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Mayor Joe Hogsett announces phased redevelopment of Towne and Terrace

Residents to receive relocation assistance before acquisition, demolition of units

INDIANAPOLIS – Today Mayor Joe Hogsett joined City-County Councillor La Keisha Jackson and community members to highlight the next steps for the Towne and Terrace housing complex and demolish a vacant city-owned building at the site. Originally built over 60 years ago, Towne and Terrace now contains severely dilapidated buildings and experiences persistent illegal drug activity and gun violence.

“This will be welcome news for anyone familiar with the health and safety issues that have burdened this property for decades – from abandoned and dilapidated units, to an uncaring HOA, to the drug dealing and deadly violence that came in their wake,” said Mayor Hogsett. “Finally, we are able to move forward to get residents the proper housing and safe conditions they deserve.”

The announcement represents the next steps for the property following the resolution of the City’s long-standing legal dispute with the complex’s homeowners association. After reaching a settlement last fall, the City conducted extensive outreach to neighbors living onsite. Last weekend, the City informed residents that it would use a plan conceived by a court-appointed receiver to acquire all remaining properties in the complex and demolish them.

Because the City will use a combination of local and federal dollars to fund the project, the acquisition and relocation process will be guided by the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act (URA), which requires specific regulations be followed when federal funds are used to acquire property and relocate residents. All eligible residents will receive relocation advisory services as well as financial assistance. In addition, the City has two Community Engagement Specialists dedicated to connecting Towne and Terrace residents with community-based services and resources aimed at supporting their transition to a new home. Additional information about the process is available [here](#).

“Today, the residents of Towne and Terrace are closer to a brighter and better future than they ever have been before,” said Councillor La Keisha Jackson, District 14. “That has been made possible by hard work and extensive engagement with residents. I would like to thank Mayor Hogsett and the Department of Metropolitan Development for working together with me to create a safer and stronger community.”

Phase 1, consisting of approximately 76 properties, will begin in Spring 2023 with property acquisitions and relocation assistance for impacted residents beginning in Summer/Fall 2023. Phases 2 and 3, consisting of approximately 76 properties, will begin in early 2024 with property acquisitions and relocation assistance for impacted residents beginning in Spring/Summer 2024.

Following the full demolition of the site, the City will work with Far Eastside neighbors to envision a community-driven redevelopment of the area.

Residents and owners of Towne and Terrace are encouraged to contact Community Engagement Specialists by emailing brentwoodinfo@indy.gov.

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