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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **PHASE I KEITH CREEK DEMOLITIONS TO BEGIN** **JULY 26, 2010**

ROCKFORD – July 23, 2010- On Monday July 26, 2010 at 1:15 p.m., Phase I of the Keith Creek demolition project will begin. The address of the first demolition is 1662 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The objective of the project is to remove flood-prone structures from the floodplain, permanently mitigate future flood risk for these homes, and complete a priority-one action item identified for the City of Rockford within the Winnebago Countywide Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

To date, of the 34 homes targeted for this project, 12 have filed flood claims totaling more than \$680,000 in damages. This proposed project is part of a comprehensive city-lead effort to mitigate the risk of flooding and enhance the quality of life in this neighborhood. The City of Rockford has been working closely with affected homeowners, initiating and incorporating public input, and continuing partnerships with experienced contractors, consultants, and local and State officials.

The City will utilize an experienced in-house Project Manager to facilitate the project and manage costs and project schedule. A lead and asbestos inspection and abatement company will be used to assess and abate (if present) for each property. Northern Illinois Service will be demolishing the homes during this phase of the work. Once

demolition has been performed, the land will be maintained by the City as open green space and prevented from future residential or commercial development.

The City of Rockford worked closely with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity throughout the project to ensure all other existing regulations and requirements are fulfilled.

#### ABOUT THE PHASE I KEITH CREEK DEMOLITION PROJECT:

The objective of the project is for the demolition of flood-prone structures from the Keith Creek floodplain, permanently mitigate flood risk for these structures, and complete a priority-one action item identified for the City of Rockford within the Winnebago Countywide Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The project consists of the demolition of thirty-three (33) residential structures and one (1) commercial structure for a total of thirty-four (34) structures.

Based on an evaluation of the bids received, City Council awarded a contract to Northern Illinois Service in the amount of \$390,593.00 for this demolition work. The final contract amount will be based on final quantities measured in the field at completion of construction.

The demo contract will be funded by a CDAP Disaster Relief grant that has been awarded to the City of Rockford by the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).

Once demolition has been performed, the property will be maintained by the City as open green space and future development will be not be allowed.

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