

Northfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority

2015-2017 Work Plan: Executive Summary

Goals and Initiatives for the Northfield HRA:

<p>On-going Initiatives: These are core and regular functions of housing staff that the HRA and community has valued as long-term priorities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to actively market current housing and rehab programs • LDC and Rental Code Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Code requirements that have an impact on the development of affordable housing and availability of adequate rental housing • Street Assessment Assistance Program • Update/maintain the website to include resources for foreclosure prevention, energy efficiency and rehab, loan products and housing opportunities
<p>Enhance Strategic Partnerships: Partnerships provide the ability to extend resources and leverage opportunities that will enhance growth and strength in the community.</p> <p>They also provide the ability to take on larger projects with greater community impact. The HRA should continue to nurture existing partnerships, but should explore other sources for added value.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Rivers Community Action, Inc. • Rice County Habitat for Humanity • Rice County HRA • Northfield Community Action Center • Dakota County Community Development Association (CDA) • Northfield Public Schools • AEON • MN Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) • Greater MN Housing Fund (GMHF) • Xcel Energy • Local employers
<p>Specific projects and initiatives: These are items the HRA has previously identified as priorities, or that staff has identified as needing attention.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Home Matters 2.0: Neighborhood Revitalization Program (5 neighborhoods by 12/2017) • Florella's Manufactured Home Park rehab project • Re-evaluate Community Development Block Grant programs and initiatives • Workforce Housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definition, needs, location, ownership, financing • Future affordable homes initiatives based in part on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opportunity Maps ○ Results from Housing Summit • Financial literacy • Senior Housing – 2016 • Green standards: definition, incorporation into all programs, develop set of standards & resources for distribution to developers, landlords, homeowners, renters, general public