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## Applications accepted for housing rehabilitation program

The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, on behalf of the city of Hoopeston, is accepting applications for the next phase of its housing rehabilitation program awarded in December.

Applications are available to interested homeowners during normal business hours at city hall. Homeowners must live in the program target area, generally bound by Seminary, Fifth St., McCracken and Front.

Primary eligibility is based on annual household income compared to family size. Priority will be given to households with an annual income below 50 percent of the median income for Vermilion County. Needed repairs are also a factor.

In general, the program will fund needed repairs and general home improvements. Priority will be first given to code-related and health and safety items, such as electrical upgrades, plumbing, furnace, foundation and roofing repairs and insulation and weatherization that can be completed within the allowable project budget.

Rehabilitation staff will work with each approved homeowner to determine the extent of needed repairs

and other general property improvements that may be completed. Bids will then be solicited from established contractors who are properly insured.

The housing rehabilitation program encourages equal opportunity participation by minority-owned businesses, contractors and subcontractors in the area. Effective in March 2001, program rules require certain aspects of the repair program to be conducted by Illinois-licensed lead contractors. Increasing this contractor base in the Hoopeston area is a high program priority. Area contractors interested in bidding on projects should contact the Regional Planning Commission for additional information.

Funding has been awarded for approximately 12 projects in the target area. Homeowner interest is generally far greater than available funding so homeowners are encouraged to apply for assistance as soon as possible.

Program funding comes from grants from the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

For more information, call Scott Rose or Paul Schulte at the Regional Planning Commission, (217) 328-3313.

## Health department sets info session on virus for officials

DANVILLE—The Vermilion County Health Department will host a meeting later this month to update government officials on West Nile Virus containment.

The session, for township and municipal leaders, is being held to early to prepare for the mosquito breeding season and to focus on effective methods to contain mosquito populations, said Kolby Riggle, environmental health director. "By properly planning and preparing to identify and treat mosquito breeding sites, we can help reduce the potential threat of West Nile Virus to Vermilion County residents," he said.

Public Health Administrator Stephen Laker said no one at the state or local level knows if West Nile Virus will be a threat this year. "We were fortunate in our county that West Nile did not cause a fatality in 2002," he said.

Illinois Department of Public Health entomologist Linn David Haramis, PhD., will attend the informational sessions, offering information about identifying and applying larvacides to breeding locations.

Last year, more than 835 cases of West Nile were reported in Illinois residents, in 52 of 102 counties; 55 deaths were attributed to the virus.

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