PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF MASSILLON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT RECOVERY (CDBG-R) PROGRAM

Allocation of HUD CDBG-R Funding to Massillon

The City of Massillon has been allocated $195,062 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funding by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). These CDBG-R funds, which are part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), are being provided to Massillon through an amendment to the City's FY 2008 CDBG Program. The City of Massillon proposes to utilize CDBG-R funding for the following public infrastructure projects:

Target Area Street Improvements $195,062 CDBG-R Funding

The City will utilize CDBG funding for a street improvement program to reprofile and repave streets in designated low income residential neighborhoods, including the removal of built-up roadway surface and resurfacing with permanent asphalt paving. This project will meet the goals of the Recovery Act, which include: preserving and creating jobs and promoting economic recovery; investing in transportation and infrastructure improvements; and maintaining basic services to residents of the community.

Originally, the City proposed to allocate its CDBG-R funding as follows:

Target Area Street Improvements	$120,062
Downtown Sidewalk Replacement	$75,000

However, the May 5, 2009 HUD Notice of Program Requirements for CDBG-R funds stated "A grantee must ensure that 70% of its CDBG-R grant be expended for activities that benefit low and moderate income persons. Compliance with the overall benefit requirement must be demonstrated separately for the CDBG-R grant and not in combination with regular CDBG funding."

The Downtown Sidewalk Replacement project meets a "slum and blight" CDBG benefit objective, rather than a benefit to low-moderate income persons. For this reason, the Downtown Sidewalk Replacement Project, which was originally programmed within the City's FY 2008 CDBG Program Annual Plan (at a budgeted amount of $50,000), will be funded entirely from the City's regular CDBG entitlement, using currently available unprogrammed funds to make up the difference between the original budgeted amount and the current construction estimate. As a result of this revision, the City now proposes to utilize its entire $195,062 CDBG-R allocation for target area street improvements. The City of Massillon must prepare and submit its CDBG-R application to HUD on or before June 5, 2009.

Public Comment Period

Public comments concerning the proposed use of CDBG-R funds will be received by the City of Massillon through May 26, 2009, and may be submitted to: Community Development Department, Municipal Government Annex, 151 Lincoln Way East, Massillon, Ohio 44646; Telephone No. 330-830-1721: Fax No. 330-830-1786.

Copies of the City of Massillon's CDBG-R application will be available at the following locations: Massillon City Community Development Department, Municipal Government Annex, 151 Lincoln Way East, Massillon, Ohio 44646; Massillon Public Library, 208 Lincoln Way East, Massillon, Ohio 44646; and on the internet at http://www.massillonohio.com/commdevelopment.

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