

For every piece of scaffolding surrounding City Hall, there is a corresponding story of someone in Milwaukee who is struggling and who has no support.

Please Make a Down Payment into the Housing Trust Fund

The City found \$70 Million to fix their house - Now what about our houses?

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Investing in Milwaukee's People

- The Mayor and the Common Council found \$70 Million to renovate City Hall. While that is important, it is equally important to invest in Milwaukee's people – who are our richest treasure.
- Milwaukee has one of the most rapidly growing poverty rates in the nation. These families deserve at least the same consideration and commitment that was shown for the crumbling City Hall building.
- The Housing Trust Fund Coalition has identified revenue sources sufficient to fund a \$1 Million “down payment” into the Housing Trust Fund in the 2006 City Budget

Potential HOUSING TRUST FUND Revenue Sources:

1. Use the unexpected increase from the Potawatami Payment to fund the HTF
2. The DCD Budget is proposing to borrow \$28 Million to create NEW TIF Districts. The city could set aside \$1 Million of that \$28 Million to establish the Housing Trust Fund.
 - Investing in housing is a guaranteed investment return in
 - Increased property tax revenues,
 - New jobs and
 - New dollars in the local economy
3. When TIFs Expire – the City could set aside the city portion of the TIF for an additional two-three years with the money designated for the Housing Trust Fund.

If the Council Doesn't Act Now – There could be NO MONEY for Affordable Housing until 2008

If the Council doesn't act now, it will have to wait until late 2006 to place funds in the 2007 budget. Those 2007 budget funds would then need to accumulate – for at least a year – before sufficient monies were available for new housing development.

The Common Council recently allocated \$25,000 to hire a consultant to design a Housing Trust Fund. The requested \$1 Million “down payment” can be made contingent upon the completion of the consultant's work in the Housing Trust Fund design before funds are expended.

Voices of the Poor – In Their Own Words

I'm 55 years old. Laid off from work, I can only find part time work for \$5.75 (an hour). I lost my apartment 4 months ago and sleep in my van. I have no heat. With the cost of gas so high, I cannot afford it or a parking permit so every ticket I get goes from my check.

Don J.

Housing is so few and the economy out weighs one's income so that we have 3 families living in one single family home, 4 bedrooms, just to make ends meet. We have to all share the cost of living, myself and 2 children, my oldest daughter and her 3 kids and my second daughter and her 2 kids.

Sarah T.

This program would help me a great deal. I am an elderly homeowner and I don't have funds available at a moment's notice, because I live on a fixed income. The program will be beneficial to me.

Maude W.

I have been looking for housing for 6 months. I am fixed income of \$576 a month. I'm not homeless but I'm on the brink of being homeless. I have applied for public housing but have heard nothing from them yet. I come to St. Ben's every day. I walk through the park every day and see a lot of homeless people. I pray to God that I am not one of them. I see a lot of abandoned buildings that the city could fix up so that people could have a place to stay. I love Milwaukee. I hope this is a good suggestion.

Arthur M.

When shopping for an apartment the cheapest one I could find cost 70% of my take home pay. Before long I missed a week of work and found myself getting evicted because I simply couldn't afford to pay rent. This was the cheapest I could find and there are many people worse off than me.

Tom S.

I have 5 kids and I am low income. I have been turned down by affordable housing because the waiting lists are so long or they are closed. My kids shouldn't have to suffer because money is being wasted on foolish stuff. It's pretty sad that inmates are living better than single mothers.

Jennifer P.

I live in the Salvation Army Lodge on 7th and Walnut, because I only work part time instead of full time. I will be kicked out on 10-27-05. I go to school full time for an associate's degree and work part time. I have nowhere to go and do not know what to do.

Cedrick C.

I am a senior working with a salary range just above poverty level. I have recently been told the owner of the property where I live will be selling and I have to move. The rent they are asking to live in a safe area is not affordable on the salary I make. I have several major health issues but due to the high cost of living can't afford to be on disability. So I ask you to please consider the seniors that want to live in decent housing but can't afford to.

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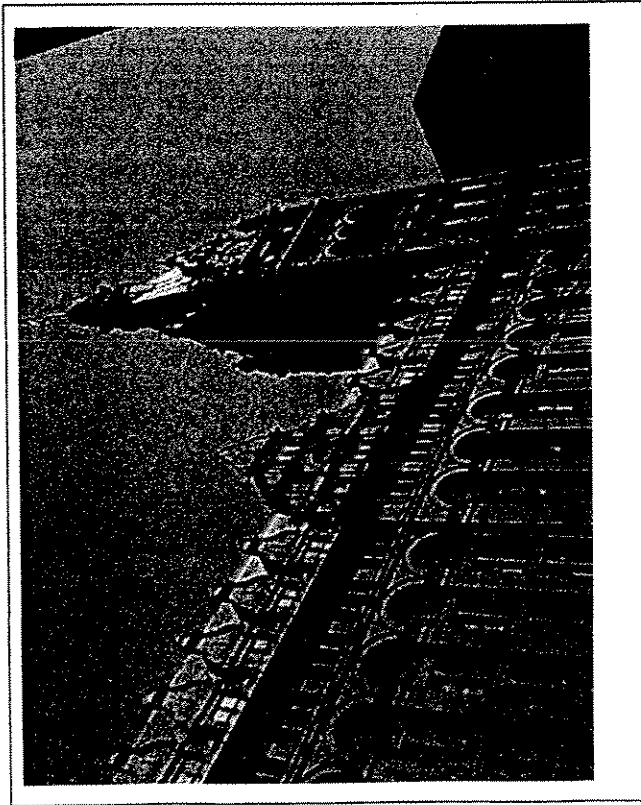
I'm on a fixed income of \$842 per month. Where can I pay rent and utilities and still eat and have enough left for clothing in this city? How about at your house?

James S.

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Deandra P.

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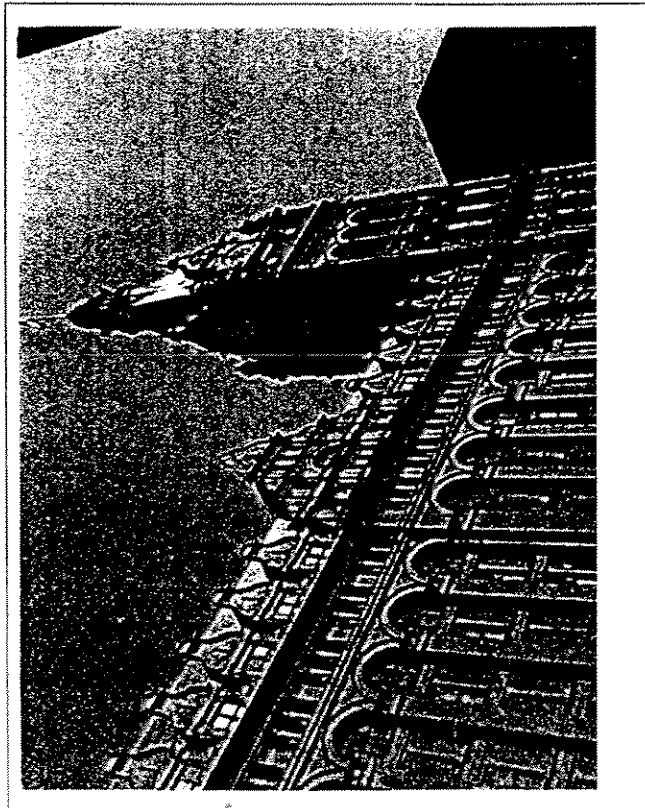
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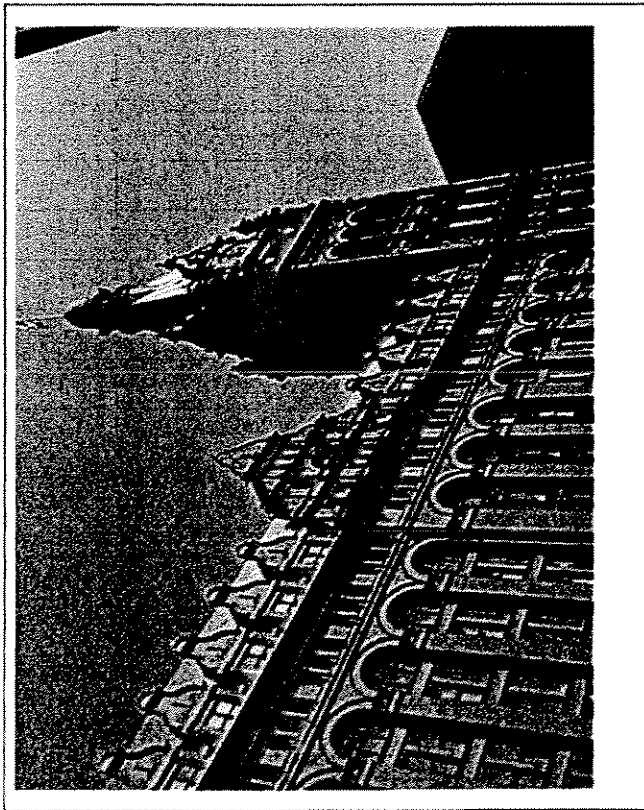
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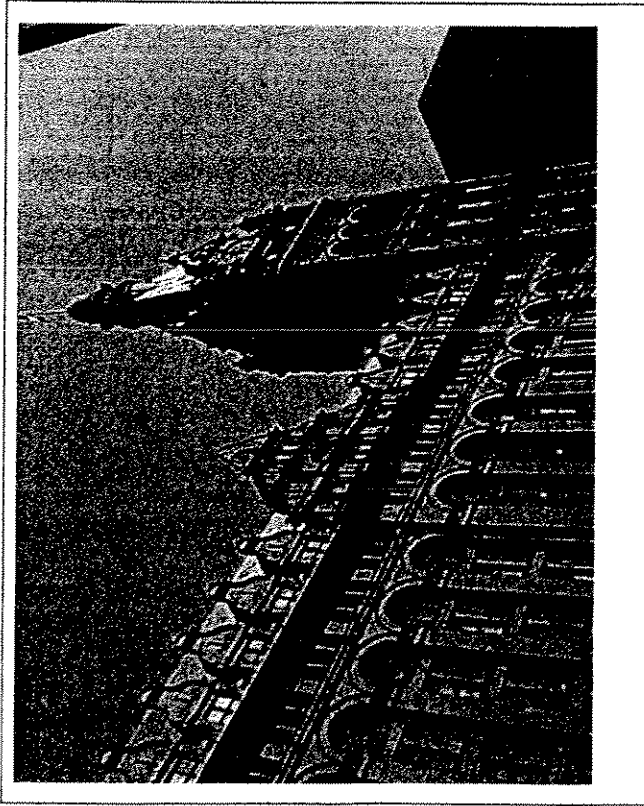
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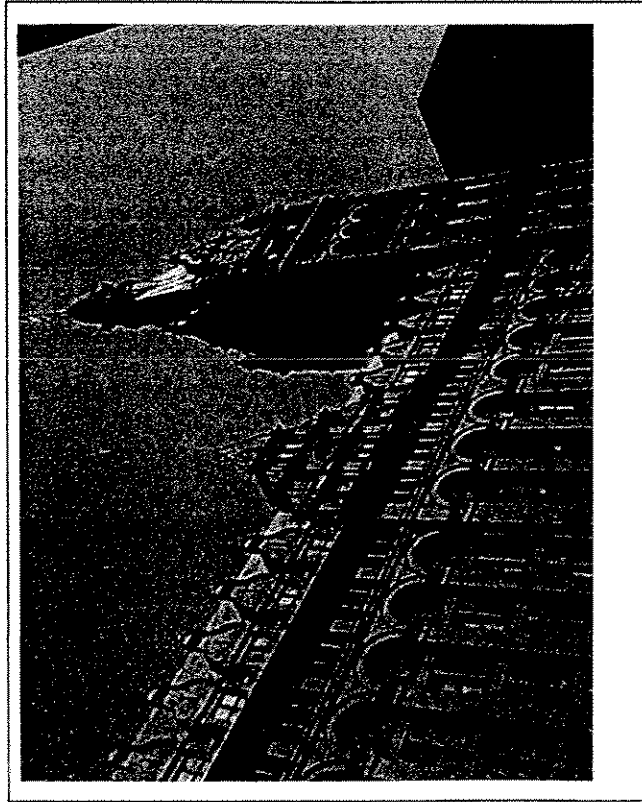
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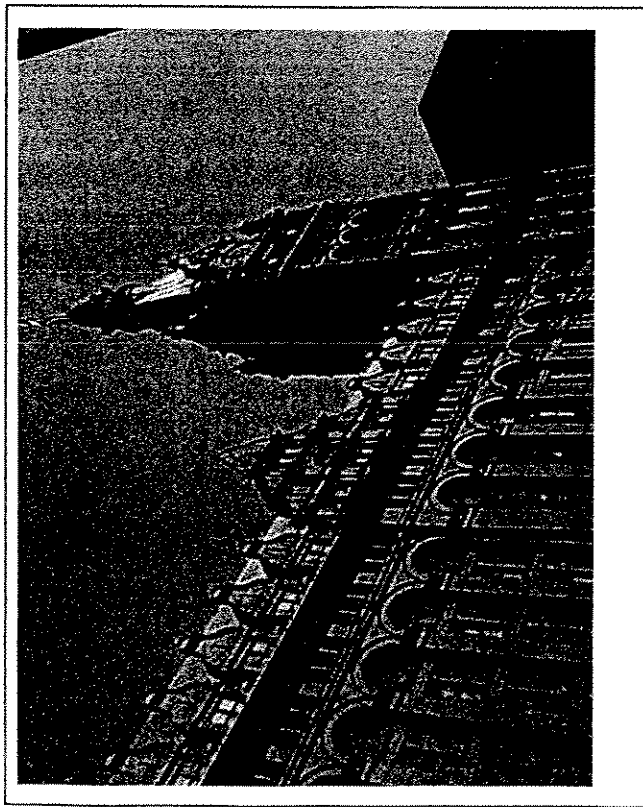
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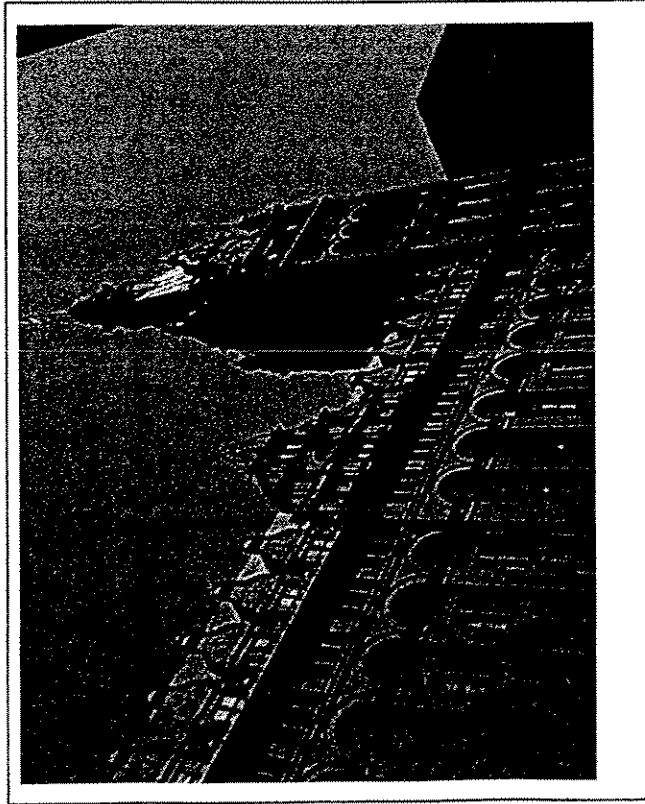
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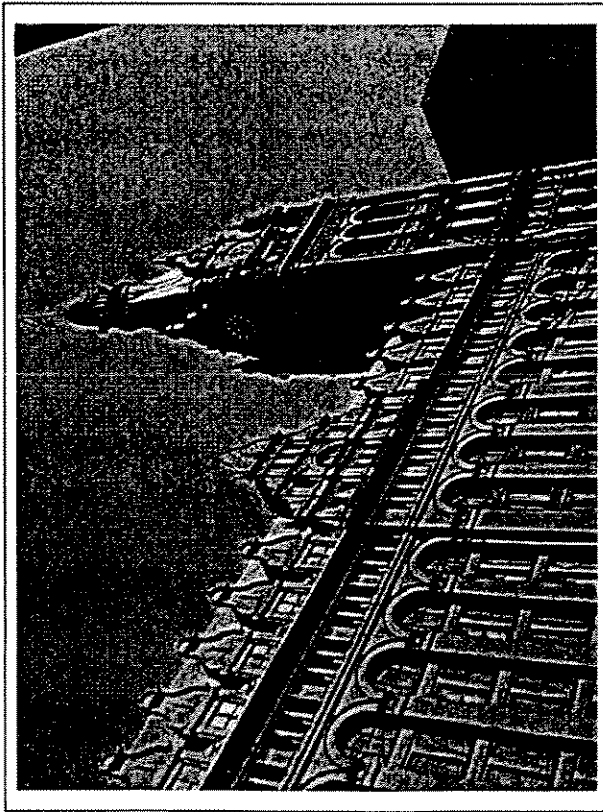
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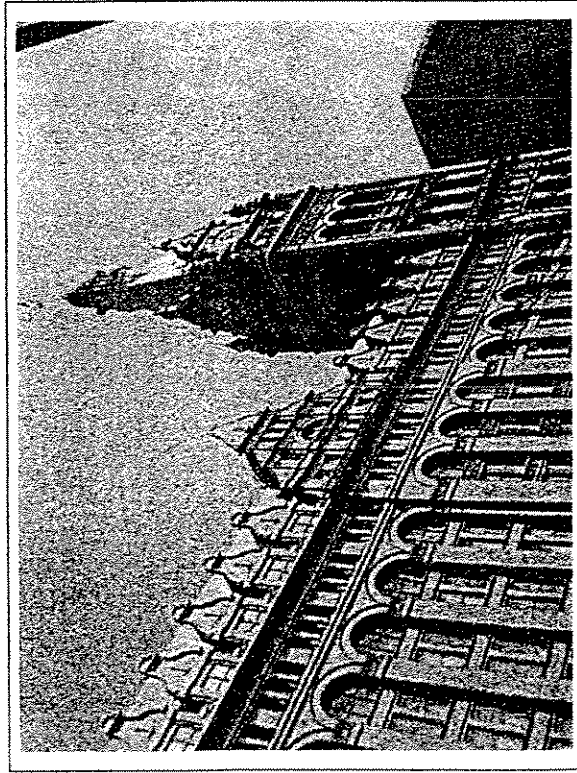
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