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## **Rest of Munsyana set to come down in 2004**

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MUNCIE -- The rest of Munsyana Homes will be coming down in 2004 to make way for Millennium Place. "Good," said Emma Price, who had lived in Munsyana since 1952 before recently moving into a new Millennium Place home.

The cold, concrete block buildings of Munsyana -- built as public housing in 1939- 41-- will be reduced to rubble as the Muncie Housing Authority and Indianapolis developer Flaherty & Collins Properties proceed with more Millennium homes and apartments with a \$12.3-million federal HOPE VI grant.

The MHA board of commissioners heard an update Tuesday on the Millennium project, along with a report on demolition plans for Munsyana. Carl Roudebush, the MHA's HOPE VI coordinator, said as much as \$20,000 could be saved by demolishing the remaining 20 buildings at once. The HOPE VI grant application called for tearing down Munsyana in phases.

MHA commissioner Penny Leach asked whether any of the remaining 64 Munsyana residents would be moved over the holidays. Any remaining resident will be given 90 days to move, Roudebush said. During an interview, Roudebush explained demolition probably would not happen until late winter. The budget for tearing down Munsyana is less than \$500,000. Olon Dotson, who leads the Millennium design team, reminded MHA Chairman Jerome Williams that the grant application stipulated demolition in phases. "We need to talk about that," Williams said.

Munsyana will ultimately be replaced by 244 units of new affordable housing.

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