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## **HANO Launches “Vacant to Vibrant” Initiative to Transform Over 200 Properties Across New Orleans**

**New Orleans** – The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) has introduced the “Vacant to Vibrant” initiative, aimed at transforming over 200 vacant properties into functional and valuable neighborhood assets.

Manning Architects was contracted by HANO to develop a comprehensive plan for these vacant lots. This plan includes detailed property profiles, market analysis, and the implementation of both short-term and long-term redevelopment strategies. Beyond affordable housing options, the redevelopment efforts will explore green spaces, community facilities, and commercial ventures that offer essential services and recreational opportunities to residents. Furthermore, these plans will focus on developing partnerships that lead to environmentally sustainable practices, housing, service-oriented businesses, and other community-serving developments.

“HANO understands that vacant lots should become places where families live, neighbors gather, children play, residents access fresh food, and communities are better protected from flooding,” said Marjorianna Willman, HANO Executive Director. “We are looking beyond traditional housing to explore creative solutions that place these lots back into commerce as vital community resources.”

The “Vacant to Vibrant” initiative is part of a broader initiative called HANO 2030, a five-year transformative plan that provides a blueprint for innovative strategies to drive HANO’s operations from 2026 to 2030. The HANO 2030 plan will be released to the public in December 2026.

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### **About Housing Authority of New Orleans**

The Housing Authority of New Orleans (HANO) is focused on providing affordable housing opportunities for low-income residents of the city of New Orleans while laying the foundation for economic sustainability. HANO serves over 22,000 low-income families through its affordable housing programs. HANO also serves public housing needs for the elderly, disabled, and veterans.

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