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## **Lealman Heights (formerly D&D Properties) Acquisition Update**

On February 29, 2016, Pinellas County, in partnership with the Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County, completed the acquisition of approximately 7.2 acres of property located just south of the Lealman Avenue Elementary School. There are 53 housing units (both single and multi-family) which will be maintained and leased through an agreement with the Pinellas County Housing Authority. The average rents for these units are comparable to the rents currently charged in the surrounding area.

All of the residential units are being evaluated to determine renovation needs to ensure each unit meets Florida Building Code and Pinellas County housing standards. If a unit is found to be uninhabitable and/or structurally unsound, a determination will be made to either demolish the structure, or, if financially practicable, to repair and re-model the unit. Renovations and improvements to vacant units will be underway soon and housing applications are being accepted. Pinellas County's goal is to maintain and enhance this high quality workforce housing neighborhood.

A variety of services and economic opportunities are being considered for the three non-residential buildings to further enhance the Lealman community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Pinellas County Planning Department at 727-464-8200.

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