

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4281-N-09]

Notice of Designation of Urban Empowerment Zones

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of designation of Urban Empowerment Zones.

SUMMARY: On April 16, 1998, HUD published a notice inviting applications for designation of Empowerment Zones, which receive special tax benefits for area businesses. This notice announces the fifteen urban areas designated as Empowerment Zones in response to the applications submitted. This notice also announces the names of fifteen other communities, called Strategic Planning Communities, that were finalists in the competition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Braverman, Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Initiative, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7130, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-6339. (This telephone number is not toll-free.) For persons with hearing or speech disabilities, this telephone number may be accessed via TTY (text telephone) by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 (toll-free).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The rule that governs the selection of this second round of urban Empowerment Zones (published on April 16, 1998 at 63 FR 19151) is based on section 1391 of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. 1391), as amended by sections 952-954 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-34, 111 Stat. 788, enacted on August 5, 1997) (the 1997 Act). Section 952 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 added a new section 1391(g), which changed the eligibility criteria for this second round of 20 Empowerment Zones. Fifteen of the new zones were to be in urban areas, designated by the Secretary of HUD, and five of them were to be in rural areas, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture. The Act expanded the eligibility criteria slightly, provided different tax incentives applicable to the new EZs, and made other changes affecting EZs, thus necessitating changes to the implementing regulations.

The notice inviting applications from States and local governments for nomination of urban areas as Empowerment Zones also was published on April 16, 1998. That

notice provided for an application deadline of October 9, 1998. HUD carefully considered all applications, and on January 13, 1999, Vice President Al Gore announced the urban areas that were designated by HUD as Empowerment Zones and the rural areas that were designated by the Department of Agriculture as rural Empowerment Zones. On that date, Vice President Gore also announced the fifteen communities, called Strategic Planning Communities, that were finalists in the competition.

Appendix A to this notice lists the urban areas that HUD designated as urban Empowerment Zones. Appendix A to this notice also lists the communities, called Strategic Planning Communities, that were finalists in the competition.

Authority: 26 U.S.C. 1391.

Dated: April 30, 1999.

Cardell Cooper,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

APPENDIX A

State	City
Empowerment Zones	
California	Santa Ana.
Connecticut	New Haven.
Florida	Miami.
Indiana	Gary/E. Chicago, Indiana.
Massachusetts ...	Boston.
Minnesota	Minneapolis.
Missouri	St. Louis/E. St. Louis, Illinois.
New Jersey	Cumberland County.
Ohio	Cincinnati.
Ohio	Columbus.
South Carolina ...	Columbia/Sumter.
Tennessee	Knoxville.
Texas	El Paso.
Virginia	Norfolk/Portsmouth.
West Virginia	Huntington, West Virginia/Ironton, Ohio.

Strategic Planning Communities	
Alabama	Birmingham.
Alaska	Anchorage.
Arkansas	Little Rock/North Little Rock.
Kentucky	Louisville.
Louisiana	New Orleans.
Mississippi	Jackson.
Missouri	Kansas City/Kansas City Kansas.
New Jersey	Newark/Elizabeth.
New York	New York City/Brooklyn.
Nevada	Las Vegas/North Las Vegas.
Rhode Island	Providence
South Carolina ...	Charleston/North Charleston.
Texas	San Antonio.
Vermont	Burlington/Plattsburgh, New York.

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State	City
Washington	Tacoma/Lakewood.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4432-N-18]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnston, room 7256, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.)*.

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the