

NOTICE

The City of Springfield, Illinois, developed and makes available for public review and comment a draft version of its proposed 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan (CP). This draft document represents a comprehensive planning effort intended to identify Springfield's five year overall needs for affordable and supportive housing for very low-income and low-income families and individuals. It also describes a 5-year strategy to address those housing and other non-housing community and economic development needs within the community. It is comprised of the following major components:

Housing Market Analysis: This section describes the significant characteristics of Springfield's housing market, including supply, demand, condition and cost of housing available for lower-income persons.

Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment: Describes Springfield's estimated housing needs projected through June 30, 2014, including housing statistics based on HUD-generated census data broken out according to family type, housing tenure and supportive housing needs. Also included is a discussion of the housing cost burdens and substandard housing conditions experienced by low-income renters and homeowners.

Strategic Plan: The City prioritizes its' federal, state and local resources to accomplish its goals for affordable housing, supportive services to low-income persons and non-housing community development.

Action Plan: This section describes the federal, state and other resources expected to be available to provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities and provide a suitable living environment. The Federal Fiscal Year 2010 Action Plan describes activities proposed to be undertaken to address those needs, geographic distribution and concentration of resources; and program-specific use of the City's *estimated* **\$1,142,961** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and **\$548,277** Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program allocations. Activities undertaken with CDBG funds must meet 1 of 3 national objectives; provide benefit to low- and moderate-income families & individuals; aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; or meet urgent needs. Full descriptions of eligible activities for CDBG funding are contained in Subpart C of 24 CFR 570, Sections 200-207. Copies of CDBG and HOME program regulations are available upon request in the Office of Planning and Economic Development, 800 E. Monroe, Suite 108, Springfield, IL.

The draft Consolidated Plan will be available to the public for review and comment on April 5, 2010, ten days prior to the public hearing date on April 15, 2010. Copies of this draft version will be available for public review at the following accessible public places; Lincoln Library-Sangamon Valley Collection, 326 So 7th; Municipal Building-West-Office of City Clerk, Room 108 at 300 South 7th St; and

Eastside Neighborhood Facilities Center, Dept of Public Health at 1411 E Jefferson; and Office of Planning & Economic Development at 800 E. Monroe, Suite 108; and on the City's web site www.springfield.il.us.

Persons interested in commenting on this document should send written comments to the following address: Office of Planning & Economic Development, ATTN: CP Comments, 800 E. Monroe, Suite 108, Springfield IL 62701 or to chet.schneider@cwlp.com. The City will consider views and comments received on or before Thursday, May 13, 2010. The City will not submit its final FFY 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan to HUD prior to May 14, 2010.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Springfield, Illinois, will conduct a Public Hearing at noon on Thursday, April 15, 2010 in the third floor Council Chambers of Municipal Building-West. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive oral statements and written comments regarding the City's FFY 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, 2010 Action Plan, and the Citizen Participation Plan. Interested agencies, groups, organization and individuals, particularly those persons who live in the city's low-income neighborhoods, are urged to attend this Public Hearing.

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