

June 24, 2009

Virginia A. Dienstbier
Grant Administrator
Rural Development Association of Northeast Kansas
P.O. Box 207
Sabetha, KS 66534

Re: Neighborhood Stabilization Program - Leavenworth, KS

Dear Ms. Dienstbier:

The Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) has received Rural Development Association's May 26, 2009, request for environmental comments. Leavenworth County was awarded a Housing and Economic Recovery Act grant to purchase, rehabilitate, and resell residential properties that have gone through foreclosure. The grant will fund between eight and eighteen properties within Leavenworth County and/or the City of Leavenworth. The property locations are not yet identified.

A review of regional geologic information indicate that there are no unduly adverse geologic conditions that should affect this project. Environmental factors, if any, that could affect this project (e.g., asbestos, lead paint, 100-yr flood zone, etc.) will likely be more site-specific in nature and should be evaluated by the applicant. However for the purposes of the grant application, clearance of the project should proceed. A completed request for comments form is enclosed.

This letter is an assessment based on the regional geologic conditions available at the KGS at the time of writing and cannot be used in substitute of a detailed site characterization. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the KGS has no knowledge, may affect the viability or safe operation of this facility or property. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any necessary characterization, geotechnical or environmental testing, or design by a licensed professional geologist or engineer to complete the project.

Sincerely,



Shane Lyle, RG
Geology Extension Coordinator

Enclosures

cc: Dan Suchy, KGS Data Resources Library

**AGENCY REVIEW TRANSMITTAL FORM
CITY OF LEAVENWORTH ON BEHALF
OF THE COUNTY OF LEAVENWORTH
NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM
Housing and Economic Recovery Act, Title III Sec.2301 (c):**

Comments By: Kansas Geological Survey

Transmittal Date 6/24/09

This form provides notification and the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on the proposed Economic Development project as required by Kansas Department of Commerce, CDBG programs environmental review process. Please complete Parts II and III as appropriate and return to the contact person listed below. Your prompt response will be appreciated.

Return to: Virginia Dienstbier, Grant Coordinator
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PART I REVIEW AGENCIES/COMMISSIONS

☐ Aging	☐ Education	☐ State Forester
☐ Agricultural DWR	☒ Geological Survey	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Survey	☐ Health & Environment	☐ Water Office, KS
☐ Conservation Comm.	☐ Historical Society	☐ Wildlife & Parks
☐ Commerce	☐ Social & Rehabilitation	

This project will encompass all of:

Properties within the boundaries of Leavenworth County, Kansas

Project Description: The project will be using \$1,030,987 of funding from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program which is designed to acquire foreclosed residential properties within Leavenworth County. The City of Leavenworth has agreed to oversee the administration of the program. Properties will be appraised and an additional environmental review will be done on each specific property prior to final acquisition. The property owner will be accorded all Uniform Relocation Act (URA) rights.

Part II AGENCY REVIEW COMMENTS

COMMENTS: (attach additional sheet if necessary)

RE: See LOT

AGENCY REVIEW TRANSMITTAL FORM

Part III

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/COMMENTS

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Clearance of the project
Should be granted

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Clearance of the project should not
be delayed but the Applicant should
(in the final application) address and
clarify the questions or concerns
indicated above.

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Clearance of the project should be
Delayed until the issues or questions
above have been clarified.

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Request the opportunity to review
final application prior to submission
to the Federal Funding Agency

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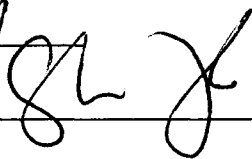
Request a State Process Recommendation
In concurrence with the above comments

Division/Agency/Commission

Reviewer: Kansas Geological Survey

Date 6/24/09

Reviewer Signature:



May 26, 2009



Rural Development Association
of Northeast Kansas

**RE: CITY OF LEAVENWORTH NEIGHBORHOOD
STABILIZATION PROGRAM ON BEHALF
OF LEAVENWORTH COUNTY**

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The City of Leavenworth solicits your agency review of the program captioned above.

Funding initially awarded to Leavenworth County under the July 2008 Neighborhood Stabilization Program as detailed in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act, Title III, Sec. 2301 (c). was turned over to the City of Leavenworth for administration of the project when it was determined the County did not have the capacity or personnel to administer the program.

This program is intended to purchase residential properties that have gone through foreclosure, rehabilitate to safety and livability standards and resell the properties to those in the population earning no more than 120% of Area Median Income (AMI) while reserving 25% of funding for those in the population earning less than 50% of AMI.

The City may also elect to purchase and demolish blighted residential properties and hold said properties or turn them over to a local housing organization for future redevelopment. No more than 10% of the funds allotted under the program would go to demolition and clearance of blighted properties. There may be some redevelopment in areas eligible for demolition. Total Funding for the project is \$1,030,987. It is anticipated that between eight (8) and eighteen (18) properties within Leavenworth County, including the City of Leavenworth may be involved. Some properties may be outside the Leavenworth City limits but will be within the County. Latitude is 39 degrees 00 feet through 39 degrees 20 feet, Longitude 95 degrees, 00 feet through 95 degrees 10 feet.

An Agency Transmittal form, an area map and a flood map is enclosed for your review and comments. In order to meet HUD dictated deadlines on the project, the City is requesting a response to this letter within 30 days or no later than June 25, 2009.

Thank you for your assistance and consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Virginia A. Dienstbier'.

Virginia A. Dienstbier
Grant Administrator

Enclosures: 3

