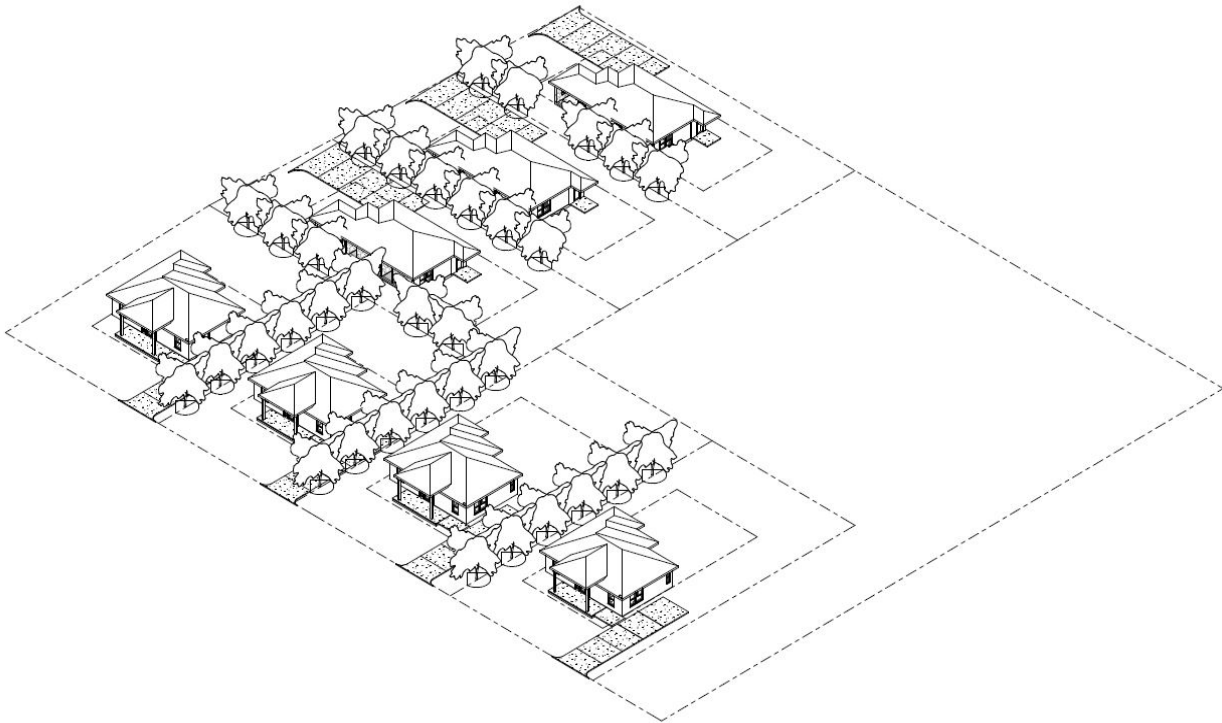




2019 Annual Action Plan

Community Services Department



June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020

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List of Acronyms/Abbreviations

ACSD – City of Auburn Community Services Department
Action Plan –2019 Annual Action Plan
AHA – Auburn Housing Authority
AI – Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
AOMPO – Auburn-Opelika Metropolitan Planning Organization
ARCH – Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless
CAPER – Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report
CBDO – Community Based Development Organization
CDBG – Community Development Block Grant Program
CIP – Capital Improvement Plan
City – City of Auburn, Alabama
CoC – Continuum of Care
Con Plan – 2015 -2019 Consolidated Plan
CPP – Citizen Participation Plan
EAMC – East Alabama Medical Center
ESG – Emergency Solutions Grants
FRS – Family Resource Center
FSS – Family Self-Sufficiency
HMIS – Homeless Management Information System
LMI – Low- and Moderate-Income
NAHDC – North Auburn Housing Development Corporation
PCM – Presbyterian Community Ministry
PHA – Public Housing Authority
PI – Program Income
PIT – Point-in-Time
PY – Program Year

Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 24 CFR 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The 2019 Annual Action Plan (Action Plan) is the fifth action plan in the City of Auburn (City) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) cycle. The Action Plan establishes annual goals and proposes programs and services to be funded during Program Year (PY) 2019, beginning June 1, 2019 and ending May 31, 2020.

The City receives CDBG funds from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an entitlement grant, and in turn, allocates funds for projects designed to achieve the goals and outcomes included in the Con Plan. The CDBG provides a wide range of eligible community development and housing projects that benefit low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons.

According to HUD, the primary objective of the entitlement funds are to increase the availability, accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of 1) decent housing, 2) suitable living environments, and 3) expanding economic opportunities, principally for LMI persons. The CDBG regulations require that each activity meet one of the following national objectives:

- Benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight;
- Other community development needs having a particular urgency posing a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.

The City's CDBG funding allocations are listed in the Annual Action Plan, which is administered by the City's Community Services Department (ACSD). The entitlement amount is supplemented by projected program income and with reprogrammed prior year funds. In the event that CDBG programs receive an increase in unanticipated Program Income (PI) during the year, the following program activity will utilize the additional funds:

New Housing Purchase, Construction, and Delivery

This Action Plan is submitted to HUD in fulfillment of the requirements for the Annual Action Plan set forth in 24.CFR §91.200(c) and §91.220(b).

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The Action Plan identifies programs and services that will be used to meet the City's annual goals. The Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 created the CDBG Program, which included three primary objectives. Each activity for PY 2019 is linked to one of these federal objectives. The activities that will enable the City to achieve these objectives in PY 2019 are listed below:

Decent Housing

Increasing the availability, accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of decent housing for LMI persons through:

- New construction of single family housing units
- Homebuyer down payment assistance
- Homebuyer mortgage assistance
- Rehabilitation assistance to homeowner

Homeless Prevention

Provides supportive services directly related to the prevention of homelessness to eligible individuals and families who are in danger of eviction, foreclosure or homelessness or are currently homeless.

- Homeless prevention general population
- Service to HIV/AIDS populations (i.e. rental and mortgage assistance)

Suitable Living Environment

Improve people's quality of life by creating suitable living environments for LMI persons through:

- Youth, childcare, and after school programs
- Supportive services for populations with special needs (e.g. seniors, persons with disabilities)
- Services for those at risk of becoming homeless
- Public improvements and infrastructure
- Family supportive services

Economic Development

Increase access to economic opportunities for LMI persons

- Industrial and manufacturing high-demand career opportunities for LMI persons
- Small business development

Grantees are required to expend at least seventy (70%) of CDBG funds on activities that meet the national objective of benefiting LMI persons. The activities being proposed in this Action Plan are one hundred percent (100%) intended to meet the needs of LMI persons.

As identified in Section NA-10 "Housing Needs Assessment" of the five-year Con Plan, one challenge facing the City is cost-burdened households. The Con Plan addresses how the rapid economic growth of the City has created upward pressures on housing costs and property values in general due to increased demand. This Action Plan proposes to continue providing financial assistance to qualified households in areas such as housing rehabilitation and supportive services.

In addition, CDBG funds were used to acquire approximately 2.2 acres of vacant property during PY 2017 to construct new affordable single-family homes. It is anticipated that this acquisition will provide residential lots for the future construction of seven affordable housing units, beginning in PY 2019. In order to complete the construction and marketing of new affordable housing, CDBG funds will be provided to the North Auburn Housing Development Corporation (NAHDC), a Community Based

Development Corporation (CBDO), to subsidize the construction and marketing of affordable single-family housing units for qualified LMI homebuyers.

Finally, this Action Plan provides for the allocation of CDBG dollars to Public Improvements and Infrastructure within the Northwest Auburn Neighborhood. Public Improvements and infrastructure are identified as a high priority based upon the “Non-Housing Community Development Needs” Section NA-50 of the five-year Con Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The following table outlines the five-year goals and the accomplishments for the period June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2018 and June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. Accomplishments for the fifth year of the Con Plan, June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020 will be included in the 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), available in the fall of 2020.

After the completion of the fourth year of the five-year Con Plan, the City has made significant progress in achieving many of its five-year goals and has surpassed several. Senior Supportive Services and Youth Supportive Services have surpassed the five-year goals set. The goal to expand economic opportunities available to LMI persons is nearing completion for this Con Plan cycle. The goals to acquire land for new home construction, demolish and clear dilapidated buildings, and rehabilitate owner-occupied dwellings are on target to meeting the five-year goals set. The goals to provide rental, utility, mortgage, and homeless emergency assistance has drastically surpassed the Con Plan goals.

New housing construction is lagging. However, the City identified, acquired, and subdivided a vacant parcel of property for new housing construction. As a result, the City anticipates making significant progress toward achieving the new housing construction five-year goals during PY 2019.

The City will continue to work to surpass the Con Plan goals over the next year.

Table 1 – 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Goals and Accomplishments

Goal Name	Project Type	Indicator (LMI)	5 Year Goal	Accomplishments PY 2015-2018	Accomplishments PY 2018	Percent of Goal Accomplished
New Housing Construction	Affordable Housing	Housing Units	15	0	0	0.00%
Homeowner Assistance	Affordable Housing	Housing Units	15	1	0	6.67%
Land Acquisition	Affordable Housing	Parcel	10	8	0	80.00%
Housing Rehabilitation	Housing Rehabilitation	Housing Units	40	18	8	45.00%
Housing Reconstruction	Housing Rehabilitation	Housing Units	3	2	0	66.67%
Drainage Improvement	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	Persons Assisted	4	4	0	100.00%
Sewer Improvement	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	Persons Assisted	10	0	0	0.00%
Sidewalk improvement	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	Persons Assisted	1	0	0	0.00%
Youth Supportive Services	Public Services	Persons Assisted	1,000	2,030	710	203.00%
Senior Supportive Services	Public Services	Persons Assisted	1,000	2,088	363	208.00%
Utility Assistance	Homeless Emergency Shelter/Homeless Prevention	Households Assisted	500	382	102	76.40%
Mortgage Assistance	Homeless Emergency Shelter/ Homeless Prevention	Households Assisted	25	36	11	144.00%
Rental Assistance	Homeless Emergency Shelter/ Homeless Prevention	Households Assisted	500	158	46	31.60%
Homeless Emergency Assistance	Homeless Emergency Shelter/ Homeless Prevention	Persons Assisted	250	196	32	78.40%
Demolition and Clearance	Demolition and Clearance	Buildings Demolished	5	3	0	60.00%
Recreation Facilities	Public Facility	Persons Assisted	1	1	0	100.00%
Economic Development Activity	Economic Development	Jobs Created	29	26	0	89.66%

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The ACSD is responsible for producing the Action Plan. This role requires the ACSD to work closely with a number of City departments, Auburn Housing Authority (AHA), NAHDC, and other community stakeholders during the planning process to ensure that the Action Plan addresses community needs. The ACSD solicits input from other City departments, residents, non-profits, private sector, neighborhood groups, and faith-based organizations regarding current conditions and future needs.

ACSD actively seeks and provides citizens, the primary partner, numerous opportunities to become involved in the development of the Action Plan. Opportunities for citizen input include:

- Publications and postings
- Public hearings
- Meetings with community organizations and agencies

5. Summary of public comments

The ACSD received no public comments from the public hearings and 30-day comment period.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

ACSD did not receive any comments that were not accepted.

7. Summary

The Action Plan details activities for the final year of the Con Plan. During PY 2019, the City will build on previous strategies and continue efforts to meet the goals of the five-year Con Plan, which is updated in the Annual Action Plan.

The City continues to focus on the provision of and/or the preservation of affordable housing. CDBG funds will be allocated to fund such activities to the extent funds are available. In addition, ACSD continues to work with the City's Economic Development Department on their efforts to provide economic development special activities and industrial training as a means of providing economic opportunity for LMI citizens. This relates to the strategy of affordable housing in the sense that resources to provide affordable housing are extremely limited and largely negligible in comparison to the needs. Improving family incomes is one means of making housing more affordable to more households.

The City continues to make strides in addressing community priorities and the goals set in the Con Plan.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

Below is the agency/entity responsible for preparing /administering the Con Plan.

Table 2 – Responsible Agency

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	City of Auburn	Community Services

Narrative (optional)

The City serves as the lead agency responsible for preparing the Con Plan. In addition, ACSD is responsible for administering the programs covered by the Action Plan and for preparing the CAPER.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

For comments regarding the Action Plan, please contact the ACSD at (334) 501-7280 or submit your comments to the following:

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City recognizes the importance of effectively communicating with citizens and community stakeholders. This interaction allows the City to receive feedback that help ensure quality service provision.

Coordination and consultation with citizens, the private sector, and community stakeholders was critical to the City in development of the Action Plan. The ACSD received feedback from these entities regarding existing conditions and strategies for addressing current community needs.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City collaborates with public and private agencies to ensure that funding priorities are consistent with current community needs. The ACSD leads the City's efforts to provide affordable housing to LMI individuals and families by partnering with a number of community-based organizations, including non-profit housing development organizations, faith-based organizations, and social service and mental health agencies. ACSD achieves this in partnerships with the NAHDC, Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity, AHA, East Alabama Mental Health Center, The Salvation Army Lee County, Alabama Housing Finance Authority, and the Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (ARCH).

ACSD will continue to explore opportunities for the City to coordinate and strategize with a variety of housing providers, private and governmental health, mental health, and service agencies throughout the year to solicit input regarding CDBG programs. These stakeholder engagements allow for an exchange of ideas and information between housing and service providers and ACSD helps facilitate future planning and coordination.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) agency serving the City is ARCH, which serves as the Collaborative Applicant and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) lead agency for the Balance of State Continuum of Care for the 42 rural counties in the state of Alabama. ACSD meets regularly with representatives of ARCH to ascertain the existing and planned resources that are available to meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness in the City. ARCH coordinates with local governments, religious institutions, non-profits, philanthropic organizations, shelter and permanent housing providers, property owners and the private sector. ARCH engages citizens to develop and implement data-driven strategies to respond to the crisis of homelessness and to address its root causes.

ARCH works closely with the City to look for ways to provide housing through Permanent Supportive Housing and Emergency Solution Grants (ESG) to families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth in the City. Lacking funding from the CDBG program to influence the provision of supportive housing, or short and long term shelters for displacement assistance, the City will support

appropriate applications for displacement assistance funding by ARCH.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City is not an entitlement recipient of ESG funds due to its population. Any entity applying for ESG funding must apply under the balance of state ESG funds administered and allocated through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). The City would support an application by the ARCH or other qualified organization, provided it complied with the City's zoning, subdivision, and planning ordinances.

Not being an ESG grantee, the City has no role in the administration of the HMIS.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

See Table 3 below.

Table 3 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Agency/Group/Organization	Agency/Group/Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	How was the agency/group/organization consulted? What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?
Auburn Housing Authority (AHA)	PHA	Public Housing Needs Affordable Housing Strategy Homelessness Strategy	ACSD consulted with the AHA regarding sections of the Action Plan pertaining to public housing. The City and AHA has a strong collaborative partnership. Efforts include neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, public safety, and resident service programs. AHA will utilize CDBG funding for Family Supportive Services for AHA residents.
Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity	Housing	Affordable Housing Strategy Homelessness Strategy	ACSD consulted with the Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity regarding the Affordable Housing sections of the Action Plan and the City's efforts to build housing for low-income families. The objective is to help LMI families to build equity towards a stable future. ACSD meets regularly with the Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity to discuss their current projects, infrastructure needs, and plan for future projects and initiatives.
North Auburn Housing Development Corporation (NAHDC)	Housing	Affordable Housing Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy	ACSD consulted with NAHDC regarding the Affordable Housing sections of the Action Plan. NAHDC is the City's partner for providing affordable housing opportunities. NAHDC, as a CBDO, will utilize CDBG funding for new home design, development, and construction.
Presbyterian Community Ministry (PCM)	Housing	Anti-poverty Strategy	ACSD consulted with PCM regarding Rehabilitation of existing units. PCM offers interest-free loans and grants to individuals and families who need assistance with utility and rent payments or repairs to their homes. PCM will utilize CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation services.
Food Bank of East Alabama	Services- Elderly Persons	Anti-poverty Strategy	ACSD consulted with the Food Bank of East Alabama regarding the Homeless sections of the Action Plan. The City works closely with the Food Bank of East Alabama in their efforts to alleviate hunger, collect and distribute food to

			those in need, and increase public awareness regarding hunger in East Central Alabama. The Food Bank of East Alabama will utilize CDBG funding for Senior Supportive Services, providing bagged food items (supplementary groceries) for pickup at the Food Bank of East Alabama Community Market.
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County	Services-Children	Anti-poverty Strategy	ACSD regularly consults with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County on services that primarily benefit youth and their families. ACSD consulted with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Lee County regarding the Anti-poverty sections of the Action Plan. The City will continue to work with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lee County on new initiatives supporting youth programming. The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lee County will utilize CDBG funding for youth supportive services for Auburn's LMI youth.
Auburn Day Care Centers, Inc.	Services-Children	Anti-poverty Strategy	ACSD regularly consults with the Auburn Day Care Centers, Inc. regarding comprehensive childcare and afterschool services and the needs of low- and moderate-income parents who utilizes these services. ACSD consulted with the Auburn Day Care Centers, Inc. regarding the Anti-poverty sections of the Action Plan. Auburn Day Care Centers will utilize CDBG funding for Youth Supportive Services among participants of daycare and afterschool programming.
Unity Wellness Center of East Alabama Medical Center	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Homeless	Homelessness Strategy	ACSD consulted with the Unity Wellness Center of East Alabama Medical Center (EAMC) regarding the Homeless sections of the Action Plan. The City plans to continue partnering with the Unity Wellness Center of EAMC, who provides HIV testing & counseling, HIV primary medical care, medical case management services, and HIV prevention education and awareness programs. Unity Wellness Center of EAMC will utilize CDBG funding for Supportive Services to

			citizens at-risk of displacement and working with the center as a victim of HIV-AIDs.
Salvation Army Lee County	Services-Homeless	Homelessness Strategy	ACSD consulted with The Salvation Army Lee County regarding the Homeless sections of the Action Plan. The City works closely with Salvation Army Lee County on a variety of issues, including ways to combat homelessness.
Joyland Child Development Center	Services-Children	Anti-poverty Strategy	ACSD regularly consults with Joyland Child Development Center regarding comprehensive childcare and afterschool services and the needs of low- and moderate-income parents who utilize these services. ACSD consulted with Joyland Child Development Center regarding the Anti-poverty sections of the Action Plan. Joyland Child Development Center will utilize CDBG funding for Youth Supportive Services among participants of daycare and afterschool programming.
City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department	Services-Children	Anti-poverty Strategy	ACSD consulted with the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department regarding LMI youth access to youth recreation sports leagues. ACSD plans to continue collaborating with the City of Auburn Parks and Recreation Department to serve youth from LMI families.
Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (ARCH)	Services-Homeless	Homelessness Strategy	ACSD consults regularly with ARCH regarding the Homeless sections of the Action Plan. ARCH manages the HMIS system, in which the City's subrecipients report accomplishments for ESG activities.

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

ACSD reached out to many agencies and organizations to gain their input and gather information from their planning process in the development of the Action Plan.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Table 4 – Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless (ARCH)	ARCH strategy to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people experiencing homelessness as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency corresponds to ACSD's goals relating to homelessness.
2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Unified Planning Work Program	Auburn-Opelika Metropolitan Planning Organization (AOMPO)	AOMPO is responsible for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Auburn-Opelika Urbanized Area, including transportation services to the greater Lee County area. AOMPO Strategic Plan overlap with the City's transportation and infrastructure plans.
Lee-Russell Public Transit Plan	Lee-Russell Council of Governments	The Lee-Russell Public Transit Plan serve as a guide for public transportation in Lee-Russell counties. Lee-Russell Public Transit provides LMI and Senior services.
City of Auburn's Capital Improvement Plan	City of Auburn Finance Department	The City of Auburn's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) addresses infrastructure needs in Auburn.
Northwest Auburn Neighborhood Plan	City of Auburn	The goal of the Northwest Auburn Neighborhood Plan is to revitalize the neighborhood through further investment in infrastructure, and planning that encourages redevelopment, including affordable housing and incentives to attract business opportunities.

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI)	City of Auburn Community Services Department	The AI provides essential and detailed information to policy makers, administrative staff, housing providers, lenders, and fair housing advocates on the availability, status, and affordability of housing in the City.
Annual PHA Plan	Auburn Housing Authority	AHA Public Housing Action (PHA) Plan addresses the AHA's services, mission, goals, objectives, operations, and programs. Both AHA and the City aim to provide services to low- income, very low- income, and extremely low- income families.
Family Self-Sufficiency Action Plan	Auburn Housing Authority	AHA's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program enables families to increase their earned income and reduce their dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies. Both the AHA and the City have goals to assist families to become self-sufficient and optimistically obtain homeownership.

Narrative (optional)

The City continues its efforts to involve other local agencies and organizations in the planning process for the Action Plan. Outreach techniques include individual and joint meetings, emails, and conference calls. Local partners like the Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity, AHA, NAHDC, and PCM provide clarity when determining housing priorities. Likewise, agencies such as ARCH, Food Bank of East Alabama, Salvation Army Lee County, and Unity Wellness Center of East Alabama Medical Center help to align objectives addressing homelessness. The City believes that maximum input during the planning process results in an Annual Action Plan that aligns funding priorities with actual needs.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City seeks citizens' participation in the development and execution of the Action Plan. The City adopted and adheres to a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP), which establishes a means by which citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties actively participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and any substantial amendments.

The City used the CPP as the guide to seek community involvement in development of the Action Plan. The City engaged citizens through public hearings and individual meetings. Citizens who participated in the process received information about the Con Plan, the CPP process, HUD requirements for entitlement cities, and the amount of funding the City anticipates receiving. The City uses information obtained during the CPP process to determine community needs and allocate priorities.

To develop the Action Plan, the City issued public notices. A notice was published on January 17, 2019 related to CDBG funding applications and public hearings were held on January 31, 2019. No comments were received during the public hearings. A Notice published on May 6, 2019 related to the Action Plan activities recommended to be funded and allowed a 30-day comment period, ending June 4, 2019. Public hearings were held on May 21, 2019, and May 22, 2019. No comments were received during the public hearings.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Table 5 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	ACSD published a public notice in the <i>Opelika-Auburn News</i> on January 17, 2019 announcing that the City was accepting applications for CDBG funding for 2019.	N/A	N/A	NA
Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	ACSD accepted public comments at two public hearing related to CDBG funding applications and PY 2019 Action Plan allocation. Theses public hearings were held on January 31, 2019 at the City of Auburn Boykin Community Center and Development Services Building. There were no attendees.	No public comments received	No public comments received	https://www.auburnalabama.org/community-development/resources/
Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	ACSD published a public notice in the <i>Opelika-Auburn News</i> on May 6, 2019 related to the Action Plan activities recommended to be funded and allowed a 30-day comment period, ending June 4, 2019. Public hearings were publicized for May 21, 2019, and May 22, 2019 at the City of Auburn Boykin Community Center	No public comments received	No public comments received	https://www.auburnalabama.org/community-development/resources/

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City will receive federal CDGB entitlement funds in the amount of \$592,783 to carry out activities that benefit LMI families. ACSD administers the entitlement funding on behalf of the City. ACSD works with other City departments to leverage entitlement grant funds, when possible, to address needs listed in the Con Plan.

The City also anticipates generating up to \$100,000 in Program Income (PI) during 2019 from the Affordable Housing and Housing Rehabilitation Loan Programs. Any Program Income (PI) generated during 2019 will be used to fund eligible CDBG activities and allocated to housing projects.

In addition, approximately \$1,323,000 in Section 108 Loan funds are available for economic development purposes, including funds not loaned and program income repaid. These are not resources available for budgeting purposes, since the use of Section 108 funds are tightly controlled under the Loan Agreement between HUD and the City. This funding is reported here to keep the public informed and to acknowledge the City's ongoing efforts to create employment opportunities for LMI persons.

Expected Resources

Table 6 – Expected Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public - Federal	Administration and Planning Housing Acquisition Public Improvements Public Services Economic Development	592,783	100,000	0	692,783	0	CDBG funds for Affordable Housing, homeless, Public Services, and Public Improvements and Infrastructure
Section 108	Public - Federal	Economic Development	0	0	0	0	1,323,000	Section 108 Loan financing for certain community development activities, such as economic development and housing rehabilitation

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City will attempt to leverage grants and other funding, when appropriate, to meet the objectives of the Annual Action Plan, utilizing a combination of public and private funds.

The only private funding leveraged by the activities undertaken by the City is the Homeownership Assistance (down payment and closing cost) provided by the City to LMI homebuyers. Under this program, a private mortgage lender provides first mortgage financing and the City provides a second mortgage as a down payment for qualified applicants. Typically, the second mortgage represents 20 percent of the cost of the house, thereby incentivizing the lender to provide 80 percent of the financing.

Over the past six years, the City's Economic Development Department has been making economic development loans to qualified business borrowers from the proceeds of its Section 108 Loan received from HUD.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

In PY 2017, the City used CDBG funds to acquire approximately 2.2 acres of vacant property to construct new affordable single-family homes, anticipating that this acquisition would provide residential lots for the construction of seven affordable housing units, beginning in PY 2019.

Discussion

ACSD is responsible for overseeing the City's CDBG program activities. However, the City cannot achieve the goals outlined in the Con Plan without other community partners. These non-profits and local agencies and organizations help to carry out the strategies included in this Action Plan, using other federal, state, local, and private funding sources. The City provides services to LMI families by utilizing funding from numerous sources, including the City's General Fund.

As usual, expected resources fall far short of the City's housing and community development needs identified in the Con Plan. ACSD continues to work with other City departments to identify additional funding sources to address these needs.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives – 91.420, 91.220(c)(3) &(e)

Goals Summary Information

Table 7 – Goal Summary

#	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	New Housing Construction	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Production of New Units	CDBG: \$236,427	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Units
2	Homeowner Assistance	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance	CDBG: \$9,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Units
3	Land Acquisition	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Acquisition of Vacant Residential Lots	CDBG: \$20,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
4	Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Rehabilitation-Reconstruction of Existing Units	CDBG: \$115,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Households Assisted
5	Street Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$121,606	Public Improvements and Infrastructure: 2 Streets (1,764 linear feet) Resurfaced
6	Youth Supportive Services	2015	2019	Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$30,500	Public Service Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 250 Persons Assisted

#	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Senior Supportive Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$16,000	Public Service Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: 150 Persons Assisted
8	Family Supportive Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$16,500	Public Service Activities other than LMI Housing Benefit: 40 Persons Assisted
9	Homeless Emergency Shelter	2015	2019	Homeless	Citywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$26,000	Homelessness Prevention: 210 Households
10	Demolition and Clearance	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Demolition and Clearance	CDBG: \$10,000	Buildings Demolished: 2 Structures Condemned
11	Program Administration	2015	2019	Program Administration	Citywide	CDBG Program Administration	CDBG: \$91,750	Buildings Demolished: 2 Structures Condemned

Goal Descriptions

Table 8 – Goal Description

1	Goal Name	New Housing Construction
	Goal Description	The City will provide funding to support NAHDC construction of new affordable housing. This partnership will help expand the supply of affordable housing in Auburn.
2	Goal Name	Homeowner Assistance
	Goal Description	The City will provide down payment assistance to qualified buyers of new homes constructed by NAHDC.
3	Goal Name	Land Acquisition
	Goal Description	The City will use CDBG funds to acquire property for the provision of new housing construction, design, and development. Currently, the City has not identified any property for purchase.
4	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will support emergency housing repairs and rehabilitation programs.
	Goal Description	The City will use CDBG funds to provide minor repairs to single-family owner-occupied dwellings.
5	Goal Name	Street Improvements
	Goal Description	The City will use CDBG funds to support activities that enhance and preserve neighborhoods. Street improvements, including resurfacing projects that support the preservation of a LMI Census Tract (406.02) and Block Group (2) within Northwest Auburn neighborhoods.
6	Goal Name	Youth Supportive Services
	Goal Description	The City will use CDBG funds for various public service activities, including Youth Supportive Services. Activities will include daycare and afterschool programs operated by Auburn Day Care Center, Inc., Joyland Child Development Center, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County, and True Deliverance Afterschool Program. Other activities include providing sports vouchers for LMI youth participation in the City's Parks and Recreation programming.
7	Goal Name	Senior Supportive Services
	Goal Description	The City will use CDBG funds for Senior Supportive Services through the Food Bank of East Alabama and the Lee-Russell Council of Governments senior programs related to transportation and social development programming.
	Goal Description	The City will use CDBG funds for various public service activities, including Senior Supportive Services. Activities include supporting agencies and organizations that provide seniors with a nutritious meal (typically lunch), opportunities to socialize, and workshops and seminars on issues such as low cost housing, medical bill programs like Medicare, and budgeting classes.

8	Goal Name	Family Supportive Services
	Goal Description	The City will use CDBG funds for Family Supportive Services. Activities include programming provided by Unity Wellness Center at EAMC, Family Resource Center (FRC) and the AHA, which provides job and education enhancement, transportation, personal development, family counseling, and resident enrichment services to residents in public housing.
9	Goal Name	Homeless Emergency Shelter
	Goal Description	Emergency assistance to those at-risk of homelessness and/or temporarily displacement.
10	Goal Name	Demolition and Clearance
	Goal Description	The City will provide funding to enhance and preserve neighborhoods by removing dilapidated structures of LMI owners.
11	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	CDBG Program Administration is for the operations of all CDBG programs.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Action Plan includes projects based on the priorities in the Con Plan, available resources, and public involvement in the Action Plan's development. These projects align directly with the federal objectives: 1) decent housing, 2) suitable living environment, or 3) economic development opportunities. During PY 2019, ACSD will lead the City's CDBG activities, which will focus on increasing availability of new affordable housing, delivery of public services, investment in neighborhood infrastructure, and expanding economic development activities.

ACSD solicit Request for Proposals from qualified public agencies or private non-profit organizations, which demonstrate the capacity to carry out eligible program activities in partnership with the City, as a Community Development Block Grant sub-recipient.

HUD has announced PY 2019 entitlement allocations for jurisdictions. Therefore, the funding amounts listed in this Action Plan are the proposed allocations.

Projects

Table 9 – Projects

#	Project Name
1	Program Administration
2	Housing Services – Housing Rehabilitation
3	New Housing Construction
4	Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance
5	Land Acquisition
6	Housing Rehabilitation
7	Street Resurfacing
8	Youth Supportive Services
9	Senior Supportive Services
10	Family Supportive Services
11	Homelessness Prevention
12	Demolition and Clearance

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

The City's allocation priorities are consistent with those of the Con Plan. The main considerations when determining allocation priorities for PY 2019 are:

- Needs identified in the Con Plan
- Needs identified during the public comment period and public hearings regarding the proposed Action Plan Budget
- Citizen and community input
- Responses to the Request for Proposals

Affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, and preventing homelessness continue to be priorities of the City.

One way in which the City has addressed the need for affordable housing in the past has been to assist a qualified non-profit housing development organization to build new affordable units, thereby increasing the inventory of affordable housing. The City acquired property with CDBG funds during PY 2017 and subdivided it into seven residential home sites. As a result, the City will be able to fund NAHDC's construction of new affordable single-family housing units in PY 2019.

In order to maintain its commitment to affordable housing, the City proposed allocating funds for housing rehabilitation activities and the costs associated with the delivery of rehabilitation activities. Assistance is provided through emergency repair grants. It is felt that this activity will aid in the preservation of the existing housing stock.

For many years now, the City has sought to provide assistance to cost burdened households "at risk" of being temporarily displaced as a means of preventing them from becoming permanently displaced. Qualified applicants are granted temporary accommodations, mortgage, or rent assistance to allay utility disconnections. Such assistance is delivered either directly through the ACSD, or through the auspices of the Unity Wellness Center or Child Care Resource Center, Inc.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 10 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	CDBG Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$91,750
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for planning, compliance, financial and legal oversight activities.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an administrative activity.
	Location Description	This administrative activity will mainly take place at ACSD, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama
	Planned Activities	CDBG planning and administration.
2	Project Name	Housing Services – Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Support housing activities
	Funding	\$65,000
	Description	This project supports Housing activities
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is a housing support services activity.
	Location Description	This activity will mainly take place at ACSD, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama
	Planned Activities	Housing support services
3	Project Name	New Housing Construction
	Target Area	Corner of Byrd Street and Tucker Avenue
	Goals Supported	New Home Construction
	Needs Addressed	Production of new single-family housing units
	Funding	CDBG: \$236,427
	Description	This project will support the construction of new single-family homes for qualifying LMI families and individuals.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will assist approximately 3 households.

	Location Description	Location of activity is a City owned vacant parcel at the corner of Byrd Street and Tucker Avenue.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities included providing funds to the NAHDC to construct affordable homes.
4	Project Name	Homebuyer Down Payment Assistance
	Target Area	Corner of Byrd Street and Tucker Avenue
	Goals Supported	Homeowner Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Homeowner Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	This project will provide funding to LMI homebuyers to assist with down payment and closing cost.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will assist approximately 3 households.
	Location Description	ACSD, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama
	Planned Activities	This project will support the City's affordable housing program by providing financial assistance to new homebuyers.
5	Project Name	Land Acquisition
	Target Area	Northwest Auburn
	Goals Supported	Land Acquisition
	Needs Addressed	Acquisition of a vacant residential lot.
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Residential lot acquired to support construction of a new affordable housing unit.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will result in the acquisition of one vacant residential lot.
	Location Description	Residential lot in Northwest Auburn
	Planned Activities	Identifying and acquiring vacant lots for use as affordable housing sites.
6	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Assist LMI homeowners with home repairs.
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	This project will support repairs to existing single-family homes owned by LMI families and individuals.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will assist approximately 8 households.
	Location Description	Address of LMI Homeowner identified by PCM or ACSD for home repairs.

	Planned Activities	Planned activities include repairs to existing single-family residential homes and remediation of lead-based paint hazards, if necessary.
7	Project Name	Street Resurfacing
	Target Area	Slaughter Avenue and Stubb Avenue
	Goals Supported	Street Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$121,606
	Description	This project funds the resurfacing of Slaughter Avenue – 738 Slaughter to Boykin and Stubb Avenue – Foster to Boykin (1,764 linear feet).
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will assist approximately 5 households.
	Location Description	A neighborhood in Northwest Auburn.
	Planned Activities	Planned activity includes street resurfacing.
8	Project Name	Youth Supportive Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service - Youth Supportive Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,500
	Description	This project funds activities for LMI youth through subrecipient agencies; including daycare and after-school programs, sports vouchers, and educational supplies.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 250 persons.
	Location Description	Address of subrecipients (Auburn Day Care Center, Inc., Joyland Child Development Center, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lee County, and True Deliverance Afterschool Program) and ACSD, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing funding to subrecipients who offer programs that aid in youth development, child and family services, or other opportunities for youth.
9	Project Name	Senior Supportive Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service - Senior Supportive Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,000
	Description	The project will fund programs that provide a variety of services for the senior citizen populations that address their human, health, social, and enrichment needs.
	Target Date	5/31/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 150 persons.
	Location Description	Address of subrecipients (Food Bank of East Alabama and the Lee-Russell Council of Governments Auburn Senior Center)
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing funding to subrecipients who offer programs that specialize in meeting the needs of seniors, including senior centers, brown bag meals, and other related services.
10	Project Name	Family Supportive Services
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Service - Family Supportive Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,500
	Description	This project will fund programs that assist parents and children to enhance skills and resolve problems to promote optimal child development.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 150 persons.
	Location Description	AHA facilities and FRC
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing funding to subrecipients who offer opportunities for parents through their programs for education, job training, job-searching skills, budgeting, credit repair, and job readiness.
11	Project Name	Utility Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Emergency Shelter/ Homeless Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	This project will support cost burdened and severely cost burden LMI citizens and combat the risk of eviction and homelessness by providing utilities assistance.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 85 households.
	Location Description	Address of LMI person or family receiving utility assistance.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing utility assistance to qualified LMI persons.
12	Project Name	Mortgage Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Emergency Shelter/ Homeless Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,000

	Description	This project will support cost burdened and severely cost burden LMI citizens and combat the risk of eviction and homelessness by providing mortgage assistance.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 10 households.
	Location Description	Address of LMI person or family receiving mortgage assistance.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing mortgage assistance to qualified LMI persons.
13	Project Name	Rental Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Emergency Shelter
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000
	Description	This project will support cost burdened and severely cost burden LMI citizens and combat the risk of eviction and homelessness.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 45 households.
	Location Description	Address of LMI person or family receiving rental assistance
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include providing rental assistance to qualified LMI persons.
14	Project Name	Homelessness Prevention
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Emergency Shelter
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	This project funds services to families and individuals needing assistance due to being temporarily displaced. Unity Wellness Center of EAMC extends services to those experiencing displacement as it relates to their having HIV-AIDS.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will assist approximately 70 persons.
	Location Description	Address of Unity Wellness Center of EAMC and ACSD, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include assisting those temporarily displaced with emergency services and counseling.
15	Project Name	Demolition and Clearance
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Demolition and Clearance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000

	Description	This project funds the removal of dilapidated structures of LMI owners in a LMI Census Tract, which will help to enhance and preserve single-family residential neighborhoods.
	Target Date	5/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will assist approximately 2 household.
	Location Description	Address of dilapidated structure demolished and cleared.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include removing dilapidated structures from neighborhoods.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The locations of proposed projects for PY 2019 are located in Low/Moderate Income Census Block Groups for Auburn, Alabama shown in the map in the appendix. Locations of other projects will be determined during the Action Plan planning cycle. Based upon the information contained in the five-year Consolidated Plan Needs Analysis, and the resources available to meet those needs, the City does not choose to allocate its resources to a specific target area.

In addition, ACSD's move to the newly renovated Boykin Community Center has had an immediate impact. The Center is located in and serves the portion of Census Tract, Block Group 406.02 identified as the North Auburn neighborhood and many of the anticipated subrecipients of PY 2019 CDBG funds, who provide services to LMI residents throughout the City, are located at the Boykin Community Center. ACSD is also more accessible to those who benefit the most from the City's CDBG entitlement funding. While the City's CDBG dollars benefit families and individuals City-wide, according to income and household size, it is also reasonable to consider most beneficiaries in Auburn reside in the Census Tract 406.02 or an adjacent Census Tract or Block Group.

Geographic Distribution

Table 11 – Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100%

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City does not choose to allocate its CDBG resources to a specific targeted geographic area. Not selecting a specific target area allows the City to invest CDBG funds in areas throughout the City to assist LMI households and individuals wherever they reside.

Discussion

The City will continue citywide community development efforts related to housing, public services, and public improvements. These projects and activities are offered and available to all LMI citizens of Auburn.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

There is a lack of decent, affordable housing choices in Auburn. Therefore, Affordable Housing is the highest priority need for the City. In PY 2017, the City made a property acquisition of a vacant parcel. In PY 2019, plans are to construct seven new single-family housing units on this parcel.

The following tables estimate the annual goals for affordable housing for FY 2019:

Table 12 – One-Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One-Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

Table 13 – One-Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	3
Rehabilitation of Existing Units	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	11

Discussion

Affordable housing remains a need in the City and ACSD will continue to identify programs and resources that will help to address this issue.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The AHA is the public housing authority that operates within the City. Public housing is an important source of providing housing for low- and extremely low-income families and individuals and represents a significant housing asset to the City. The City supports the AHA board and staff and works closely to address the needs of public housing residents and facilities.

AHA manages 304 affordable housing units in Auburn and are authorized to administer 280 tenant-based (formerly known as Section 8) and 18 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers. In PY 2019, the AHA anticipates developing a strategy to expand affordable housing options for low-income families in Auburn, families assisted by AHA, families that are tenant based voucher/Section 8, and project-based voucher wait list to include:

- Utilize tenant based voucher/Section 8 for homeownership opportunities
- Choice Mobility for eligible project-based voucher participants
- Continue the FSS Program
- Partner with the City related to its efforts in expanding affordable housing
- Other housing initiatives to expand affordable housing opportunities for families in need

AHA provided the information in this section.

Actions planned during the next year to address the needs to public housing

The City supports the development of housing for households earning 30 percent or less of the Median Family income in Auburn. The City's objective is to encourage and help facilitate construction of housing for extremely low-income individuals and families by collaborating with community partners such as Auburn Opelika Habitat for Humanity.

Additionally, as the need to rehabilitate existing housing stock grows, so too does the need for affordable housing, with over 217 families on the AHA tenant-based voucher/Section 8 waiting list, as of January 2019.

In addition, the City is continuing to invest in upgrades to the Boykin Community Center, which houses a variety of services that benefit public housing residents. The Action Plan also include funding for public service programs that directly benefit public housing residents.

Actions to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership

The AHA employs strategies to promote public housing residents involvement in the AHA policy development and the strategic decision-making process. AHA encourages residents to become involved through participation in the Resident Advisory Board, which reviews AHA's proposed Annual Plan and meets regularly with AHA staff to receive updates on major issues taking place at AHA and discuss issues relating to residents participation in governance, public housing programs, etc.

AHA staff works to promote the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program to public housing residents. The Program provides participants with job training opportunities, employment counseling, case management services, household skill training, and homeowner counseling.

In addition, the AHA and the City are working together to prepare public housing residents to become homeowners by becoming credit worthy, establishing good credit history, and creating personal savings.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe the manner in which financial assistance will be provided or other assistance

AHA is a high performing PHA and does not have a troubled designation. Therefore, it is not necessary for the City to provide financial assistance or provide other assistance to remove such designation.

Discussion

AHA is a well-managed public entity, which provides support that assist its residents to access the following services:

- Educational Assistance/GED Classes (Pre/Post-Secondary Education)
- Childcare
- Transportation
- Job Readiness Skills (How to correctly fill out job applications, Attire, Personal Hygiene, Interview, & Resume Writing)
- Job Linkage & Placement
- Job Skills Training
- Communication Skills/Interpersonal Interactions/Behavior Management
- Household/Time Management Skills
- Substance Abuse
- Counseling/Self-Esteem Building
- Budget Training/Management
- Home Ownership Information
- Legal Assistance
- Entrepreneurial Training/Information
- Financial/Debt Management

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities – 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City works closely with ARCH and with other community-based non-profits and organizations that work to eliminate homelessness, including, The Salvation Army Lee County and One Voice Shelter Coalition, Inc., which was established to secure temporary dwelling for homeless women and children in Lee County, Alabama.

The Con Plan and Action Plan identifies emergency assistance as a high priority for LMI citizens of Auburn. The City will continue to fund emergency assistance for households who have lost their homes due to fire, utility disconnections, family separations or other emergencies. In those instances where families or individuals find themselves suddenly evicted or dislodged, emergency assistance funds pays hotel bills for short stays to enable individuals or families to arrange for more permanent shelter. Approximately 35-50 persons receive emergency assistance annually.

The Action Plan includes funding to support the work of other community partners who address the needs of residents experiencing or at risk of homelessness. These include the Unity Wellness Center of EAMC and FRC. The Unity Wellness Center provides HIV testing & counseling, HIV primary medical care, medical case management services, and HIV prevention education and awareness programs for HIV/AIDs patients. The FRC promotes strong families through the provision of support services and education for childcare providers, parents and employers.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

One of the best source of information for determining the extent of homelessness in a jurisdiction is the Point-in-Time (PIT) count conducted each year by volunteers seeking out unsheltered homeless individuals. This analysis indicated that there is not the existence of a chronic homelessness problem in Auburn. Rather homelessness is most often the result of sudden dislocation caused by loss of job, family violence, illness, fire, or natural disasters. Therefore, the City's actions for the period covered by this Action Plan are those discussed in the above introduction.

The City will continue to cooperate in the annual PIT count to locate and identify homeless persons found in its jurisdiction. Likewise, the City will continue collaborating with other service agencies to support programs and strategies that address the priority needs of homeless persons and families. The City will financially support programs and services for the homeless through its CDBG Public Service funds. Should such persons be located, they will be referred to appropriate agencies and services.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will continue to fund social service agencies providing financial assistance to those who have lost their homes due to tragedy, utility disconnections, family separations, emergency, etc. ACSD will reach out to area agencies on behalf of those in need of transitional houses to meet their household needs in the period they are displaced from permanent housing.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

As part of the Action Plan funding proposal, the City will fund several agencies that deliver homelessness prevention assistance for displaced citizens specific to emergency assistance and assistance to those persons at risk of becoming homeless. These expenditures also include assistance with supportive services.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Other public and private social service agencies provide needed services to individuals released from institutional facilities and homes. ACSD will continue to explore opportunities to coordinate with such agencies to assist those extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care.

Discussion

Consultation with homeless shelter providers in Lee County and examination of the PIT count of homeless persons has revealed that homelessness is not prevalent in Auburn in the same terms as other communities in the State. Homelessness is most often the result of emergencies temporarily rendering households displaced. The City does offer a short-term hotel stay to provide shelter to persons in these situations. During PY 2019, the City will provide CDBG funding to social services organizations that deliver homelessness prevention assistance, including Unity Wellness Center at EAMC and Child Care Resource Center, Inc.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.220(j)

Introduction:

As noted in the Con Plan, factors other than public policy are much more detrimental to the provision of affordable housing including current market conditions.

Lack of affordable housing options is the result of high housing demand created by growth in both the economy and student enrollment at Auburn University. The economic opportunities for jobs and the strength of its public education system continue to make Auburn an attractive place for families to live and work or even commute to other metro areas. Auburn ranks annually as a desirable place to live by national publications because of the quality of life contributed by its residents and the services provided. The demand for residential housing and commercial services has spawned a construction boom and inflated land cost creating a tough environment for private investors to be able to undertake site development and construction of affordable housing. Some type of government subsidy is necessary to create more affordable housing opportunities.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The proposed actions to address barriers to affordable housing are listed below.

Current Market Conditions

- The City will continue its efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing units by allocating CDBG funding to the NAHDC, which builds and markets affordable homes to qualified LMI homebuyers.
- The City will assist LMI families achieve homeownership by providing them with down payment and closing cost assistance.
- The City will continue housing rehabilitation activities to lower the cost of home maintenance and help improve housing conditions in LMI neighborhoods.
- The City will continue to work with lending institutions to provide first-mortgage assistance to those LMI families seeking to purchase an affordable home.
- The City will work with private developers' to identify more affordable housing options for moderate-income families.

Discussion

The Consolidated Plan Market Analysis section provides an extensive discussion of the negative effects of public policies on affordable housing and residential investment. This section identifies items required by the City's regulations and standards may make development more expensive, which a housing developer could eventually pass on to the homebuyer or rental tenant. While these items were identified as barriers to affordable housing, the overall benefit to the eventual occupant and the public at-large was determined to outweigh the negative impact of the additional costs.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

In the implementation of the Action Plan, the City will invest CDBG resources to achieve the following:

- Address obstacles to meeting underserved needs
- Foster and maintain affordable housing
- Reduce lead-based paint hazards as needed
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families
- Develop institutional structures
- Enhance coordination among service providers

In addition, the City will identify obstacles to meeting underserved needs and propose actions to overcome those obstacles.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The Con Plan describes eligible programs, projects, and activities to be undertaken over the five years period with anticipated entitlement funds. Each year, assuming funds remain the same; citizens, non-profits, organizations, and private entities help to identify specific projects as part of the Annual Action Plan process that meet underserved needs.

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs generally fall into category of available resources and affordable housing options. In PY 2019, the City will address these obstacles as follows:

Available resources

- The City will continue to support applications of various non-profit agencies.
- The City will research and pursue other grant opportunities to meet the underserved needs.
- The City will continue to look for opportunities to leverage entitlement funding.

Affordable housing options

- The City will continue to work with the NAHDC to use CDBG entitlement funds to construct affordable housing.
- The City will continue to work with the AHA on their comprehensive housing strategy and resident development plan.
- The City will continue to seek partnerships with other private sector providers, including financial institutions, to support construction of affordable housing units.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue its efforts to develop and support more affordable housing opportunities for LMI families. By coordinating with other non-profits, such as the NAHDC, The City will create new affordable housing opportunities in Auburn.

In addition, the City will continue the preservation of the existing housing stock by providing funds to non-profit housing organizations to rehabilitate deteriorated housing units. During PY 2019, the City will provide funding to the Presbyterian Community Ministry (PCM) to perform small housing rehabilitation projects.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Houses accepted for assistance under the housing repair and maintenance program that were built prior to 1978 will be tested for lead-based paint. Should lead-based paint be detected, the house will be treated or abated in accordance with federal guidelines.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The goals outlined in the Action Plan and the Con Plan represents the City's programs and activities for addressing the housing and economic needs of the community, particularly the number of poverty-level families.

The City provides various services intended to help reduce the number of persons in poverty. The City strategies and actions during PY 2019 to help families achieve economic and financial stability are as follows:

- Increase income through the work of the City's Economic Development Department to expand job opportunities. The City's economic development program includes the recruitment of new and expanding industries, assistance to existing industries and businesses, encouragement of entrepreneurial start-ups, and an innovative approach to job training and education.
- Work with the AHA, the faith-based community, and other local organizations to increase financial education, homebuyers counseling, and general financial literacy.
- Provide housing rehabilitation assistance to homeowners that do not have savings to make needed repairs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The current institutional structure ensures all CDBG functions are performed in a coordinated fashion and in a manner, which ensures the efficient use of resources with maximum accomplishments. The City's position is that the existing institutional structure is adequate for a small CDBG program. There are no specific plans to develop additional institutional structure.

Actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

As the lead agency in the Annual Action Plan development process, the City recognizes the importance of coordinating its planning efforts with other public and private service agencies to accomplish programs needed to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities, particularly for LMI persons.

The City will continue to enhance coordination efforts as follows:

- Meet regularly with non-profits and other community agencies to seek their input.
- Work closely with private developers on creating affordable housing options.

- Work with training and employment organizations.
- Work with housing and service providers to implement strategies to address chronic homelessness and the needs of the underserved.
- Work with local businesses to provide training services for LMI persons.

Discussion

CDBG plans to fund a variety of programs and activities to support area LMI households with affordable housing, emergency assistance and homelessness prevention, special needs activities, and community improvements. Throughout this Action Plan and the Con Plan, these areas have been addressed relative to the level of needs, priorities, goals and outcomes.

Perhaps the most important actions taken by the City have been its commitment to Economic Development and the establishment of the Auburn Training Connection to educate and train the City's workforce. The provision of a well-paying job is ultimately the most important action that any jurisdiction can take to address the issues related to poverty.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements – 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

This Plan addresses the program specific requirements for the Annual Action Plan. It included required information for CDBG.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

Table 14 – CDBG Program Income

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	\$100,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	\$100,000

Other CDBG Requirements

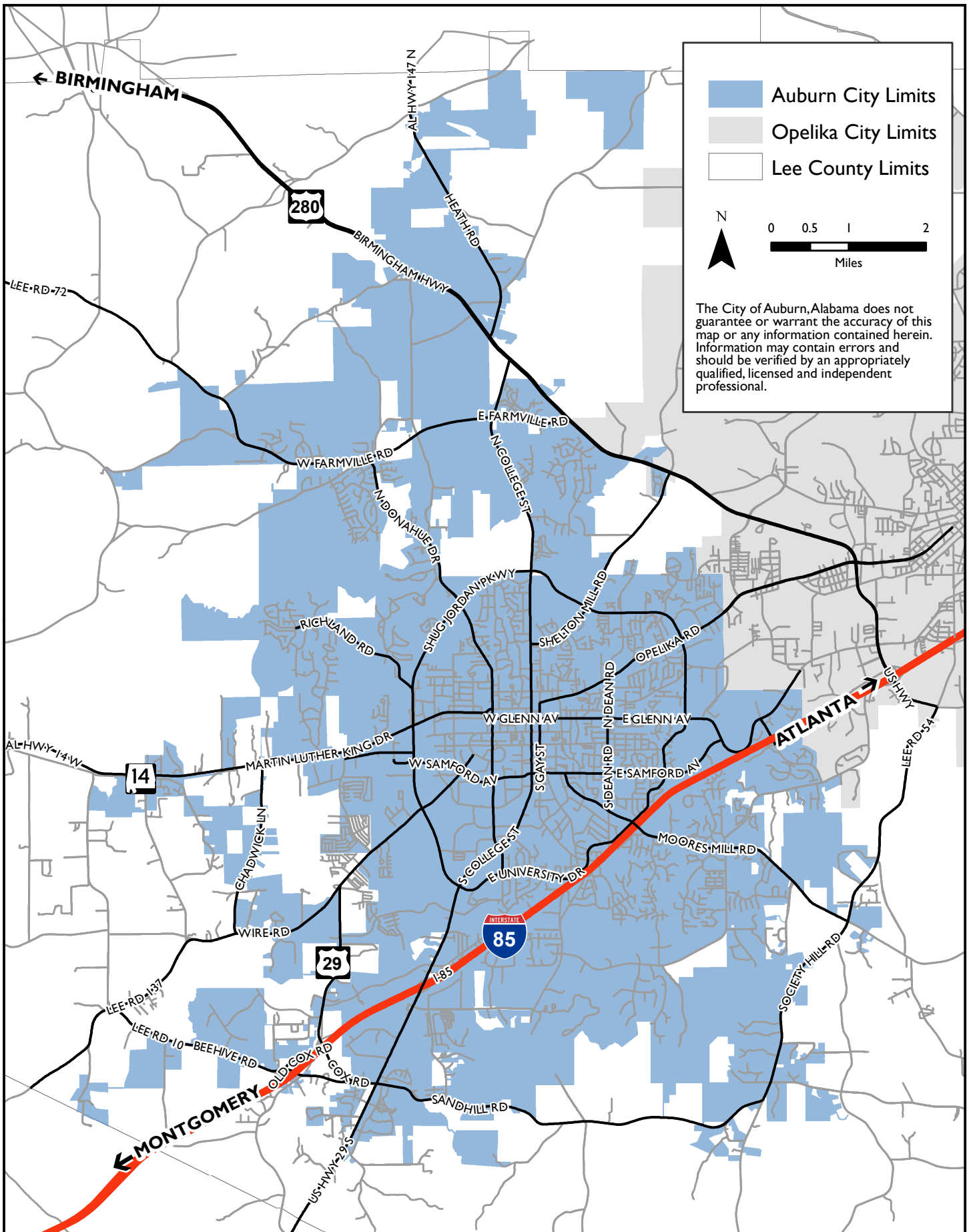
Table 15 – CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100%

Appendix 1

Map – City of Auburn

Auburn, AL



Appendix 2

Community Demographics – Auburn, Alabama

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Auburn, AL

POPULATION

Total Population	61,462
Median Age	24.1
Percent of Population Below Poverty Line	29.4%
Percent Male / Female	50% / 50%

INCOME

Median Household Income	\$ 42,600
Per Capita Income	\$ 27,287

HOUSING

Number of Households	22,588
Number of Housing Units	26,569
Percent Occupied Housing	85%
Percent Renter-Occupied Housing	56%
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units	\$ 236,200

RACE & ETHNICITY

White	69%
Black	17%
Native	0%
Asian	8%
Islander	0%
Other	0%
Two+	1%
Hispanic (any race)	5%

U.S. Census Bureau (2017). 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Retrieved from *Census Reporter Profile* page for Auburn, AL

<https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US0103076-auburn-al/>

Appendix 3
Low/Moderate Income Census Block
Groups – Auburn, Alabama

Census Block Groups - Auburn, AL



040200-2

Total Population: 923
Race - White%/Black%: 71%/26%
Households: 427
Median Home Value: \$224,200

040200-3

Total Population: 1,606
Race - White%/Black%: 72%/12%
Households: 808
Median Home Value: \$227,900

040300-2

Total Population: 1,453
Race - White%/Black%: 79%/9%
Households: 701
Median Home Value: \$210,900

040400-4

Total Population: 3,275
Race - White%/Black%: 61%/29%
Households: 1,431
Median Home Value: \$93,200

040602-1

Total Population: 5,173
Race - White%/Black%: 46%/43%
Households: 1,873
Median Home Value: \$180,800

040602-2

Total Population: 601
Race - White%/Black%: 18%/82%
Households: 185
Median Home Value: \$108,300

040603-1

Total Population: 732
Race - White%/Black%: 63%/31%
Households: 356
Median Home Value: \$15,500

040604-1

Total Population: 2,709
Race - White%/Black%: 80%/16%
Households: 1,137
Median Home Value: \$75,500

040604-2

Total Population: 1,076
Race - White%/Black%: 100%/0%
Households: 521
Median Home Value: \$16,700

040604-3

Total Population: 1,228
Race - White%/Black%: 93%/5%
Households: 479
Median Home Value: N/A

040700-1

Total Population: 2,249
Race - White%/Black%: 82%/6%
Households: 233
Median Home Value: \$113,500

040800-1

Total Population: 1,353
Race - White%/Black%: 62%/12%
Households: 689
Median Home Value: \$320,000

040800-2

Total Population: 1,939
Race - White%/Black%: 90%/4%
Households: 981
Median Home Value: \$146,700

040902-2

Total Population: 3,401
Race - White%/Black%: 63%/10%
Households: 1,130
Median Home Value: \$153,500

040902-3

Total Population: 1,502
Race - White%/Black%: 72%/18%
Households: 686
Median Home Value: \$94,700

041000-2

Total Population: 2,490
Race - White%/Black%: 28%/72%
Households: 1,012
Median Home Value: \$60,400

041100-1

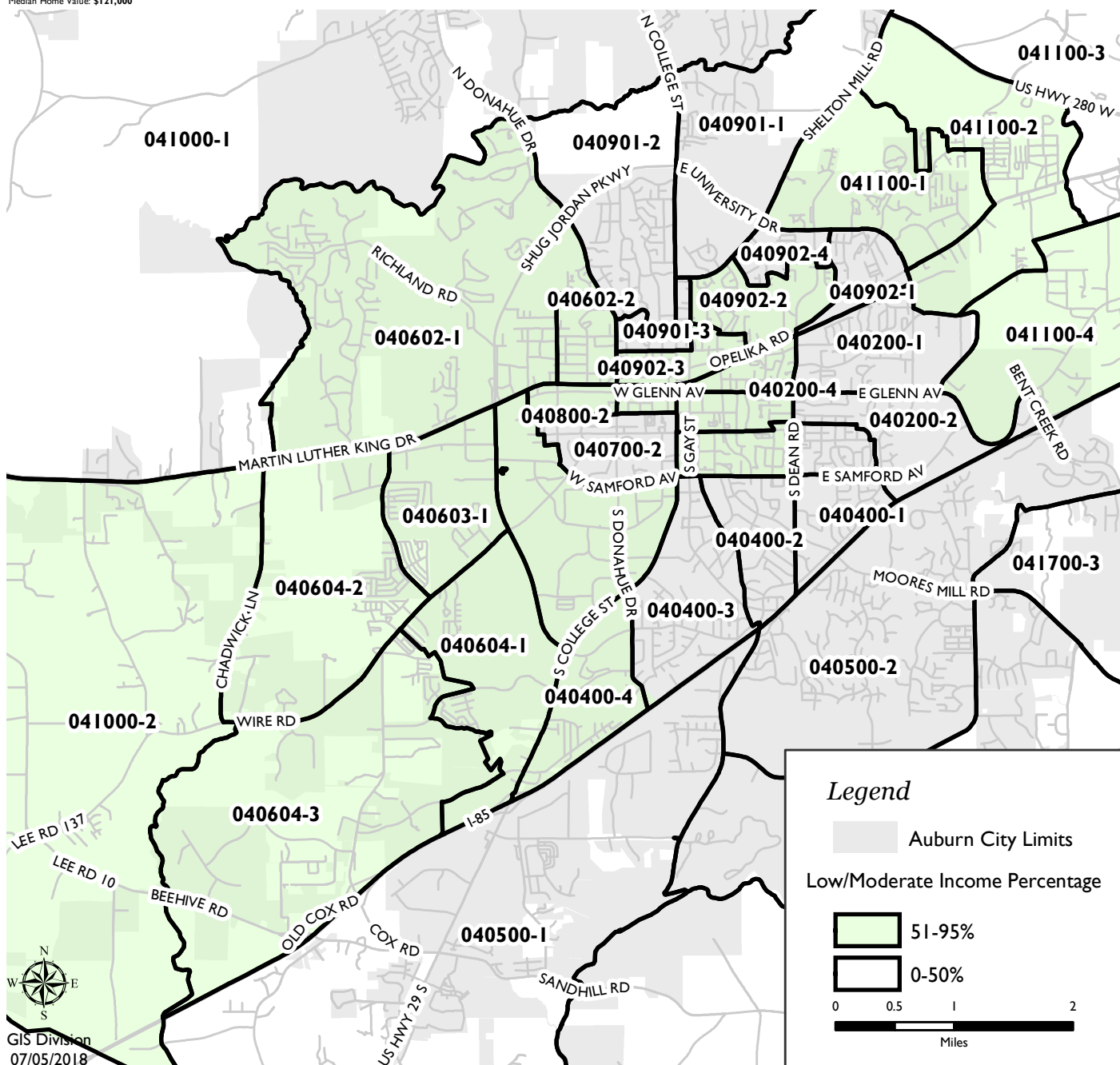
Total Population: 3,353
Race - White%/Black%: 36%/52%
Households: 1,287
Median Home Value: \$168,300

041100-2

Total Population: 2,109
Race - White%/Black%: 55%/29%
Households: 1,009
Median Home Value: \$242,200

041100-4

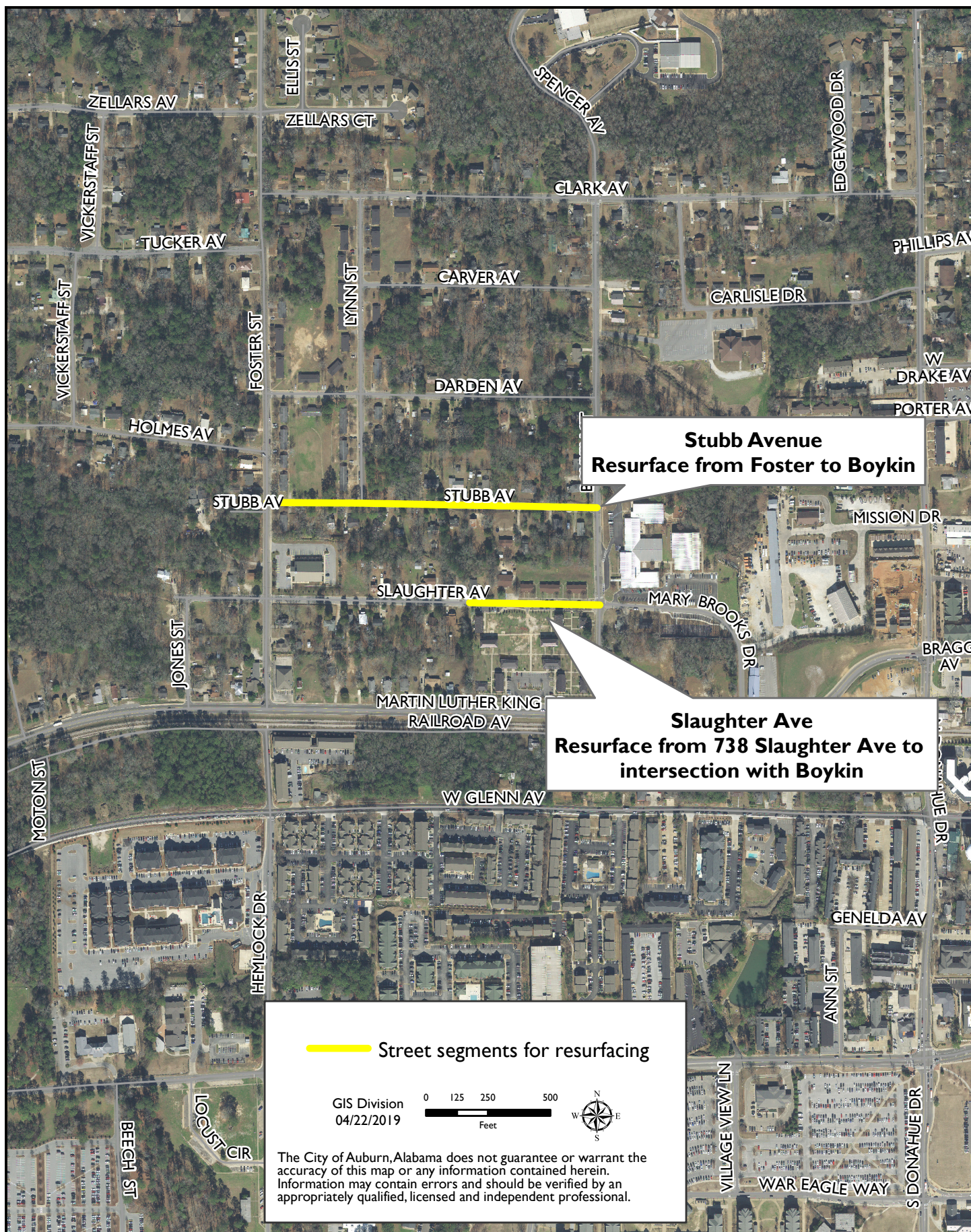
Total Population: 1,936
Race - White%/Black%: 60%/29%
Households: 676
Median Home Value: \$121,000



Appendix 4

Street Resurfacing Project

CDBG Street Resurfacing PY 2019

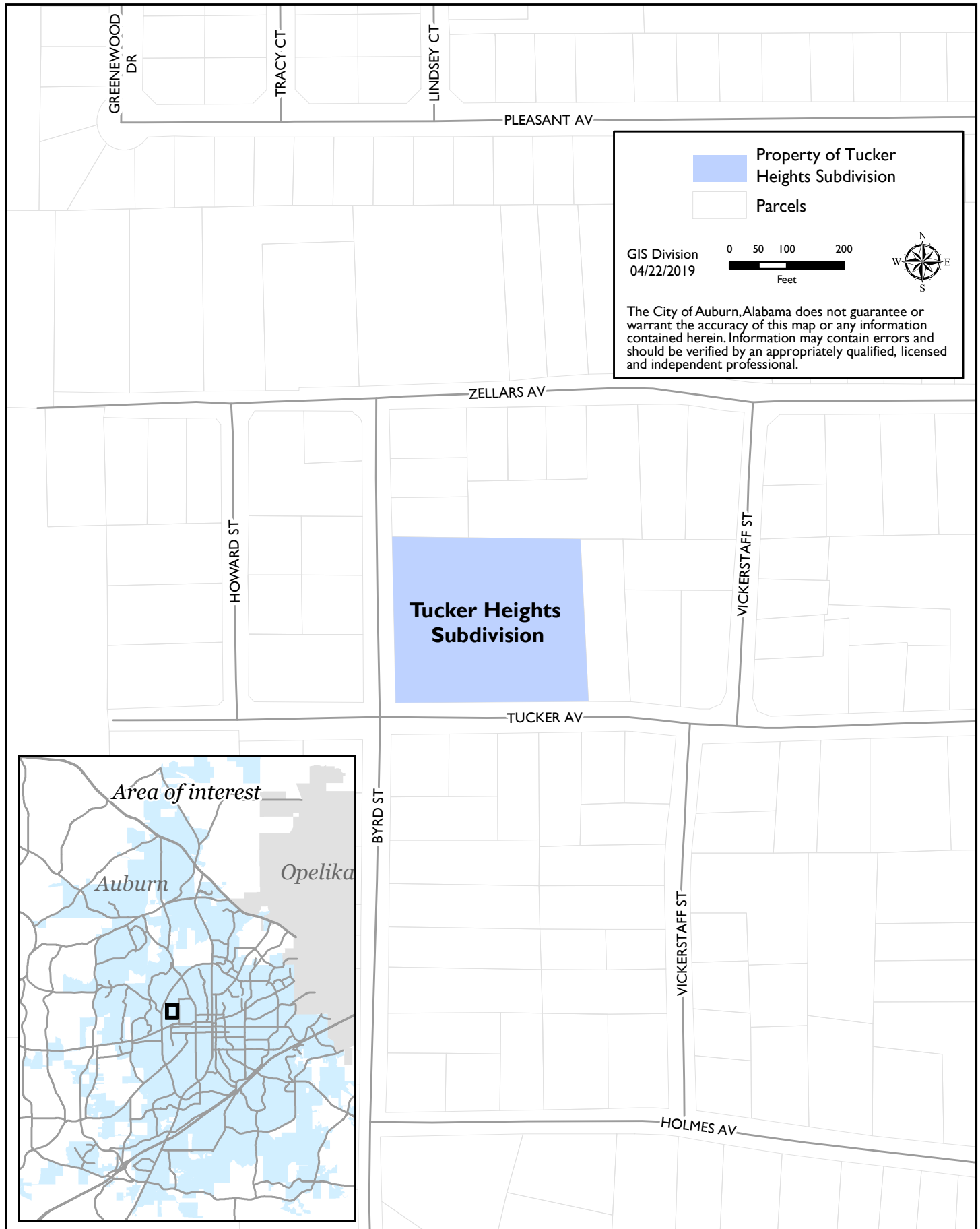


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Tucker Heights Subdivision

Tucker Heights Subdivision PY 2019

Northwest Auburn

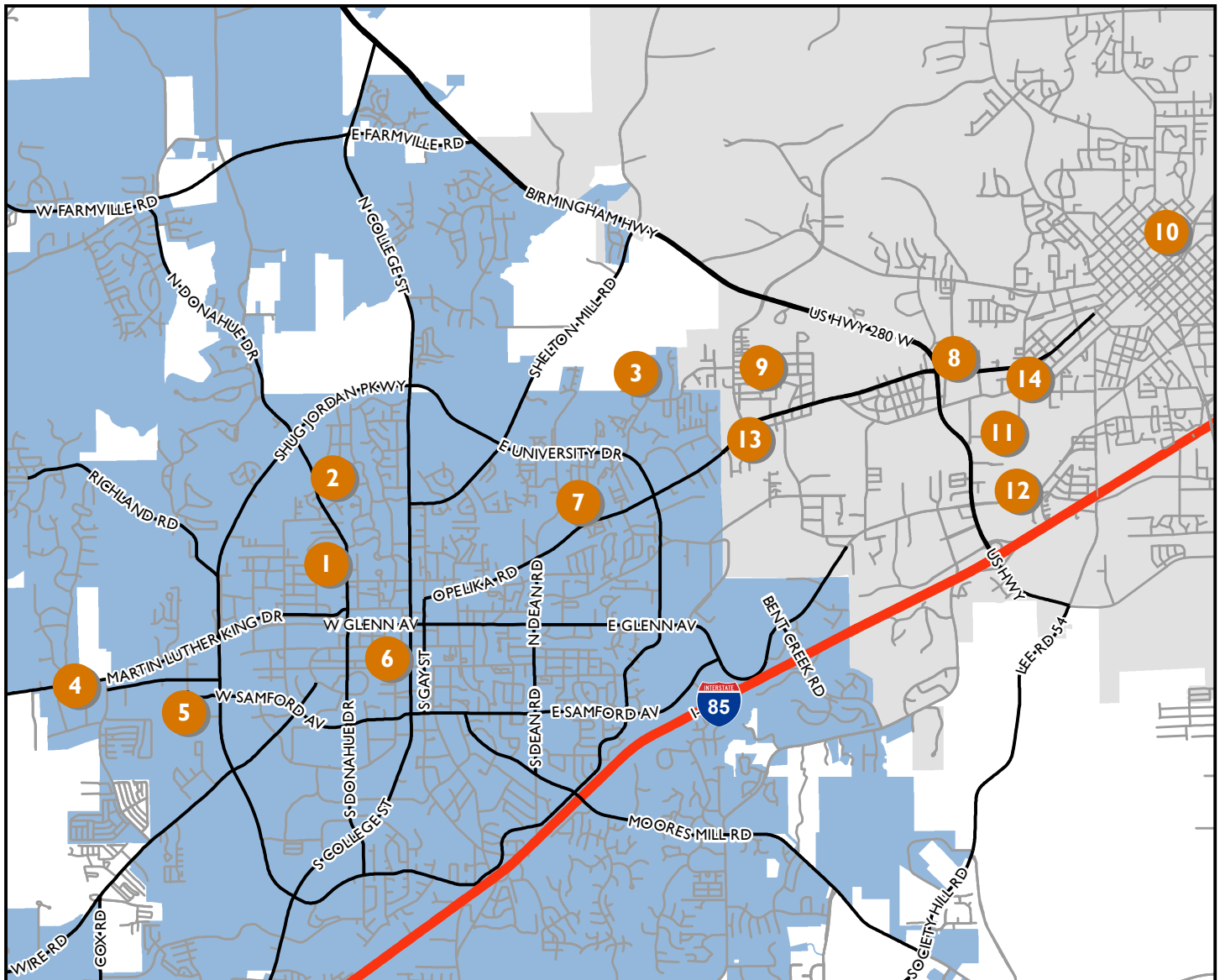


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Public and Private Agencies Consulted



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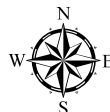
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AREA AGENCIES CONSULTED IN THE FY 2019 ACTION PLAN PROCESS:

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|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 Auburn Day Care | 5 North Auburn Housing Development Corp. | 8 East Alabama Medical Center | 12 Lee-Russell Council of Governments |
| 2 Auburn Housing Authority | 6 Presbyterian Community Ministry | 9 Goodwill Career Center | 13 United Way - Lee County |
| 3 Boys & Girls Club of Lee County | 7 Salvation Army of Lee County | 10 Lee County Habitat for Humanity | 14 Unity Wellness Center |
| 4 East Alabama Food Bank | | 11 Lee County Health Department | |

 Auburn City Limits
 Opelika City Limits



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Appendix 7

Public Notices

Project: Arts district streetscape work

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biggest effects of the project will be on traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian.

"One of the great impacts that we see there as part of this project and putting the medians in is to help slow down traffic and certainly make this more pedestrian-friendly," said Patrick Slaughter, project manager in the city's Engineering Services Department, who noted the walking path around the lake and planned walking paths at GPAC. "It will definitely be a more pedestrian friendly area."

The impact on safety in the area will provide a benefit for residents, said Burmester.

"We think the increased lighting will have some safety impacts," he added. "The medians will cause traffic to slow down, so we're expecting increased pedestrian activity crossing between the museum and the performing arts center so that some slower traffic, more lit roadways and sidewalks will all have a safety impact as well as just the aesthetic improvements."

"This roadway improvement will help connect the museum and the Gogue Performing Arts Center, and act as a gateway into this new arts district as well as the city of Auburn."

A crosswalk connecting GPAC and the museum will also be installed.

Overall, the project will help create

a new gateway not only into the university's new arts district, but into downtown as well.

"The South College and Sanford Avenue intersection has always been regarded as the gateway to the university, but this certainly helps sort of back things up and makes people aware as you approach the intersection of Donahue that you're coming into the university's development there," said Slaughter. "That's probably one of the biggest things we see, just the slowing down of traffic and alerting motorists that they're starting to come into a pedestrian area."

The total cost of the project is about \$1.2 million, which will be reimbursed from the city's general fund to the university, which will manage the streetscape component of the project.

The Auburn City Council approved a memorandum of understanding between the city and university in September to work together on the project.

"This decision was made jointly by the city and university to have a holistic look at this — the same design team that's working on the performing arts center worked on this effort," said Burmester. "The same contractor that's doing the paving earthwork at the performing arts center is doing this work, so there's hopefully some consistency from a design standpoint and phasing and execution."

Housing: Academic dwellings

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private dormitories, where "the typical unit configuration includes common space for living and cooking and private bedrooms, each with a dedicated bathroom" but no master bedroom/master bath and with bedrooms and common spaces that are typically smaller in floor area than those found in single-family detached dwelling units. The ordinance would also require 1.1 off-street parking spaces per bedroom.

The ordinance amendment would permit ADDUs in the city's three Urban Neighborhood Districts — East, West and South. ADDUs would be a conditional use in Corridor Redevelopment Districts Urban and Suburban and in the Redevelopment District, and be subject to review by the Planning Commission and City Council for a number of issues, including compatibility with the surrounding properties.

ADDUs would not be permitted in Neighborhood Redevelopment District, which covers areas that include Canton Avenue.

The Planning Commission also recently discussed how ADDUs would be dealt with in the Harper Avenue and Glenn-Dean areas, which have been under review by the Planning Department in two focus area studies. During the work session, the commission concurred with the department's recommendation that ADDUs be conditional in a proposed district provisionally named Medium Density-Development District Housing. ADDUs would not be allowed in the other proposed district, Corridor Redevelopment-East.

At the meeting, some local developers

spoke during the public hearing, voicing a desire for more prescriptive standards for ADDUs, with Nick Hayes saying that "no one knows what the rules of the road are" and Ken Pylant, who has been active in the Canton Avenue area, saying that "no business can operate in the gray" and claiming that the new ordinance would "eradicate" ADDU developments in the city, primarily because property values are too high in the districts where those developments would be allowed.

"It's not as vague as it may seem," said Planning Director Forrest Cotten on how private dormitories and ADDUs are defined in the zoning ordinance. "It's actually, when you start really drilling down to it, most of it is inherently obvious."

Cotten added that planning staff is just applying the lessons learned from developing private dormitory regulations separate from typical multi-unit developments to the situation with single-family detached dwellings. "Right now, we're classifying these as single-family detached units — that is inherently incorrect, and that's what this is really all about," he said.

During discussion, Commissioner Nonet Reese asked whether the commission could come back and amend the ordinance if it's determined that it is not working. Cotten said "absolutely."

"I want to make sure that it will work in the private sector," she said. "I want to make sure that somebody can actually go out there and build this."

The City Council will consider amending the zoning ordinance to include ADDUs at its regular meeting on Feb. 19.

Blueway: Design work for phase one

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making really fast progress on it so we decided to go ahead and contract out to finish the designs so we could get it out to bid," she said.

The City Council approved the design contract on Jan. 8. Richardson said she hopes to see the project completed this year or at least see construction mobilize.

Barge Solutions has allotted about 29 weeks for the design process, according to materials the company provided to the city.

The Villager first reported about the Saugahatchee Blueway-Greenway Project in 2015 after the Parks and Recreation Department had resurrected an idea from the early 2000s. The project is intended to bring more greenspace to north Auburn.

"The northern part of Auburn is not served nearly as well as other parts of the city," Richardson told The Villager. "We've got Town Creek

(Park) in the middle of town; we've got the Shell Toomer greenway, which is south of town; and then we have quite a few off-road bike-ways where people can walk off at different places, but we really don't have anything on the north side of town, so I think this will be really popular."

Know of other areas in the city in need of greenways? The city is currently seeking input on greenway needs in the city for its Connect Auburn plan.

To give input, visit connectaurn.org. The website utilizes an interactive map where residents can click on specific areas to highlight a need as well as leave comments about those areas. Community members can view the submitted suggestions and "like" them, if they agree.

A plan for greenway and bikeway improvements will be finalized some time in 2019, according to the website.

Task Force: Student-housing group

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brief organizational meeting. Then, the group will meet a second time in February, some time around the Auburn University Board of Trustees Feb. 15 meeting, in which information pertinent to the task force will be made public.

The BOT will be considering the university's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, according to Brian Keeter, director of public affairs for Auburn University. The plan will likely outline future on-campus housing needs and enrollment projections, Anders said.

"Before we get moving, we really need to know what the university's plans are because I've always believed that's the first domino that has to fall for us to be able to solve this continuing conundrum, which is student housing in our community," he said.

The task force will also study the Danter report, which analyzes the city's multi-family housing market. The city's Danter report was updated last year, and the task force will receive a summary of its findings at the January meeting.

"(Assistant City Manager) Kevin (Cowper) will make a full presentation of the Danter report, and then we'll start taking the university's information and we'll start planning how we want to go about figuring this out," Anders said. "I don't know where we're going to end up, but what I do believe is we've got to get more informed, and we've got to have a clear understanding of what is the university going to do, and what does this report say that our city currently has, and then, what are our realities?"

Anders said his intention is to be "very involved" with the task force.

The boom in student-housing development began earlier this decade, when from October 2011 to October 2014, new projects brought 1,636 beds in multi-unit developments onto the market. Student-housing became a hot topic in Auburn with the development of 160 Ross and its 642 beds on East Glenn Avenue.

That project led to the city imposing a moratorium on new multi-unit housing developments in the now-rezoned University Service District east of Gay Street in early 2015 that lasted until December of that year. The moratorium did not cover the Urban Core, where a number of large, typically 75-foot-high, purpose-built student housing projects were planned.

During Planning Commission work sessions for implementing the Downtown Master Plan in 2015, commissioners decided to prohibit new student-housing developments (private dormitories) in the Urban Core and CEOD and developed the "private dormitory" use, which identifies characteristics that separate student housing from multi-unit.

Those recommendations were implemented in the Downtown Master Plan process and created three Urban Neighborhood districts.

New private dormitory developments are permitted by right in Urban Neighborhoods East and West, roughly north of campus to the west of Wright Street. New private dormitories are conditional in Urban Neighborhood-South.

City of Auburn

Public Notice of Funding and 2019 Action Plan
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

CDBG Fiscal Year 2019 Notice of Funding

The City of Auburn is currently accepting applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in 2019. Applications will be considered to fund housing and public service activities benefiting low- to moderate- income residents. Applications are available at the Community Services Department/ CDBG office or can be requested digitally; tmuchite@auburnalabama.org. Applications and information can be found on the COA website via the link below. All accommodations are considered upon request.

Applications must be complete and received no later than Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

The public is invited to attend a public hearing related to CDBG funding applications and 2019 Action Plan allocation. Session one will be Thursday, January 31, 2019, 10:00 AM at the Boykin Community Center, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Room 211. Session two will be Thursday, January 31, 2019, 5:30 PM at the City of Auburn Development Services Building, 171 North Ross Street, Auburn, Development Services conference room.

Funding for these activities will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the 2019 Annual Action Plan. Please direct all questions regarding this notification to the Community Development Office by calling (334) 501-7277 or via email to Todd M. White, tmuchite@auburnalabama.org. All requests for accommodations are considered and should be forwarded to the Boykin Community Center CDBG Office or the Auburn City Hall no later than January 24, 2019.

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World Jewish Congress concerned about rise of neo-Nazism in Europe

The Associated Press

SOFIA, Bulgaria — The World Jewish Congress is showing concern about the rise of far-right activities across Europe attempting

to promote anti-Semitism, hatred, xenophobia, and Nazi glorification among young people. The organization's CEO, Robert Singer, said, "it is absolutely abhorrent that in 2019 in Europe,

the very place in which the Nazis attempted to wipe out the entire population of Jewish men, women, and children, far-rightists continue to parade unfettered through the streets with swastika

kas, SS symbols, and messages of hatred for Jews and other minorities."

He pointed at the Lukov March, held this weekend in Sofia, Bulgaria. Staged by the far-right Bul-

garian National Union, it attracts hundreds of nationalist supporters who march through the country's capital to honor a World War II general known for his anti-Semitic and pro-Nazi activities.

SATURDAY

FEB. 16

» **Minister Dr. Frankie Askew Bell of True Deliverance Holiness Church** in Auburn will be the guest speaker for Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church's Women's Empowerment Fellowship "Big Hat Tea." The tea will be from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16. Elder Mary Boykin, CEO of Order My Steps Outreach Ministry, will be the guest emcee. All women are invited. The dress attire is big hats, pearls and pumps.

» **The Watola Warriors of Watola United Methodist Church** will have its annual Chili Supper and Bingo Night on Saturday, Feb. 16, in the church fellowship hall. There will be several varieties of chili, from mild to hot to chicken chili to chili with beans and no beans. There will also be hotdogs and homemade desserts. Chili will start being served at 5 p.m. Bingo begins at 6 p.m. The cost of the adult chili supper will be \$5. The cost of supper for children younger than 5 years old will be \$2. A \$5 donation will give you a bingo card that will be good the entire night. An additional card will be a \$1 donation. The Chili Supper and Bingo Night is a Relay for Life fundraiser.

SUNDAY

FEB. 17

» **Pastor Eddie L. Story Jr. and Bethel No. 2 Baptist Church** in Opelika will celebrate the church's 149th anniversary at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Feb.

17 Bishop Kenneth Carter with Christ Temple Holiness Church in Opelika will be the guest minister. The theme will be "Walking In Faith" (2 Corinthians 5:7). Deacon Melton Torbert will be the master of ceremony.

» **Pleasant View Baptist Church** in Salem will celebrate the seventh Pastoral Anniversary of the Rev. Nelson and first lady Helen Fears at 1:30 p.m. CST on Sunday, Feb. 17. The guests will be the Rev. Dr. David Core Sr. and Community Baptist Church of Valley. The scripture theme will be "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall lead you with knowledge and understanding" (Jeremiah 3:15).

» **Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church** will host its Black History Program during the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Feb. 17. Alabama State Rep. Jeremy Askew Gray will be the special guest speaker. Rising Star Missionary Baptist is at 21935 U.S. Highway 80 in Opelika. The Rev. Edward Lane is pastor.

» **At 3 p.m., the women of The Auburn District Women's Department** will present a Black History Program in observance of Black History Month. Titled "The Life & Legacy of President Barack Obama," attendees will hear monologues and music performed by district members and friends. The theme for the hour will be "Yes We Can" with Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" as the biblical text. Members of the Auburn District and surrounding districts will participate in scenes depicting the

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president in various stages of his life from toddler to becoming president of the United States of America. The public is invited. The program will be at The Auburn District Center, 305 Palmer Ave., Opelika. Sister Jean Madden is president of The Auburn District Women's Department. Sister Joyce Upshaw is the program chairperson.

UPCOMING

» **Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church** will celebrate its annual All Ministries Day at 3 p.m. EST on Sunday, Feb. 24. The guest minister and church will be the Rev. L.W. Booker and St. James Missionary Baptist Church of Opelika. Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist is at 784 Lee Road 298 in Smiths Station. The Rev. Jeffery L. McCauley is pastor.

» **The group Joyful of Dadeville** will present black history through song and spoken word featuring local gospel artists at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24, at Deeper Impact Ministry. Admission is free. Deeper Impact Ministry is at 114 17th Place in Opelika.

» **Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church** will celebrate its 154th church anniversary at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24. The program begins at 2 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Rodney Jones, pastor of the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. The theme for the day will be "A Church Striving to be More Like Christ" (Ephesians 2:10). Ebenezer Missionary Baptist is at 541 Pitts St. in Auburn. The Rev. W. L. Muse is pastor.

» **The next meeting of the Auburn Ministerial Association** will be at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at St. Michael Catholic Church, 1100 N. College St. Attendees will meet in Sacred Heart Hall, which is the building just past the church. Any clergy or active lay leaders are welcome to attend. People can bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided by the host church. For more information, contact Father Bill Skoneki at 334-887-5540 or skoneki@aol.com.

» **New Spirit Missionary Baptist Church** will observe its 10th church anniversary at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 3. The Rev. Walter Jones and Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will be the guest speaker and church. New Spirit Missionary Baptist is at 3302 Dale Ave. in Opelika. The Rev. Tyrone Edwards is pastor.

» **Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church** will celebrate its 112th church anniversary at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 17. The Rev. Walter J. Jones and Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church of Auburn will be the guest pastor and church. The theme will be "One Body in Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:20). Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist is at 2255 Wrights Mill Road in Auburn. The Rev. Bernard Anderson is pastor.

» **Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church** will have its Spiritual Growth Seminar at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, through Friday, March 22. Pastor D.J. Manual of Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Tuskegee will be the guest. Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist is at 2255 Wrights Mill Road in Auburn. The Rev. Bernard

Anderson is pastor.

» **The Auburn District Matron's Department Auxiliary to the Auburn District Missionary Baptist Women's Auxiliary** will host its fifth Saturday workshop at 10 a.m. on March 30. Alabama State Rep. Peblin W. Warren will be the speaker. Matrons from all churches are being asked to attend. The event will be at the Auburn District Center, 205 Palmer St., Opelika.

ONGOING

» **The Carepartner Support Group**, a community-wide program, provides information, education and support for community residents who are taking care of someone with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. This group meets from 12:30 to 2 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Auburn United Methodist Church in room A106 off Hamilton Court. Call Judy Guin at 706-773-4286 or Nancy Teel at 334-524-2615 for more information. There is an educational program for the first 15 minutes, followed by small-group discussions.

» **Pepperell Baptist Church** offers a Wednesday ministry program from 5:45 to 7 p.m. for preschool and elementary age children called WOW-WORKSHOP on Wednesday For Children. The program of music, Bible messages for children, crafts, activities and snacks began on Sept. 5. For more information, contact Ryno Jones, children's youth pastor of Pepperell Baptist, or Beth Pinyard at 334-745-3108.

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» **St. Luke C.M.E. Church**, 3400 County Road 94,

Oak Bowery, observes its 124th church anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. CST. The theme will be "Standing on a Solid Foundation." Brother Edward Huguley will be the worship leader. The guest minister and church will

be the Rev. Morris Eugene Lewis and St. Luke C.M.E. Church of Auburn.

» **The Feeding Ministry of St. Luke A.M.E. Church**, 1308 Auburn St., Opelika,

offers a free meal on Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. each week. The meal is open to the public. The computer lab is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week from 5-7 p.m.

» **Showers of Blessings Church of God by Faith Inc.**, 580 Richland Road, Auburn, serves free community dinners on Thursdays

from 6-7 p.m. Call Trellis Smith at 334-728-0309 or visit <http://www.iambk-inc.org/>.

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the view that every child has the ability to enrich the lives of adults around them, too."

For weeks, Madonna says conversations continued with Miracle Hill officials, who set up a final interview before she was to be approved as a foster parent. In a conversation ahead of that meeting, Madonna says she was asked to give the name of her church.

"By the name, you can tell it's a Catholic parish," Madonna said. She says the Miracle Hill representative "immediately responded back with, 'I'm sorry, we only employ volunteers and mentors who are Protestant Christian.'" "I've never considered myself a religious minor-

ity until that moment," Madonna said. "I had to tell my kids that, because we're Catholic, we can't take these kids out for ice cream and cheer them on at their games. I was devastated."

In the last fiscal year, Miracle Hill received nearly \$600,000 in state and federal funding, the organization's president has said.

Rachel Laser — president and CEO for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, whose lawyers are handling Madonna's case — says that despite the waiver's specific language concerning Christianity, Miracle Hill is unconstitutionally discriminating against non-Protestants.

"This is a problem that the government has caused. If Miracle Hill were a private entity not accepting state and fed-



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Aimee Madonna has sued both the state and federal government, saying she's a victim of religious discrimination on the part of a federally funded foster-care agency that turned her down because of her Catholic faith.

eral money, then they could decide with their private money whom

they served," Laser said. "Aimee isn't the right kind of Christian, so they don't serve her."

Named in the lawsuit are Gov. McMaster, the South Carolina Department of Social Services and the federal Department of

Health and Human Services. Spokespeople for McMaster and the federal Department of Health and Human Services did not immediately return messages Friday seeking comment on the lawsuit.

On an online form used

to request more information about the foster care program, Miracle Hill describes itself as "a non-denominational, Christian organization based upon a protestant statement of faith." An informational sheet provided to AP describes a viable foster parent as "a born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ as expressed by a personal testimony and Christian conduct," going on to note further that the applicant must be an active participant of a protestant congregation.

An online frequently asked-questions section notes that, while Jews or Catholics "wouldn't be a good fit for Christian leadership roles at Miracle Hill, such as in our foster-care and mentoring programs," the organization can help connect them with other groups where they can serve.

Madonna recently reached out to Miracle Hill again, to see whether their policy had changed, but she said she received no response.

Public Notice City of Auburn Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program FY2019 Action Plan

The City of Auburn CDBG 2019 AP of proposed activities is currently available for citizen review and comments. The proposed activities are listed in accordance with the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has not released the CDBG FY19 appropriations. The City of Auburn CDBG FY19 estimates its allocation to be \$590,366. The following categories of activities are recommended to be funded by the FY19 allocation and to start June 1, 2019:

Grant Administration	\$156,750
Housing Rehabilitation and Delivery	\$50,000
Affordable Housing Purchase, Construction, and Delivery	\$184,616
Demolition and Clearance	\$10,000
Public Improvement – NW Auburn Street Re-surfacing	\$100,000
Public Services – Youth Supportive Services	\$30,500
Public Services – Senior Supportive Services	\$16,000
Public Services – Family Supportive Services	\$16,500
Public Services – to temporarily displaced	\$26,000

Please be advised, if the FY19 allocation is greater than the estimated allocation, any additional funding will be allocated to affordable housing and delivery. If the FY2019 allocation is less than the estimated allocation, the funding for the housing rehabilitation and delivery will be reduced. The Community Services Department anticipates generating \$100,000 in Program Income (PI) during FY19. PI will be recycled to leverage funds to further affordable housing projects. Section 108 loan funding will also be made available during FY19 to fund business loans.

Please note a copy of the FY19 Action Plan specific to activities to be funded may be viewed at Auburn City Hall, the Auburn Public Library, and by request or digitally through the Community Services Department/CDBG. Written comments on the Action Plan will be accepted for consideration until March 14, 2019 at 5:00 PM. Comments may be sent to the Community Services Department/CDBG, Attn: Todd M. White, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn, Alabama 36832; or via email to tmwhite@auburnalabama.org. Comments received after 5:00 PM, March 14, 2019 will NOT be considered.

City of Auburn Public Notice of Annual Action Plan FY2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

CDBG Notice of Action Plan FY2019 Public Hearings

The City of Auburn request your participation on allocating CDBG funding to be awarded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and beginning fiscal year 2019, June 1, 2019.

The public is invited to attend a public hearing related to the CDBG Action Plan FY2019 funding proposed budget. Session one will be Thursday, February 28, 2019, 10:00 AM at the Frank Brown Recreation Center, Conference Room, 135 Opelika Road, Auburn. Session two will be Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the Boykin Community Center, Room 211, 400 Boykin Street, Auburn.

Funding for these activities will be submitted to HUD in the FY2019 Annual Action Plan. Please direct all questions regarding this notification and the public hearings to the Community Services Department/CDBG by calling (334) 501-7277 or via email to Todd M. White, tmwhite@auburnalabama.org. All requests for accommodations are considered and should be forwarded to the Community Services Department or Auburn City Hall no later than February 21, 2019.

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