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More New Quality Housing is Coming to the Edgewood Area

Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic today announced a major new housing project that will revitalize and enhance a neighborhood in southwest Akron through the construction of 25 new single family homes and the rehabilitation of five single-family homes in the area bounded by Moon and Mallison Streets in the Edgewood Urban Renewal district.

“Much of Akron’s housing that was built in the 1920’s when the city was growing rapidly,” said the Mayor, “was never intended to last a hundred years. What we were left with is a great deal of dilapidated housing that requires us to demolish the old housing and make way for new houses that families want to live in.”

The Edgewood Urban Renewal Area is approximately one mile west of downtown Akron, and has been plagued by foreclosures and vacant houses. The Moon-Mallison Homes Project will result in ten 3-bedroom homes and twenty 4-bedroom homes with a variety of amenities. Qualifying families can rent a home for 15 years and then receive credit for a portion of their rent that can then be used as a down payment for purchase of that home.

In recent years, more than \$100 million has been invested in the areas adjacent to the Moon-Mallison Homes Project, including Edgewood Village (a HOPE VI development by the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority), Lane School, Akron's City View housing development, the Akron Zoo, the Helen Arnold Community Learning Center, the Akron Urban League, and the Bisson Hill project.

"This is just another great housing project in an area that has been experiencing a rebirth over the last 20 years," said John Moore, Akron's Planning Director. "The Moon-Mallison Homes Project complements the many other multi-million dollar projects in that area."

The City of Akron has committed a total of \$250,000 in federal funds for the implementation of the project. In addition, the City acquired 31 blighted properties, removed the structures, and graded the land in preparation for the new construction. The land will be sold to the Developer, East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation (EANDC). EANDC is a non-profit community development corporation that provides economic supportive services and housing. EANDC strives to improve communities by providing quality and affordable housing, comprehensive homeownership services, and economic development opportunities. The general contractor for the project will be Testa Builders, Inc.

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