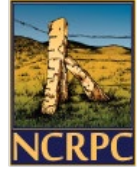


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"Demo to Dirt" Program to Help Remove Dilapidated Housing in North Central Kansas

BELOIT, KS, October 3, 2025 — A new housing initiative is set to launch soon across several counties in North Central Kansas aimed at addressing the issue of dilapidated residential structures. The “Demo to Dirt” program provides financial assistance to help property owners remove unsafe or blighted housing, contributing to safer neighborhoods and enhancing the overall appearance of communities.

The North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) in Beloit, Kansas, will administer the program with support from a 2025 grant by The Patterson Family Foundation.

Eligible applicants may qualify for reimbursement grants of up to \$4,000 toward demolition costs for deteriorated residential homes, garages, and sheds that pose safety risks or detract from neighborhood quality. There are no income requirements for the program. Assistance will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Property owners are required to contribute a 25% match and cover any costs that exceed the \$4,000 grant.

This program will be available for a limited time in incorporated cities located within select counties of the NCRPC service area, including Clay, Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell, Lincoln, Marshall, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic, and Washington.

“We appreciate The Patterson Family Foundation’s support in aiding this initiative,” said Keegan Bailey, NCRPC Assistant Director and Housing Director. “This program helps remove financial barriers for property owners while fostering safer neighborhoods and opening the door to future investment and housing opportunities.”

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Program applications will be available online beginning October 14 after 9 a.m. Central Time. Property owners interested in learning more about eligibility, requirements, and the application process can visit www.ncrpc.org/demotodirt.

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The North Central Regional Planning Commission is a comprehensive planning and development organization serving a 12-county region in North Central Kansas. Several of its programs and services also extend into much of Kansas. For more information about the NCRPC, visit www.ncrpc.org.

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