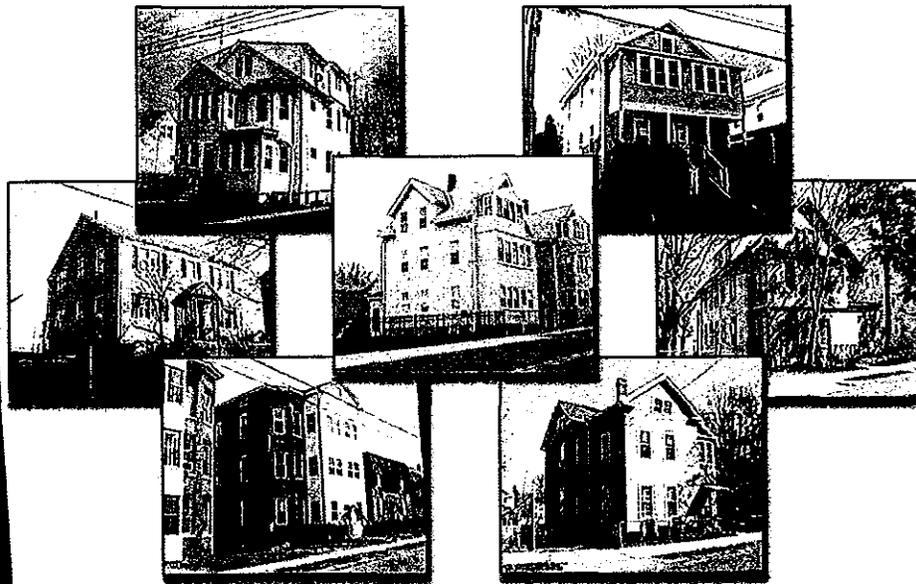


Schedule A – Local Program (Local Action Plan)

Local Action Plan Neighborhood Stabilization Program



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LOCAL ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE

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A. Identification of Area(s) of Greatest Need

1. Consistency with New Britain's Consolidated Plan

New Britain has been implementing a program of neighborhood stabilization for a number of years through a variety of activities. The selection of neighborhoods for stabilization is fully described in the City's Consolidated Plan. The vision statement contained in the Consolidated Plan states as follows:

Vision Statement

New Britain, through a process of needs assessment and community involvement has prepared a strategy to provide its residents with a variety of gateways to improved neighborhoods, housing, community services, education, employment and overall quality of life. As discussed in the plan, New Britain recognizes that these improvements over the next 5 years must be accomplished in an environment of declining or stagnant financial resources. Therefore, the gateway philosophy is built on the principal of maximizing the benefits of resources through increased coordination and linkages among programs. The plan contains an increased emphasis on programs for youths. These young people are the future of New Britain and the quality of the City's future will rest heavily on the individual success of our young people. The plan is also built upon a neighborhood-based strategy for revitalization and improvement of quality of life in New Britain.

A primary component of this strategy for the improvement of quality of life is an increase in homeownership opportunities. Homeownership leads to investment of both monetary value and social value. Many of the programs outlined in this strategy require community involvement. The level of involvement is increased as homeownership levels increase.

The neighborhood stabilization vision contained in the Consolidated Plan includes the following strategy actions and priorities:

Neighborhood Improvement

The existence of 4 NRZ's in New Britain provides a strong base for neighborhood improvement and stabilization. The strategy to improve in the neighborhoods include:

- Fill the NRZ Coordinator position within the Department of Municipal

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