

ATTACHMENT B – BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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The initial introductory briefing on Invest Saint Paul Initiative (ISP) to Council members was undertaken by the Mayor on February 6, 2007 which laid-out the ground work from the many Walk and Talks, Education Summit and one on one discussion. Before August 8, 2007, various City Departments and PED staff worked with District Councils and CDCs to start to impact the work in ISP areas and develop major strategies, this included becoming more strategic with rehabilitation and mortgage activities being undertaken with HRA/City funds. On August 8, 2007 HRA approved the overall Invest Saint Paul Initiative, work plan and budget of \$17.0 million. The work plan broke down the activities into performance areas and identified outcomes:

1. Organization Support/Community Outreach
2. Regulatory
3. Rehabilitation
4. Mortgage Financing/Incentives
5. Strategic Acquisition
6. Neighborhood Commercial Corridors
7. Large Redevelopments
8. Supportive Housing

On August 8, 2007, by Resolution 07-08/08-3, HRA approved Invest Saint Paul Initiative and work plan which included strategic acquisition of vacant properties, demolition and rehabilitation of housing for both ownership and rental. Dayton's Bluff District 4 identified an 8-10 block radius around Dayton's Bluff Achievement Plus School as an immediate area of concentration. A number of properties have been acquired in this area and are being addressed in partnership with the neighborhood.

On June 10, 2009 HRA approved the Fourth Street Preservation Project which was developed in combination with the Dayton's Bluff Urban Partnership, Historic Saint Paul, Dayton's Bluff District 4, Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services and residents to compliment the Bates, Conway and Maria Redevelopment Area. The areas were immediately adjacent to each other These groups worked together and drafted Development Principles that can not only be used in the Dayton's Bluff Historic District but can be used throughout the neighborhood.

The City and HRA have continued to build on the Invest Saint Paul Initiative Plan with the adoption of; (1) Resolution 08-1270 on November 19, 2008 and Resolution 09-103 on January 28, 2009 covering NSP 1; (2) with the adoption of Resolution 10-3/24-3 on March 24, 2010 covering NSP 2; (3) with the adoption of Resolution 11-387 on April 20, 2011 covering NSP 3. The focus of the program is the purchase, rehabilitation, management, resale and rental of properties for the purpose of stabilizing neighborhoods. The activities identified for use with NSP funds match and enhance the ISP activities.