City of Saco
Adopted by Council April 23, 2007

RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT & RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN
(under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended).

A. PURPOSE:

1. This Plan is established pursuant to Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.
2. A principal objective of the Plan is to insure that persons displaced as a result of CDBG-assisted projects are treated fairly, consistently, and equitably so that such persons will not suffer disproportionate injuries as a result of a project designed for the benefit of the public as a whole.

B. COMPLIANCE MEASURES:

1. The City of Saco will replace all occupiable & vacant Low- Moderate Income dwelling units demolished OR converted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in a way as described as follows:

2. The units must be located within the state recipient's jurisdiction and to the extent possible shall be located within the same neighborhood as the units replaced.

3. The units must be sufficient in number and size to house no fewer than the number of occupants who could have been housed in the units that are demolished or converted.

4. The units must be provided in standard condition.

5. The replacement units must be made available for occupancy during the period beginning one year before an agreement to convert or demolish the units in question is executed and ending three years after the commencement of the demolition or rehabilitation related to the conversion.

6. The units must remain Low-Moderate Income dwelling units for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy. Before the City of Saco enters into an agreement to provide funds that will directly result in the demolition of Low-Moderate Income dwelling units or the conversion of Low-Moderate Income dwelling units, the City of Saco will make public and submit the following information in writing to the State:

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(a) A description of the proposed assisted activity;

(b) The location on a map and the number of dwelling units by size that will be demolished or converted to a use other than for Low-Moderate Income dwelling units as a direct result of the assisted activity;

(c) A time schedule for the commencement and completion of the demolition or conversion;

(d) The source of funding and a time schedule for the provision of replacement dwelling units;

(e) The basis for concluding that each replacement dwelling unit will remain a Low-Moderate Income dwelling unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy;

(f) Information demonstrating that any proposed replacement dwelling units with smaller dwelling units is consistent with the housing needs of Low-Moderate Income households in the jurisdiction.

7. Consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Housing and Community Development Act, the City of Saco will take all possible actions within its power to minimize the displacement of persons from their homes.

C. ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS DISPLACED:

1. The City of Saco shall provide relocation assistance and payments as required under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 or the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Section 104(d) for residents displaced as a result of CDBG funded activities. All displaced residents who are eligible for other housing programs will be helped through that agencies process. In addition, City staff shall provide housing counseling and referral services to assist displacees find alternative housing in the neighborhood.

D. DEFINITIONS:

1. Displaced Person: Any person (family, individual, business, nonprofit organization or farm operation) that moves from real property, or moves personal property from real property, permanently and involuntarily, as a direct result of rehabilitation, demolition or acquisition (privately undertaken or public) for HUD-assisted program/project.
E. AGENCY RESPONSIBILITY:

1. The City of Saco Planning Development Department shall be responsible for the implementation of this Plan as well as ensuring compliance with applicable Federal and State law and regulations. The City of Saco will identify and designate a Relocation Officer to perform functions in connection with this Plan.

2. Any questions regarding this Plan or Federal and State laws regarding displacement should be addressed to Peter Morelli, Development Director, City of Saco, 300 Main Street, Saco, Me 04072.

F. CERTIFICATIONS:

1. The City of Saco hereby certifies that it will uphold the contents of this Plan and the intentions of the compliance measures stated within.