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Your City at Work: Fountain Avenue Neighborhood
New Episode on Government Channel 11

PADUCAH, KY— The City of Paducah embarked on the revitalization of the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood in 2007. Planning Director Steve Ervin says, “We have to have healthy neighborhoods to have a healthy city.” On this episode of *Your City at Work*, Public Information Officer Pam Spencer interviews Ervin about the progress that has been made and the future plans for the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood. Spencer also gets a tour of two homes in the neighborhood with Community Development Planner Charlie Doherty and Realtor Janie Jones. *Your City at Work* can be seen on Government 11, the governmental access channel of the City of Paducah, and online at www.paducahky.gov.

In 2007, the Paducah City Commission committed to the revitalization of the Fountain Avenue Neighborhood, a neighborhood filled with 100 year old homes. Fountain Avenue, Park Avenue, North 13th Street, and the alley between Monroe and Jefferson comprise the boundaries of the neighborhood. Ervin says, “The chief goal is to turn the neighborhood back into an economically diverse neighborhood similar to its character at the turn of the century.” Approximately 280 structures are in the neighborhood. However, Ervin says before the revitalization started it was determined that about 80 percent of the structures needed major structural repair.

To date, more than 30 homes have been newly constructed or rehabilitated in the neighborhood. The City’s Inspection Department has permitted \$4.9 million in construction permits in the neighborhood. Ervin says the goal is to build or rehabilitate ten homes per year. He expects the neighborhood revitalization to take another five to six years. Ervin says, “Hopefully after a ten year period, there is enough public and private investment in the neighborhood that the City can step back and the neighborhood would continue on its own.”

Also on this episode of *Your City at Work: Fountain Avenue Neighborhood*, viewers will learn about available incentives from the City for the residents of the neighborhood and for those who want to move into the area. For more information about the Fountain



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Avenue Neighborhood, call the Planning Department at 444-8690 or visit

www.fountainave.com.

Your City at Work: Fountain Avenue Neighborhood can be viewed on Government 11 starting Saturday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. It also airs the following Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., Thursday at 9:00 a.m., and Friday at 5:30 p.m. Government 11 program information, videos, news releases, and schedules are available at www.paducahky.gov. Daily program information also is available by watching the informational slides that air on the Channel 11 bulletin board.

Your City at Work is hosted and produced by Pam Spencer, Public Information Officer for the City of Paducah through the television production facilities at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. For more information about *Your City at Work* or other Government 11 programming, call Tom Butler, WKCTC Television Production Coordinator, at 534-3208 or Pam Spencer at 444-8669.

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