

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 2024

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mark L. Bellamy Jr., County Administrator



SUBJECT: Carys Chapel Road CDBG Project

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a federally authorized initiative falling under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act. It operates by allocating funds, on a formulaic basis, to states, metropolitan cities, and urban counties to address three primary national objectives: benefiting low and moderate income individuals, eradicating slums or blight, and supporting urgent need projects. Municipalities with populations below the formula threshold, such as York, are classified as non-entitlement and can access CDBG funding for specific projects through their respective states.

Recently, the York County Division of Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization secured a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to extend housing rehabilitation assistance to low and moderate income residents of the Carys Chapel Road community. The scope of this project entails the demolition of a vacant substandard unit, along with the demolition and reconstruction of two owner-occupied homes, in addition to the rehabilitation of an additional 12 residences.

Throughout the renovation process, our Housing Division is actively engaged in facilitating the temporary relocation of families while work is underway in their homes. This includes close collaboration with community volunteers to aid elderly homeowners in moving furniture and large items into storage containers, thereby ensuring a seamless transition during the rehabilitation phase.

Many of the homes targeted in this initiative have remained within the same families for generations. To address any legal complexities surrounding inheritance and property titles, our Housing Division staff works closely with participating families in conjunction with contracted legal professionals.

Since the execution of our contract with DHCD, significant progress has been made. The vacant structure has been successfully demolished, and rehabilitation work on one owner-occupied home has been completed. Two projects are currently under construction, with an anticipated completion date in April. Furthermore, three additional projects are in the final stages of securing construction contracts and are expected to commence in March.

Looking ahead, we anticipate completing this project by August 2025. Our ongoing efforts are dedicated to meeting our objectives of enhancing housing conditions for residents in need within our community.

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