

Community Development Committee
February 3, 2004

Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) Policy Revisions

- 1. Increase the Owner/ Occupied waiting period from Two (2) years to Five (5) years.**
 - Decreases the number of new property owners from accessing NIP to rehabilitate property that were distressed when purchased.
 - All residents on the current approved waiting list (Approx. 500) will be grand fathered with the program.

- 2. Increase the Maintenance Covenant (forgiveness period) from Three (3) years to Five (5) years.**
 - Require owners to make a longer commitment to their property and neighborhood after receiving NIP assistance.

- 3. Priority given to properties with Health and Safety violations**
 - After inspection from the Department of Neighborhood Services a property that is classified to be in eminent or immediate danger would be give priority on the waiting list.

- 4. Establishment of a minimum estimated amount for scope of service (\$5,000)**
 - Properties that are in such a condition the Department Neighborhood Services estimate (Minus Housing and Urban Development required Lead work) is less than \$5,000 will be deemed ineligible for NIP funding.

Any exceptions to the NIP policies must be approved by the CDBG Director.