

# LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY

## A Resolution to Approve the Orleans Parish Road Home Property Disposition Plan

December 11, 2007

**OVERVIEW:** A resolution recommending the official approval of the Orleans Parish Road Home Corporation Property Disposition Plan.

Whereas, the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) is the planning and coordinating body that was created in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco to plan for the recovery and rebuilding of Louisiana;

Whereas, Amendment No. 7 to Action Plan No. 1 stipulates that the Road Home Corporation is responsible for the redevelopment of properties purchased by the Road Home Homeowner Assistance Program;

Whereas, Amendment No. 7 to Action Plan No. 1 further stipulates that the Road Home Corporation may transfer properties from the state to a local redevelopment agency upon approval by the LRA board of redevelopment plans that take into account local land use guidelines;

Whereas, at the board meeting held on September 11, 2007, the LRA Board approved the adoption of the following guidelines for local government redevelopment plans for the disposition of properties acquired by the Road Home Corporation:

- 1) Parishes must identify the agency designated to receive buyout properties on behalf of the parish;
- 2) Parishes should articulate basic principles/processes for the redevelopment of acquired properties;
- 3) Parishes should articulate land use plans for areas with multiple buyouts;
- 4) Parishes should articulate resale procedures;
- 5) Parishes should articulate how the Parish's disposition plan for Road Home Corporation properties engage the Parish's Long Term Community Recovery Plan;
- 6) Parishes should articulate how they will meet affordable housing targets and address permanent green space possibilities per Amendment No. 7 to Action Plan No. 1;
- 7) Parishes should describe how their disposition plans address the following five principles for recovery and rebuilding adopted by the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board on December 1, 2005:
  - a. Create infrastructure that supports recovery by restoring confidence, enhancing quality of life, and withstanding future disasters;
  - b. Promotes economic growth that benefits everyone;
  - c. Provides public services that enhance quality of life for everyone;
  - d. Pursues policies that promote a healthy environment;
  - e. Promotes planning and design of communities that advance livability.

Whereas, these guidelines were approved by the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority (NORA) on November 29, 2007 and the Recovery Committee of the New Orleans City Council on December 4, 2007. ~~The entire New Orleans City Council approved the guidelines on December 5, 2007.~~

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Whereas, (NORA) has developed it's own set of similar guidelines for the disposition of Road Home properties listed as follows:

- 1) Community participation and neighborhood involvement
- 2) Ensure and require maintenance of Louisiana Land Trust properties
- 3) Support affordability and equity
- 4) Targeted Intervention
- 5) Maximum clustering of available properties
- 6) Prevent speculation and ensure responsible development
- 7) Transparency
- 8) Promote homeownership
- 9) Demolish judiciously
- 10) Conformity with Long Term Strategic Recovery Plan
- 11) Multiple scales
- 12) Green building
- 13) Historic Preservation
- 14) Safety and elevation
- 15) Collaborations
- 16) Homeowner's Insurance
- 17) Coordination and flexibility

Whereas, it is prudent that local governments be provided with guidance in order to ensure consistency in property disposition strategies across South Louisiana that aim to rebuild safer, stronger, and smarter;

Whereas, parishes should develop a disposition plan consistent with local parish goals, Louisiana Speaks, and planning recommendations which have been derived from the American Planning Association (APA) Planning Conference of November, 2005;

Whereas, this is a locally driven activity not a state driven activity;

Whereas, parishes were required to get thoughtful public input from citizens and neighborhood groups with interest in the community to complete their disposition plan;

Whereas, it is anticipated that approximately 15,000 properties will be acquired by the Road Home Program.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Louisiana Recovery Authority Board does hereby approve the Orleans Parish Road Home Corporation Property Disposition Plan as the official disposition plan for Orleans Parish.