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From The Ground Up

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City of Highland's Community Development Mission Statement:

To ignite positive change through orderly development and revitalization of quality construction while serving in a courteous professional, and ethical manner.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS PROGRAM

City staff developed a program targeting single parent families, seniors on fixed income, people with disabilities and people with little or no income. There are owners within Highland that do not meet the low and low-moderate income guidelines as detailed in the census records and we believe that these citizens fall in the cracks and have



no other avenues to turn to for assistance. These people typically may be living on the brink of financial disaster and do not have the funds or means to maintain their property. With the downturn in the economy we suspect that we will see a rise in the needs for these people.

We requested that Madison County Community Development include funding of approximately \$10,000.00 to assist in the city sponsored Neighbor Helping Neighbor program. While there are several programs available through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, most require the homeowner to take out a low interest loan. Another program requires the owners to live in the structure for five years after having the repairs completed or else they must pay back the grant. Homeowners may not be able to take out another loan, be maxed out financially or may not meet the CDBG income guidelines. Madison County Community Development has advised that they were able to obtain funding through the Community Service Block Grant program for emergency repairs needs for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors program in addition to other areas within the county. Staff is finalizing paperwork and expect this program to continue moving forward.

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FLOODPLAIN MAPS UPDATE

The Department of Homeland Security Division of Federal Emergency Management Agency has published the required legal notices relative to the implementation of the Preliminary Floodplain Maps that were released in June 2008.

The thirty (30) day public comment period allows you to submit comments and correct or add non-technical information presented on the FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) or in the FIS (Flood Insurance Study) report. The FIS report and the FIRM panels are available at the Illinois Flood Map Modernization website: <http://www.illinoisfloodmaps.org/>. The panels for Highland are: 0258, 0262, 0264, 0266, 0268, 0402, 0406, 0407, and 0408. **Written comments will only be accepted through August 22, 2009.**

Examples of these could include roads, municipal boundaries, stream location, labeling of features etc... all non-technical information

Written comments are to be submitted to

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Make sure you have made copies for your files and provide a copy of your correspondence to the City for its records. Send the City's copies to

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The ninety (90) day appeal period allows for an appeal of the proposed BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS (BFEs) before the FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) or in the FIS (Flood Insurance Study) report become final. The FIS report and the FIRM panels are available at the Illinois Flood Map Modernization website: <http://www.illinoisfloodmaps.org/>. The panels for Highland are: 0258, 0262, 0264, 0266, 0268, 0402, 0406, 0407, and 0408.

The ninety (90) day appeal process allows you to file an individual appeal if you believe that your property rights will be adversely affected by the BFE determinations. You will need to present scientific or technical data intended to negate or contradict FEMA's findings as shown on the preliminary maps and data released on June 10, 2008. **Written appeals will only be accepted through October 22, 2009.**

If you intend to submit an individual appeal, it needs to be submitted in writing and addressed to:

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Any documents submitted without the supporting evidence will be considered comments only.

The City will need to retain the data you provide, so make sure you have made a copy of all information you provide for your own records.