

**CITY OF MASSILLON**  
**Public Notice**  
**Neighborhood Stabilization Program**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Massillon intends to apply to the State of Ohio for Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding in the amount of \$1,578,149. The City has prepared a draft copy of the NSP Application, which will be available for public review and comment from February 11 – 25, 2009. The application can be viewed at the Massillon Community Development Department, 151 Lincoln Way East, Massillon, Ohio 44646. The NSP Application will also be available at the City's website <http://www.massillonohio.com/commdevelopment/index.html>.

The goal of the NSP Program is to stabilize and strengthen those neighborhoods that have been impacted by the increasing number of foreclosed, vacant, and abandoned residential properties resulting from the nation's foreclosure crisis. The NSP Program provides targeted funding assistance to local governments to acquire, redevelop, or demolish foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight within their communities.

Local government grantees may use their NSP grants to acquire and rehabilitate vacant and abandoned properties for sale to qualified households; to demolish blighted structures; and to offer downpayment and closing cost assistance to homebuyers whose household incomes do not exceed 120 percent of area median income. In addition, grantees can create "land banks" to assemble, temporarily manage, and dispose of vacant property for the purpose of stabilizing neighborhoods and encouraging re-use or redevelopment of urban property.

Comments on the City's NSP Application should be directed to:

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