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VILLAGE OF BENNET TO CONDUCT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROGRAM.

The Village of Bennet will be conducting a Comprehensive Planning Program during the next six to eight months. The Planning Program will include the preparation of a Community Housing Study and a new Comprehensive Plan with a review and revision of the Village's Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. The Bennet Comprehensive Planning Program is being funded by a Housing Study Program Grant provided by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, with matching funds from the Village.

The Village of Bennet Planning Commission will be completing the Planning Program with the assistance of Hanna:Keelan Associates, P.C., a Nebraska based community planning and research consulting firm. The Hanna:Keelan works extensively in southeast Nebraska preparing comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, housing studies, downtown and redevelopment plans and assisting communities in implementing both family and elderly housing programs. Hanna:Keelan assisted the Village with their current Comprehensive Plan, in 2006.

The Bennet Community Housing Study will include important population, income and economic data, a housing stock analysis, strategies for affordable housing development, a 10-Year "Housing Action Plan" and funding options for future owner and rental housing development and housing rehabilitation projects.

An important component of the new Comprehensive Plan will be a Land Use Plan, identifying areas both within the Village's corporate limits and planning jurisdiction for future growth and redevelopment activities. The Comprehensive Plan will, also, provide a 10-year projection of public facility and utility needs and economic development opportunities in the Community.

The citizens of Bennet will have the opportunity to participate directly in the development of the new Comprehensive Plan and Housing Study, by completing a survey and attending public informational meetings.

Any questions and/or comments regarding the Bennet Comprehensive Planning Program can be directed to Pat Rule, Village Clerk/Treasurer, 402.782.3300, bennetvlg@diodecom.net.