

**Priority Area:**

Address Declining Neighborhoods

**Goal/Objective:**

Reduce vacant and unmaintained city owned lots in neighborhoods.

**Strategy 3 – Re-institute the JHAP model program to encourage infill development on vacant lots.****Action Steps:**

- a. Form work group for project.
- b. Review JHAP program process for possible implementation for neighborhood renewal.
- c. Develop processes and procedures necessary for re-implementation of program. This model utilizes same processes used in program after tornado to incentivize home buyers (paying some portion of down payment, closing costs, etc.). First focus of incentives could be limited to purchase of newly constructed homes. A second focus area to include purchase of existing homes to incentivize remodel of existing structures. They could also be tied to certain distressed neighborhoods.
- d. Inform necessary stakeholders for input into program.

**Resources Required:**

1. Staff time for review and development of program.
2. Staff time for operation of program if implemented (new or existing) of 0.50 FTE in Planning, Zoning and Neighborhood Services.
3. Funding source for incentives for home buyers.

**Total Plan Cost:**

Total Additional FTE: 0.50

One-Time Costs: \$1,000

Staffing Annual Costs: \$35,000

Program Annual Costs: \$1.0 M

**Desired Benefit/Outcome:**

- Incentivizes & encourages home ownership.
- Eliminate vacant and unmaintained lots.
- Improve attractiveness of neighborhoods.
- Enhance values of surrounding homes.