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Durham Seeks Housing and Community Development Needs Input

Online and Hard Copy Surveys Now Available Until March 6th

DURHAM, N.C. – How should the City of Durham allocate its federal dollars over the next five years to address housing and community development needs? Now is your chance to make your opinion known thanks to a new online survey designed for residents to give input on how to determine Durham’s priorities and strategies.

The City is preparing its Five Year 2015–2020 Consolidated Plan and its 2015 Annual Action Plan to address housing and community development needs in Durham. Every five years the City prepares and submits these plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which outlines the City’s housing and community development needs as well as the strategies and priorities on how it will spend federal funds it receives over the next five years.

As part of this process, the City’s Community Development Department has awarded a professional services contract to Urban Design Ventures, LLC, a planning consulting firm, to assist in preparing both plans and in gathering resident input as part of this process. Over the next four months, Urban Design Ventures will be contacting agencies, non-profit organizations, residents and community groups using roundtable discussions as well as conducting a resident survey to help identify the community’s resources and needs. In addition, Urban Design Ventures will be preparing an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to look at what barriers may exist in the community that hinder fair housing choices.

Residents are urged to complete the online survey at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cityofdurham> (for English language) or

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cityofdurhamesp> (for Spanish language). Hard copy surveys are also available at the following locations and should be returned to the City's Community Development Department by 2 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015.

- Durham One Call Help Desk in the City Hall Lobby, 101 City Hall Plaza
- City's Community Development Department, 807 East Main Street, Building 2, Second Floor
- Durham County Main Library, 300 N. Roxboro St.
- El Centro Hispano, 600 E. Main St.

For additional information about the City's Five Year 2015–2020 Consolidated Plan and the 2015 Annual Action Plan, contact Federal Programs Coordinator Wilmur Conyers with the City's Community Development Department at (919) 560-4570, ext. 22227 or by email at Wilmur.Conyers@DurhamNC.gov.

About the Community Development Department

The City of Durham's Community Development Department is responsible for coordinating the City's housing resources and various housing assistance programs as well as promoting affordable housing by working with investors and community housing development organizations. The department administers the City's entitlement programs from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. Guided by the City's Strategic Plan, the department helps to ensure that the City has thriving, livable neighborhoods by enhancing housing quality and affordability for Durham residents. To learn more, visit <http://DurhamNC.gov/ich/cb/cdd/Pages/Home.aspx>.

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