

New life comes to Flint's oldest neighborhood

New homes expected to breathe new life into historic neighborhood



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FLINT (WJRT) - (09/09/07)--New life is coming to Flint's oldest neighborhood. Ground will be "re-broken" tomorrow in Carriage Town on more than a dozen new or existing homes.

In the early 1900's in Flint, Stone Street was an exciting place to live. But time and neglect changed the neighborhood.

That will change on Monday, when ambitious plans are unveiled. "We're breaking ground on eight new homes to historic standards and five full rehabilitation of existing housing," said Dan Kildee of the Genesee County Land Bank.

Genesee County Land Bank and Flint NIPP are leading the development that goes right through the heart of Flint. "This is really intended to be a part of the 3rd Ave. Corridor," Kildee said. "We're trying to develop from the U of M Flint to Kettering and Mott Park."

Kildee says the houses will be affordable. Earlier we reported they'd be in the \$140,000 range. There will be sidewalks and historic lighting to make Carriage Town look like it used to look years ago.

"The vision is that we create a walk-able interesting neighborhood that connects the neighborhoods on the west side of the city with all the work that we're doing in downtown," said Kildee.

Among the partners on the project: The Mott Foundation, the city, county and federal government. Kildee is hopeful the 13 Stone Street houses will be for sale by the spring.

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