

Redstone using grant money for infrastructure

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REDSTONE TWP. — More single-family homes are planned on the site of the former Dunlap Creek Village public housing project outside of Republic.

The Redstone Township supervisors Wednesday voted to use this year's Community Development Block Grant funds toward the cost of extending infrastructure to the new houses. The CDBG money is administered by the Fayette County Redevelopment Authority.

The authority's executive director, Andrew French, said the township is getting \$91,667 this year, down about \$60,000 from 2004 when it had its last peak in funding. Some of the CDBG money will be used for weatherization for senior citizens through a federal program, but French said more than \$68,000 will be available for the Glen at Three Oaks housing development infrastructure.

French said the initial plans call for Threshold Housing of Uniontown to construct 14 new homes, with plans for a total of 36 houses on the site adjacent to Stone Church Estates, another Threshold development. Some of the homes are being sold at a reduced rate, with the homeowners contributing to the labor to build their homes and others, while others will be sold at full price. French said the houses are valued at between \$150,000 to \$160,000.

Supervisor George Matis said the new development will generate an additional \$3,000 to \$5,000 in property taxes for the township.

In other matters, residents asked if the bridge on Bridge Street in Filbert would be replaced or if a footbridge could at least be constructed.

"That bridge was faulty and had to come out," said Supervisor Larry Williams. "It had a 2-ton weight limit and buses were going across it, endangering the children."

Matis said engineers estimated it would cost \$1.4 million to replace the bridge for vehicular traffic. The township didn't have an estimated cost for a pedestrian bridge.



More houses planned

Redstone Township Supervisor George Matis looks over plans for more [houses](#) to be built by Threshold Housing on the former Dunlap Creek Village property. The township is using this year's Community Development Block [Grant](#) money to extend the infrastructure for the new houses.