



Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority
Near East Side – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

RELOCATION

When will relocation of the Poindexter Village Apartments project begin?

The relocation phase started in October 2011 and will be completed sometime in 2012. All residents will be required to move and will be provided a Housing Choice Voucher to access a housing option of their choice and full relocation assistance

How many families have been relocated to-date?

As of March 12, 2012, 188 households have been relocated. There have been 256 vouchers issued to-date, which means about 70 families are in the process of relocating.

Where have these residents moved?

About 25% of the relocated residents have remained on the Near East Side. The remaining families have chosen housing across a wide range of zip codes.

Is there a contact person(s) for relocation?

Yes. The primary contact person is Rosetta Brown, Relocation Coordinator (614.449.6333 or 614.449.6334), who along with the relocation team will answer all of your questions and coordinate relocation interview/services, moving, etc. We are located in the community building in Room 118. Continue to contact your property manager for all property management issues and concerns.

If I own property and am willing to rent property to Poindexter residents, who do I talk to?

Contact the Relocation Office at 614.449.6333 or 614.449.6334.

Recently the media reported a shortage in vouchers, does this mean Poindexter residents will not get a voucher?

No. CMHA has been approved by HUD for new vouchers for every household at Poindexter Village. As long as the resident household is eligible to receive one, a voucher will be issued.

What information will residents receive regarding the relocation process?

Residents of Poindexter Village are moving in phases. They have received notices by mail, flyers to attend certain meetings regarding the relocation and other pertinent information on the voucher issuance process, including housing options.



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What kinds of relocation assistance will be provided to eligible residents?

The Relocation team will provide personal interviews and counseling to determine household needs. Families are being given housing options to relocate using the housing choice voucher (HCV), or other public housing within CMHA, or possible homeownership opportunities. CMHA will issue housing choice vouchers and hold voucher briefings at the appropriate time. Other relocation benefits to be provided will include a commercial moving company to relocate families to their new permanent unit within a fifty (50) mile radius. A new security deposit will be approved and paid by CMHA.

How will residents without transportation look for housing?

Residents should contact the relocation office to make arrangements. Also, apartment tours will be conducted frequently throughout the project to assist families in finding housing.

What other activities will take place during relocation process?

Throughout the relocation process CMHA will conduct several housing fairs with landlords and school fairs with representatives from Columbus City Schools to discuss transportation issues, etc. To date there have been (3) housing fairs on site and the next fair will be on March 30 at the Poindexter Village Community Building. There will be a transportation fair with Columbus City Schools to determine transportation needs for families who want to maintain current school enrollment.

Is CMHA paying for moving expenses for Poindexter Village residents?

Yes. It has been determined that if you are being displaced by the project and if you are eligible for relocation services, then CMHA will pay for your move to your new unit. CMHA has hired a moving company that will provide moving services to you within a fifty (50) mile radius and, will provide a limited number of boxes.

DEMOLITION

What is the timeline for the demolition of Poindexter Village?

Demolition will begin 60 to 90 days after all of the families have been relocated.

Is CMHA demolishing Poindexter Village to make room for a new hospital?

No. In 2008, CMHA conducted physical plant needs assessments and determined that Poindexter Village is functionally obsolete. HUD accepted the assessment and approved CMHA to dispose of Poindexter Village. HUD does not fund and CMHA cannot afford to renovate and bring the property up to current standards. Several years ago (2004-2005) CMHA addressed roofing and other immediate healthy and safety repairs. This investment was made in order to keep the housing safe for residents.



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REDEVELOPMENT & PRESERVATION

Will new housing be reserved for current Poindexter Village residents once it is developed?

No. Housing will not be reserved, but relocated residents who wish to return will be given every opportunity to do so.

How will the history of Poindexter Village be observed?

CMHA will form a community committee in the spring of 2012 to provide feedback on how to best honor the heritage of Poindexter Village. CMHA is looking for people who are interested in participating in this committee with ideas for how to remember Poindexter, sharing family and community pictures or stories, and other strategies to honor the history and legacy of Poindexter Village.

Is Poindexter Village eligible for historic preservation?

Poindexter Village may be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of historic places. Whether or not it is, CMHA plans to pursue a Section 106 review process to meet its obligations for historic preservation of the site. CMHA is committed to employ strategies to catalog the historic character before the demolition of the site. Section 106 review encourages, but does not mandate preservation of any structure. Preservation can also include a photographic inventory of the site, and other means to memorialize what occupied the site prior to demolition.

Will CMHA preserve any buildings as part of its historic preservation?

CMHA is open to recommendations from the community on how to best preserve the legacy and honor the history of Poindexter Village. If a building were to be preserved, it will be important to identify financial resources to maintain it. HUD does not fund and CMHA cannot afford to maintain any of the structures without additional support.

What will replace Poindexter Village?

The **Blueprint for Community Investment** will help inform how the site will be redeveloped.