



RIHA and CHS Propose the Demolition and Redevelopment of Lincoln Homes

Community Housing Services (CHS), the non-profit affiliate of Rock Island Housing (RIHA), has submitted the applications required to fund the demolition and replacement of Lincoln Homes. The application proposes Lincoln Homes be replaced with a single-family-row house community comprised of forty-six homes. The new homes will feature 1,

2, 3, and 4-bedrooms, granite countertops, energy star stainless appliances, washer and dryer, vinyl plank floors and window treatments. The new neighborhood is intended to attract and retain working families to the community while offering a right-of-return to current Lincoln Homes residents.



The Lincoln Homes redevelopment will provide a more neighborhood-friendly arrangement and enhance the walkability of the neighborhood furthering the positive momentum that previous redevelopment efforts have created in the west-end community. Should funding be approved, the project will begin in late 2018 and take up to eighteen months to complete.



Lincoln Homes was constructed in 1953 on 2.29 acres located at 9th Street and 5th Avenue in the heart of the New Old Chicago neighborhood. The sixty-five-year-old development originally included forty-six two, three, and four-bedroom townhouse units in seven buildings. Lincoln Homes is adjacent to the Martin Luther King Community Center, the new community park, Second Baptist Church, Douglas Park Place and the New Old Chicago Redevelopment Subdivision.



CHS is a not-for-profit corporation established as the result of the 2003 RIHA Asset Management Plan. CHS is structured to be self-sustaining and entrepreneurial and has the capacity to develop for-sale and rental properties and act as a vehicle that can incur debt and purchase and dispose of property. Funds generated by CHS are invested to develop additional affordable rental and homeownership housing opportunities within the Rock Island community. CHS works with and supports RIHA in its mission to meet the housing needs of current and future residents within the City.

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