

**ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
MONTHLY REPORT**

JANUARY 2023

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

For the month of January, the Planning and Development staff processed and reviewed commercial site plans and preliminary major subdivision development submittals. We have onboarded a new Planning and Development Manager as well. We have received 2 petitions for a rezoning or planning development. Lastly, early investigation into adding Zoning Ordinances related to Solar Energy will make their way to the Plan Commission to compliment the Wind Energy Systems ordinance.

We have ongoing Economic Development projects both in the planning stage and under way. Staff along with other departments held 4 TRC meetings, and several Zoom meetings or conference calls for pending and ongoing developments.

We continue to review and progress with selling City owned property in furtherance of Community Revitalization. The majority of the vacant lots sold have been acquired by adjacent homeowners, and in certain areas, we have found Critical Mass parcels best utilized as side-lot parc

Vacant Lot Sales

PAST MONTH	TOTAL	TOTAL REVENUE
NO NEW DATA	NO NEW DATA	NO NEW DATA

Property Acquisitions

PAST MONTH	TOTAL SINCE 09/01/2021
0	2

No new data on this for January.

BUILDING INSPECTIONS DIVISION

For January, we issued 98 permits broken down by permit type below. Of those, we had one (1) permit with a value of over \$250,000. The Division performed 110 inspections and 19 consultations.

PERMIT TYPE	# ISSUED	WORK VALUE
Commercial Building	7	\$575,322
Residential Building	7	314,390
Demolition	9	106,543
Electrical	20	123,115
Mechanical	14	257,988
Plumbing	22	133,384
Roof	13	198,848
Pool	0	0
Fence	3	20,265
Sign	3	72,478
Temporary Structure	0	0
Wheelchair Ramp	0	0
TOTAL	98	\$1,802,333

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION DIVISION

- Staff continued to prepare special reports for loans. Collections and delinquency reports continue various loan accounts.
- Staff qualified homeowners for the Residential Rehabilitation program.
- Staff prepared environmental reports for residential rehabs, demolitions, and exempt activities.
- Staff continued assistance through the Emergency program for homeowners with life threatening, health and safety issues, i.e. inoperable air conditioners and electrical.
- Staff is working with CILBA (Central Illinois Land Bank Assoc.) to rehab or acquire various properties.
- Staff continues to work with Project READ and OKO as subrecipients for the public service funding from CDBG. OKO submitted its last pay request.
- Staff is working with Rise, Inc., a consultant to assist with strategic use of the HOME and CDBG funds. Action Plan accepted by HUD.
- Staff continues to meet with various nonprofits to discuss revitalization opportunities.
- Staff continued the Owner Occupied Rehab program (ARPA).
- Staff continues working on the Neighborhood Revitalization strategy, which includes rehabilitation, acquisition and demolition to various areas of the City.
- Staff continues work on qualifying residents for the IHDA Single Family Rehab (SFR) grant and Strong Communities (SCP) grant. One project is moving forward through the SCP grant and several are being processed through the SFR grant.
- Staff continues to be active in the Continuum of Care process as well as homeless prevention related meetings, and events as required by HUD.
- The City partnered with Woodford Homes (Carrie Lane) by providing HOME financial assistance for a group home project. Progress is slowly being made. The overall project cost is about 4 million.
- Staff attended Town Hall Community Violence meeting.
- Staff continues working the Clean Up Green Up program. Residents within the targeted area will receive a one-time cleanup of their yard. Partners include, Block by Block, Shemilah Outreach Center, and Southside Improvement Association (SIA). SIA secured the assistance of “Walk It Like You Talk” It to reach out to residents about the program.
- The City of Decatur entered into an agreement for \$450,000 with Northeast Community Fund to operate the Small Repair Program.
- Staff completed in conducting a Housing Inventory for the inner-city neighborhoods.
- Staff continues working with Key Strategic to develop a Workforce Development ecosystem plan for Macon County & the City of Decatur. A meeting was held with key stakeholders.
- Staff attended a mandatory virtual HUD Grantee Conference.
- Staff meets monthly with Decatur Jobs Council to assist with the reorganization of the committee.
- Staff is working to increase the number of contractors who can participate in our rehabilitation programs through social media, radio, television and other media outlets.
- HUD approved the HOME ARP allocation plan for amendment to submit to HUD.
- Staff is working with Land of Lincoln Credit Union on a pilot program as part of our owner occupied and rental rehab programs.

- Staff met with outside agencies, i.e. Dove, CoC, Homeless Advisory Council, Shemilah Outreach, Northeast Community Fund, SIA neighborhood group, CONO, and various committees.

NEIGHBORHOOD INSPECTIONS DIVISION

Staff continued to enforce the International Property Maintenance Code and local City Ordinances (Chapters 48, 49, 56 and 70). The Division is committed to working with the citizens of Decatur to maintain a healthy and safe environment for those living here.

See attached for a summary of the work involved during the month of August 2022.

ATTACHMENT

**NEIGHBORHOOD INSPECTIONS DIVISION
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NEW CASES

DEMOLITIONS

Health & Safety (72 Hour)	156
Direct to Legal (Repeat Offenders)	0
Housing and Unfit	59
No Garbage Service	10
Nuisance	176
Secure of Abandoned Buildings	41
Weeds	0
TOTAL	442

Year-to-Date Demolished	2
New Cases	9
Sent to Legal	12
Sent to Council	12
Out to Bid	26
Contracts Granted	0
Contract Amount	0
Permits Issued	0
Permits Finaled	5
Active Demolitions	187

RE-INSPECTION VISITS	
Code Enforcement	1003
Weeds	0
TOTAL	1003

GARBAGE SERVICE COMPLAINTS	
Received	0

CASES SENT TO LEGAL FOR COURT	
Code Enforcement	71
Weeds	0

INVOICES*	
New Invoices	105
Dollar Amount	\$48,361.71

WEED ABATEMENT	
Contractor Mowed	0
Owner Mowed	0
TOTAL	0

PAYMENTS RECEIVED**	
Weeds	0

* includes costs incurred by the City of Decatur - Health and Safety (72 hour), Securing of Abandoned Buildings and Weed Abatement

** reimbursement for costs incurred by the City of Decatur for weed abatement.