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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Madison County Asking For Community Input on Housing Following Historic Flooding**

The Greater Norfolk Economic Development Foundation (GNEDF) is preparing a Madison County-Wide Housing Study, to determine both the present and future housing needs of the County. The Housing Study will also include data identifying residential damage, repair and replacement needs across the County following last month's historic flooding, which destroyed or severely damaged 2,600 homes across Nebraska. 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 are currently available to take online at [www.ci.norfolk.ne.us](http://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us) and hard copies are 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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.

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](mailto:cschmidt@ci.norfolk.ne.us).