DRAFT ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT 7/1/08-6/30/09 NEIGHBORHOOD STABILAZATION PROGRAM AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HUD awarded the City of Springfield an additional \$2,566,272 for a Foreclosure/ Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The Program will address foreclosed and vacant properties in the City of Springfield. These funds require an amendment to the Annual Action Plan 08-09.

The DRAFT Amendment to the Plan will be available for a 15-day public comment period from November 4, 2008 through November 20, 2008.

Copies of the DRAFT Plan will be available for public review at the following locations:

- Office of Community Development, 36 Court Street, Room 313;
- Office of Housing, 1600 East Columbus Avenue, 1st Floor;
- Department of Health & Human Services, 95 State Street
- Central Library, 220 State Street
- Springfield Neighborhood Councils including the South End Citizens Council, New North Citizens Council, Hungry Hill Neighborhood Council, Pine Point Senior Center, Old Hill Neighborhood Council, Indian Orchard Neighborhood Council, McKnight Neighborhood Council.

http://www.springfieldcityhall.com/cos/Services/dept_cd.htm

The City of Springfield seeks community input on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Neighborhood input meetings will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at the Spring of Hope Church, 35 Alden Street at 6:00 PM; Tuesday, October 22, 2008, South End Community Center, 29 Howard Street at 6:00 PM. A separate meeting will be held for all CDC's, Realtors, Bankers and Developers on Thursday, October 23, 2008, City Hall, Room 220 at 3:00 PM.

A public hearing on the DRAFT Amendment to the 08-09 Plan will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 6:00 PM, Chestnut Accelerated Middle School, 355 Plainfield Street.

Interested parties are also invited to submit written comments concerning this document. Submissions should be received by Cathy Buono no later than 4:30 PM, November 24, 2008. Please mail or deliver comments to the Office of Community Development, 36 Court Street, Room 101, Springfield, MA 01103.

Please contact the Office of Community Development at 787-6050 or TTY 787-6641 for additional information.

The City of Springfield is an EEO.