



Department of Economic Development
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October 5, 2012

Ray Rose, Chair
Lake County
Community Development Commission
500 W. Winchester Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Dear Mr. Rose:

In accordance with the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Round Three Contract (NSP3) Section 2 (a)(vii) between Lake County and the City of North Chicago, the City is seeking written permission to perform demolition projects. This request is due to the current local market in our community, which warrants demolition over acquisition and rehabilitation.

In a survey of the NSP3 target area, our staff has identified the need to eradicate derelict housing as a top priority to help stabilize the area. Additionally, over 17% of the 8,316 housing units in North Chicago were vacant in 2010 based on United States Census Bureau American Community Survey. By contrast, the American Planners Association considers 5% as a healthy vacancy rate.

Therefore, in an effort to decrease the effects of a deteriorating stock and stabilize the areas within our community plagued by abandoned properties, the City requests permission to use NSP3 funding for these demolition projects. If granted, this would truly help rid our community of the current and future nuisances and increased crime that abandoned properties tend to generate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Napolitano".

Joseph Napolitano, AICP
Director

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