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Citizen Housing Survey Deadline Extended; Madison County Asking for Community Input at *Housing Listening Sessions*

The Greater Norfolk Economic Development Foundation (GNEDF) has extended the deadline of their “Citizen Survey” being conducted to gather local input regarding various housing issues as they prepare a Madison County-Wide Housing Study, to determine both the present and future housing needs of the County.

The Survey asks 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 and hard copies are available at the City/Village Offices in Communities of Norfolk, Madison, Battle Creek, Meadow Grove, Newman Grove and Tilden as well as the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce. Hard copies should be returned to the City/Village/Chamber Offices, and online Surveys completed by Wednesday, June 5th.

In addition to completing the Survey, Madison County residents have the opportunity to participate directly in the development of the new Housing Study by participating in a *Housing Listening Session*. Hanna:Keelan Associates, P.C., a Nebraska-based community planning and research consulting firm, who is assisting GNEDF in the completion of the Housing Study, will facilitate the *Listening Sessions*. Three *Listening Sessions* will be held simultaneously on Monday, June 10th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the communities of Battle Creek, Madison and Norfolk.

For more information, questions and/or comments regarding the *Housing Listening Sessions* or the Madison County Housing Study, please contact Candace Schmidt, Norfolk Area Economic Development Coordinator, cschmidt@ci.norfolk.ne.us.