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GARY HOUSING AUTHORITY KICKS OFF DEMOLITION AT DELANEY WEST AND CONCORD VILLAGE

Gary, Indiana-Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson joined Gary Housing Executive Director Julian Marsh and HUD Midwest Regional Administrator Joseph P. Galvan today to kick off demolition at two of Gary's Housing Developments.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) awarded over \$3.2 million to the Gary Housing Authority earlier this year to demolish Delaney West located at 819 West 21st Avenue and Concord Village; 5001 W. 19th Avenue.

Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson said, "We have been aggressively working to demolish vacant and abandoned structures across the city. Through federal funding we have been able to demolish a number of commercial buildings and over 1100 residential structures. The \$3 million grant from HUD to the Gary Housing Authority for demolition at Delaney and Concord follows the course of our work to rid the city of blighted properties in the city. I congratulate GHA Director Julian Marsh and his entire team and thank GHA and HUD for their continued partnership. This will provide a great opportunity for new development on the vacant site."

The Gary Housing Authority received the grant through a HUD emergency fund that supports public housing authorities as they address related physical work items resulting from an unpreventable or unforeseen situation that poses an immediate threat to life, health, or safety of residents or property.

HUD Midwest Regional Administrator, Joseph P. Galvan said, "This demolition made possible through HUD's Capital Fund and Emergency Safety and Security program will help ensure safety and meaningful access to the community."

Councilwoman Linda Barnes-Caldwell said, "The demolition at Delaney West is "bitter-sweet," but residents must look to the future." Some former Delaney residents were also in attendance and watched as the first building began to come down.

Gary Housing Authority Executive Director Julian Marsh said, "The demolition of 254 public housing units at the Concord Village and Delaney West developments is expected to be completed by the end of March 2019."

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