

Housing Coordinator

2009 Annual Report

Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 was a year of long awaited expectations and fulfillment. During the last several years as the City developed and carried out its housing strategy, the City garnered recognition from several state and federal agencies for its proactive approach and its willingness to tackle the blighted housing issue and to use taxpayer dollars to remove some of the most blighted and fire damaged structures. The City's expenditure of approximately \$600,000 over the last 5 years has paid off with the City having competed for and received \$5,300,000 in grants. The monies will be used to continue the removal of blighted and fire damaged buildings, the rehabilitation of targeted neighborhood buildings in cooperation with a private developer (TKB Properties, LLC) and the continuation of the Berlin Neighborhood Revitalization Project where monies are used to assist low income individuals and families in addressing safety and energy issues within their homes.



Main Street



Watson Street

While there were few demolitions in FY 2009, two strategic demolitions that did take place were the demolition of a donated building south of the library which was turned into a courtyard and the demolition of a tax deeded property next to the Watson Street pump station which will allow for the unimpeded growth of the station.

In closing, FY 2009 has laid the foundation to a very busy FY 2010 where the fruits of the behind the scenes work done to compete for the aforementioned \$5,300,000 will be seen by the general public in houses being rehabilitated, low/fixed income citizens will be helped with their homes and more blighted and burned buildings will be removed from the housing stock therefore creating better neighborhoods and a more positive sense of community.

Respectfully Submitted,

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