

The University of Georgia Extension Urban Renewal Project will result in a net reduction in the supply of housing available to racial minority families.

1. Extent to which housing in the Project Area is expected to be available to racial minority families.

The entire Project Area is to be cleared of residential structures and the land reused for public purposes. No housing within this area will be available to racial minority families. As indicated in the Relocation Plan (Code R-223), it is expected that 48 non-white families and individuals will be displaced from the Project Area. These persons now reside in an estimated total of 48 dwelling units. There are 8 vacant non-white residential structures in the area also. Therefore, there will be a reduction of approximately 56 housing units for Negroes due to the University of Georgia Extension Urban Renewal Project.

2. Proposals for provision of housing to replace the reduction.

There will be 75 new units of public housing for Negroes opened during the proposed relocation period. A development of three bedroom homes has been started in the northeast part of the City and another development of at least twenty homes is expected to start soon. Therefore, there is an ample supply of replacement housing for Negroes.

3. The Athens Citizens Advisory Committee for Urban Renewal was established by the Mayor and Council. The committee which consisted of ten members of which three were colored leaders met with the site occupants for a discussion of the problems concerning the occupants. The Chairman of the Sub-committee for Minority Group and the colored occupants discussed the problem of relocation.

The Citizens Advisory Committee now consist of 31 members and includes beside the Minority Group Housing Sub-committee a Relocation Sub-committee. In addition to the Negro leadership which has discussed the relocation programming, the past Mayor and the present Mayor have freely discussed the urban renewal project with the minority site occupants. The Negro leadership of the community has indicated that they do not object to the reuse of project land for public purposes and the proposed relocation of Minority families to other areas meets their approval.