

Albany Housing Authority

Attachment 9

Resident Involvement Certification

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CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS – PLANNING GRANTS
Resident Involvement Certification

As part of your application for Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant funding, you, as the executive officer authorized to sign on behalf of your organization, must certify to the following. By signing this form, you are stating that to the best of your knowledge and belief, the certification is true and correct.

Lead Applicant: Housing Authority of the City of Albany

Name of Targeted Public and/or Assisted Housing Site(s):

McIntosh Homes, GA 23-3

Resident Involvement threshold requirement (from the NOFA, Planning Grants Section, Section III.C.2) is as follows:

(a) General. In accordance with section 24(e)(2)(D), applicants must involve affected residents at the beginning and during the planning process for the transformation program, prior to the submission of an application. You are required to involve the affected public and/or assisted housing residents in the planning process and implementation of your Transformation Plan. This involvement must be continuous from the beginning of the planning process through the implementation and management of the grant, if awarded.

(b) Resident Meeting. As of the application deadline date, you must have conducted one meeting with residents of the targeted public and/or assisted housing. That meeting must have covered the plans for this Choice Neighborhoods application. This meeting can have occurred prior to the publication of this NOFA, but must have anticipated the project proposed in this application.

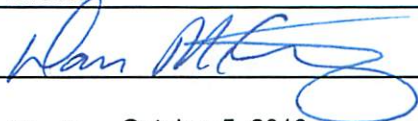
(c) Physical Accessibility. All training sessions and meetings must be held in facilities that are physically accessible to persons with disabilities. Where physical accessibility is not achievable, recipients and subrecipients must give priority to alternative methods of product delivery that offer programs and activities to qualified individuals with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate in accordance with HUD's implementing regulations for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794) at 24 CFR Part 8. In addition, all notices of and communications during all training sessions and public meetings shall be provided in a manner that is effective for persons with hearing, visual, and other communication-related disabilities or provide other means of accommodation for persons with disabilities consistent with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and HUD's section 504 regulations. See 24 CFR Section 8.6.

(d) Limited English Proficiency. All applicants must take reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access to programs to persons with limited English proficiency (LEP), pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This may mean providing language assistance services to ensure meaningful resident and community involvement for persons with LEP as a result of their nationality. The Department published *Final Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons* (72 Fed. Reg. 2732; January 22, 2007) to assist recipients of HUD assistance in identifying language assistance needs and developing language assistance plans.

I certify that the Resident Involvement threshold requirement (above) has been met.

Name of Lead Applicant Executive Officer: Daniel McCarthy

Title: Executive Director

Signature: 

Date: 10/11/2010

Date of Resident Meeting: October 5, 2010

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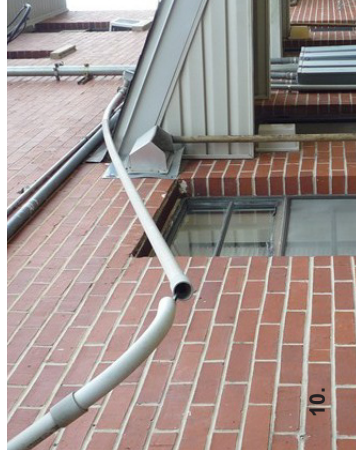
Attachment 10

Need: Structural Deficiencies Documentation

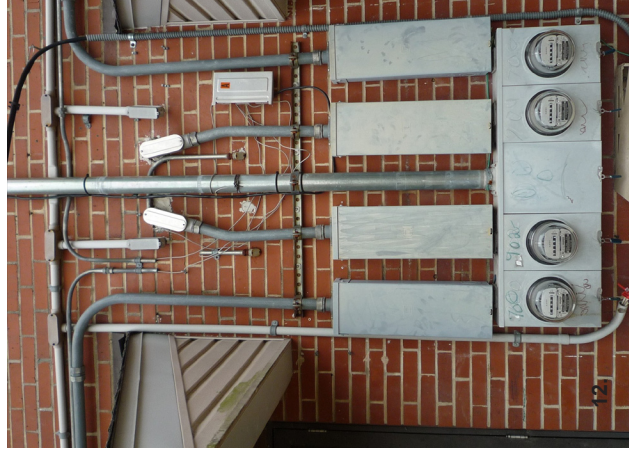
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Photo 8 and 9: Mature oak trees and related root systems threaten not only building foundations but also roofing materials and structures which have to be repaired often to avoid damage to the interior second floor of the units.



Photos 10, 11 and 12: Exposed conduits, power drops and meters are exposed and ganged on the exterior of buildings - a potential safety hazard throughout the entire site.



Photos 5, 6 and 7 - Unit interiors at McIntosh Homes, which may have been considered appropriate in 1952, are extremely inadequate by today's standards. Access stairs in second story units do not meet standard building code requirements and are constructed of wood with closed risers, damaged wood treads and missing handrails which represent a safety hazard for residents. All units have inadequate room sizes with only one bathroom and small combined kitchen and dining area - and inadequate layout of kitchen spaces - lacking counter space in key locations. Bedroom sizes are extremely small - with some of the bedrooms lacking circulation space once furnished.

McIntosh Homes CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT, Albany, GA

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Attachment 10: Need - Structural Deficiencies Documentation (Photos)