NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION FUNDS ROUND 2 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT

Pinellas County and the Housing Finance Authority, as part of the Florida Suncoast Housing Partners, are proposing to amend the current Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 Action Plan in order to add an eligible census tract to the Tarpon Springs/Palm Harbor neighborhood. The Florida Suncoast Housing Partners is the lead entity for the Consortium and is comprised of Pasco County, The Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County, Pinellas County, and Neighborhood Lending Partners of West Florida, Inc. (Neighborhood Lending Partners).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and authorized the funding of emergency assistance to states, local governments and nonprofit entities for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed housing through a competitive allocation process.

The proposed Amendment would allow for the addition of census tract 274.02 as an eligible area under the Florida Suncoast Housing Partner's NSP2 Plan and would correct an oversight in the original application. The Pinellas County designated Union Academy Neighborhood Target Area in Tarpon Springs is located within this census tract, is an eligible area under the NSP1 program, and the addition of this census tract would have no impact on the computed total risk score of all currently eligible NSP2 census tracts.

A draft of the proposed Amendment is available for viewing and comment at the following locations April 28, 2011 through May 9, 2011. Comments may be sent to the Pinellas County Community Development Department at the address below or by e-mail to cdplanning@pinellascounty.org.

- Pinellas County Community Development, 600 Cleveland St., Suite 800, Clearwater, FL 33755 www.pinellascounty.org/community
- Neighborhood Lending Partners, 3615 W. Spruce St., Tampa, FL 33607 www.nlp-inc.com