Community Redevelopment Plan

Each Community Redevelopment Agency must develop a <u>Community Redevelopment Plan</u> at the time the Agency is being created. <u>Chapter 163.360</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u> sets forth the requirements for each Plan and details the adoption process through which the Plan must go. <u>Chapter 163.361</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u> sets for the process for amending a Plan.

The focus of the original 1995 Community Redevelopment Plan was on the recovery from Hurricane Andrew, the facilitation of revenue enhancing commercial development projects, and the development of public/private partnerships to generate new construction. During 2009, the Community Redevelopment Agency completed a revised Community Redevelopment Plan and worked with County staff to get the new Community Redevelopment Plan through the County's approval process. The newly approved Community Redevelopment Plan with the expanded Community Redevelopment Area contains a large residential area in Northwest Florida City in which the infrastructure is deficient and many of the structures are dilapidated. Much of the focus and spending of the Community Redevelopment Agency over the coming years will be the correction of this infrastructure deficit and upgrading the appearance and quality of life in this predominately African-American neighborhood. Emphasis will also be on arresting the blighting effects of dilapidated structures in this residential neighborhood through rehabilitation of some structures and the demolition of others that are beyond redemption. The Community Redevelopment Agency's focus in the new Community Redevelopment Plan has also been broadened to include more proactive projects initiated solely by the Community Redevelopment Agency.

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