



December 30th, 2024

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**RE: City of Crete, NE  
CDBG 24-DTR-001 - Commercial Rehabilitation**

On behalf of the City of Crete, Nebraska, the Southeast Nebraska Development District (SEND D) is conducting a full Environmental Review Record in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As the project is in part funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, we request your review of and response to the project to determine any adverse environmental impact related to underground or aboveground storage tanks (USTs or ASTs), contamination and toxic substances, and explosive and flammable operations. We request your response in writing **no later than January 30th, 2025**.

For an overview of the proposed project activities, please see the enclosed **Project Description**.

The proposed Project is located within the municipal limits of the City, along the streets identified in the enclosed site map(s). Written comments regarding any environmental impact related to USTs or ASTs, contamination and toxic substances, and explosive and flammable operations, can be provided via email to [jowens@sendd.org](mailto:jowens@sendd.org). Please do not hesitate to reach out to the SEND D office if you require additional information or assistance.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Owens".

James Owens  
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### **24-DTR-001 Project Description**

The City of Crete (“City”), Saline County, Nebraska is preparing to implement an additional phase of its Downtown Revitalization (DTR) program to aid in the elimination of substandard and blighted conditions within the City’s designated downtown district (“Project”). The boundaries of the downtown district are generally considered to be: Norman Avenue north/south from 11th to 14th, extending west for two blocks from midway past 12th Street to 13th Street; 14th Street east/west from Norman Avenue to Kingwood Avenue, extending half a block north from Main and Linden Avenues; Linden Avenue north/south from midway between 14th and 15th Streets to 11th Street, extending east one block to Kingwood Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets; 11th Street east/west between Linden and Norman Avenues. The area is primarily commercial in usage, with upper-story residential.

Project activities identified for improvement within this designated area will be carried out in accordance with the design guidelines, design goals, and policies established in the City’s approved 2024 DTR Program Guidelines. Eligible activities include façade improvements, window/door replacements, brick/masonry repairs, structural repairs, and formally documented code violations on a case-by-case basis. No tree removal will occur during the course of the project, but improvements may include changes in exterior lighting. Business owners will be invited to apply for these funds by the City; an estimated eight (8) businesses will be assisted, and applications will be reviewed as received. A site-specific environmental review will be completed for each property selected. There will be no change in capacity, land use, or zoning.

The total Project costs are estimated at \$535,000, including \$25,000 for General Administration, and \$10,000 for Construction Management. Funding sources include a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for \$435,000. These funds will be matched with at least \$100,000 from the participating business owners.

This Project will address the National Objective of preventing or eliminating slum and blight conditions on an area basis (SBA) through the commercial rehabilitation of privately-owned facilities. No residents, businesses, or farms will be displaced as a result of the Project activities. Project activities may result in dust, noise, or temporary interruption of access to individual buildings during construction. Businesses, residents, and emergency services will be notified of all sidewalk and street closures that may be required for the Project and will be directed to an alternate route. All DTR rehabilitation program activities will be completed within 30 months.



### Legend

**BFE Determinations**

- Valid BFE

**Effective Paper Maps**

- Effective Flood Zone

**Effective Paper Maps**

- 1% Annual Chance
- Regulatory Floodway
- 0.2% Annual Chance
- Reduced Risk Due to Levee

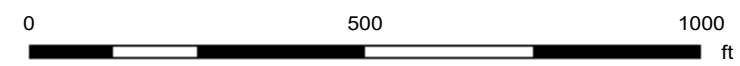
**Flood Hazard Zones**

- FIRM panels
- Cross-Sections
- Limit-Lines

**Other Map Layers**

- Sections
- Communities
- NRDs

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) | Sources: Esri; U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau; U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Geodetic Survey (NGS)



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