

CITY OF MADISON/ALLIED COMMUNITY: BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP

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Preamble: The impoverished Allied neighborhood deeply appreciates the City of Madison for its efforts to rebuild and revitalize housing needs of the community. The prospective redevelopment will not only be a blessing for better homes, but also hopefully be a great influence for people to establish a new beginning to their lives. The redeeming aspects to family life will hopefully be the eclipsing glory of the redevelopment. With faith for a better future, the Allied-Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association, on behalf of the greater community, supports the following precepts:

1. The redevelopment will be considered a success if:
 - (a) Residents in the Allied neighborhood are not forced to relocate. To this end, 50% of all new housing (both owner and rental) should be affordable for the typical Allied resident. Such housing costs should not exceed 30% of the typical Allied resident income of \$14800/year.
 - (b) The prospective mixed-income Allied community fails to supply sufficient low-income housing for the current neighborhood residents, then such relocated residents should be provided comparable low-income housing elsewhere in the city, with adequate relocation funds (i.e., the supply of low income housing in Madison increases).
2. Affordable temporary housing options for residents to live in while reconstruction proceeds.
3. Purchase/rent options to include:
 - (a) multi-income mortgage
 - (b) rent-to-own
 - (c) subsidized rent
 - (d) assisted down payment
4. A variety of housing options:
 - (a) multi-generational housing schemes
 - (b) live/work units
 - (c) many 3-4 bedroom options
 - (d) some restricted housing designed for the elderly
5. One-Stop-Center providing the necessary community services: Wellness Center, Weed & Seed, JFF, Community Action, Allied Partners, job center outlet, etc.
6. Allot of green space to be:
 - (a) child friendly---preferably behind buildings; including bike paths
 - (b) community garden
 - (c) pond or other central feature to reflect community wholeness and inspiration
 - (d) space allocation for some organized recreation: basketball, volleyball
7. Development issues:
 - (a) space for community center
 - (b) space for some small business opportunities: small restaurant, barber shop, Voices newspaper
 - (c) several bus stops
 - (d) school
 - (e) library
8. Other issues: Off street parking preferred