combination of demolition, renovation, and new construction.

### Downtown Gathering Space

- Earlier this year, the City extended voluntary acquisition offers to the property owners of the selected site for the Downtown Gathering Place. Some tentative agreements have been reached and other negotiations are still underway. The City Council voted to place a negotiation deadline of August 30, 2019. Should the City and property owners fail to come to agreement, the City will look to pursue one of the alternative site options.

### City Hall

- A draft broad spatial analysis has been completed and is currently being reviewed.

### CTE

- Meetings with stakeholders are occurring to determine next steps.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### Reduce Flood Risk/ Improve Water Management

#### A. Buyouts / Acquisitions /

#### Demolitions / Relocations

- a. Total Budget - \$20,031,020
- b. Spent to Date - \$14,020,031

### Build Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods

#### A. Multi-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$20,897,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$2,882,540

#### B. Single-Family Affordable Housing

- a. Total Budget - \$12,807,750
- b. Spent to Date - \$992,826

#### C. Gathering Space

- a. Total Budget - \$6,000,000
- b. Spent to Date - \$189,655

#### D. Family Shelter

- a. Total Budget - \$3,041,500
- b. Spent to Date - \$97,589

### Foster Economic Resilience and Diversification

#### A. Center for Technical Education

- a. Total Budget - \$1,540,000

#### B. Relocate City Hall

- a. Total Budget - \$3,750,000

### Completed Projects

- Affordable Housing Supply & Demand Study
- Souris River Decision Support Tool
- Park South Renovations