

FACT SHEET ON THOMASVILLE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The Thomasville Urban Redevelopment Area, located four miles southeast of downtown Atlanta, was designated by the Board of Aldermen on August 19, 1957 as a slum and the site for a predominately residential development.

This area covers 277 acres of land and originally contained 356 residential structures, 67% of which were substandard, that housed 402 families.

The area was marked by unpaved streets, dilapidated structures, lack of park and playground facilities, overcrowded school, and inadequate utilities.

Since entering a Loan and Grant Contract with the Federal Government on July 10, 1959, the Atlanta Housing Authority has completed acquisition of 453 parcels of land, relocated 283 families, 26 individuals, and 19 businesses, and demolished 302 structures.

The Authority has completed contracts for roads, sidewalks, and sewers.

In addition, the Authority has sold 314 single-family lots, on which 222 dwelling units have been completed, and construction started on 92 units, 69 lots remain to be sold.

350 public housing units are proposed north of McDonough Road. Bids for the construction of these units will be let on March 1, 1968, with an estimated completion date of construction in September, 1970.

The urban renewal plan also proposes six church sites and a 10-acre commercial tract.

The Thomasville Urban Renewal Area is fast becoming a model residential neighborhood, with paved streets, sidewalks, fine homes, parks under development, new elementary schools ~~proposed~~ ^{planned}, and provision for churches and a shopping center.

The Federal Government has recently announced that approximately 95 acres of land will be given to the City to provide additional housing for families of low and moderate income. This land will be added to the Thomasville Urban Renewal Project.