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Madison County Asking For Community Input; Important Citizen Survey Available

The Greater Norfolk Economic Development Foundation (GNEDF) is currently preparing a Madison County-Wide Housing Study, to determine both the present and future housing needs of the County. As a component of that process, a County-Wide Housing Steering Committee is asking Madison County residents to provide their opinion on the needs and wants of the Community, by completing a “Citizen Survey.”

The Survey will ask for input from citizens on issues regarding their current housing situation, issues or barriers that prevent residents from obtaining quality, affordable housing in the County, and the housing types most needed or desired in Madison County. Surveys will be available starting Monday, April 8th to take online at <https://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/> and hard copies available at select locations in the Communities of Norfolk, Madison, Battle Creek, Meadow Grove, Newman Grove and Tilden. Hard copies should be returned to the City/Village Offices, and online Surveys completed by Monday, May 6th.

GNEDF is completing the Housing Study with the assistance of Hanna:Keelan Associates, P.C., a Nebraska-based community planning and research consulting firm. Hanna:Keelan has recently assisted the Cities of Madison and Norfolk in developing Community Housing Studies, and works extensively with both Counties and Communities throughout Nebraska preparing comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, housing studies, downtown and redevelopment plans and assisting communities in implementing both family and elderly housing programs.

In addition to completing the Survey, Madison County residents will have the opportunity to participate directly in the development of the new Housing Study by participating in a *Housing Listening Session*, to be announced at a later date. The Study is being funded by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, with matching funds from the Cities of Madison and Norfolk.

Any questions and/or comments regarding the Madison County Housing Study can be directed to Candace Schmidt, Norfolk Area Economic Development Coordinator, cschmidt@ci.norfolk.ne.us.