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Nuisance Code Enforcement Program a Success in 2013

In 2012, the Central Nebraska Housing Developers received a technical assistance grant through the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to conduct a pilot program for Nuisance Code Enforcement for three Central Nebraska communities.

This first year has resulted in tremendous results for the participating communities of Atkinson, O'Neill and Stuart. Each community identified a specific section of town to be inspected the first year, which included all properties (residences, businesses, schools, churches, government) being inspected equally. All inspections were conducted from the street, and any nuisance code violations were recorded and photographed with a zoom-lens camera.

Prior to inspections, the communities each informed citizens about the program and provided them with opportunities to clean up properties before inspections began (i.e. clean up days, tire collection, free landfill tickets).

A total of 627 properties were inspected between the 3 communities. Of those 627 properties, 194 properties received courtesy letters regarding identified nuisance violations. As a result of the courtesy letters, 120 property owners cleared their nuisance violations, leaving 74 properties being declared as a Nuisance.

To date, 27 properties are in the Abatement process, or have been given additional time to clear their nuisance violations.

A direct result of this year's inspection process is 3 vacant properties have been demolished, and at least 2 more structures are planned for demolition in 2014.

The Central Nebraska Housing Developers are now offering to provide Nuisance Code Enforcement Services to other Central Nebraska communities on a fee-for-service basis.

To learn more about the program, or to have a presentation made to your City Council/Village Board meeting, please call Judy Petersen at 402-340-0106.

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