



Charlotte Housing Authority

Highlights of the First Amendment to the Charlotte Housing Authority's Fiscal Year 2017 Moving Forward Annual Plan

The following activity is being proposed for implementation in FY 2017 at the Charlotte Housing Authority for the purpose of providing fresh food, jobs and educational opportunities for the families in the West Boulevard corridor:

Seeds for Change

The Charlotte Housing Authority (CHA) has partnered with the West Boulevard Neighborhood Coalition to create a plan to combat the lack of a supermarket in the West Boulevard Corridor. In early 2000, the CHA purchased approximately 3.54 acres of land at the corner of West Boulevard and Clanton Road to attract a highly needed supermarket to compliment the Dalton Village HOPE VI Program. Today, the parcel is still vacant and the corridor continues to be classified as a "food desert".

Neighbors in the community formed a coalition to address the needs and create a sustainable plan for their community. As a result, the "Seeds for Change" project was borne to provide fresh foods, jobs and educational opportunities for the families in the surrounding neighborhoods. CHA provided a License Agreement for less than one year to allow the Coalition to access, inspect and test the efficacy of constructing and maintaining an urban farm. Thereafter, it is our intent to enter into a phased, long-term lease agreement to continue to serve the needs of the community.

The impact of the plan will not only benefit the Arbor Glen residents, but the West Boulevard corridor as a whole. The initial plans will begin with a large-scale community garden that will include outdoor raised garden beds and aquaponic greenhouses which will employ community residents to build. Ultimately, the final phase will culminate in the construction of a 15,000 square foot, co-op grocery store.

The above amendment will be added to the General Information section of the FY 2017 Annual Plan. In addition, Appendix M has been revised to reflect this activity. The amendment will be added to the plan following the public hearing on May 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., Board approval, and final approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If you would like to view the entire copy of the FY 2017 Annual Plan, please visit http://www.charlottehousingauthority.org/living/moving_forward.asp or visit our office located at 400 East Boulevard during the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding the Annual Plan Amendment, please contact Brian Morris, Policy and Program Analyst, (704) 432-5557.