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SIZE: 564 Acres

STATUS: Survey and Planning - Early Land Acquisition

FEDERAL GRANT:

\$25,000,000.00

A. State Share: \$ 1,350,000.00

B. City Share: \$10,500,000.00*

PRIVATE INVESTMENT \$50,000,000.00 (estimated)

RE-USE PLAN:

- 1. Rehabilitation of over 3,000 structures.
- 2. Five new schools and playgrounds (\$6,900,000.00).
- 3. New Wholesale Flower Market.
- 4. Medical Center Development(City Hospital Facilities).
- 5. Approximately 2,500 new Private Housing Units.
- 6. Swimming Pool.
- 7. Community Center Development.
- 8. Traffic and Circulation Improvements.
- 9. Industrial Development Site.
- 10. Parking Facilities.

*\$4,150,000.00 estimated Section 112 Credits will help off-set city share. State aid for schools not figured in.

TAX IMPACT: Total taxes return in the South End to be increased 15% from the existing total.

SUMMARY

The South End Project is designed to rehabilitate one of Boston's most central neighborhoods; to provide incentive for new investment and improvement by providing major community facilities; to recognize the unique opportunity of commercial and industrial development planned in accordance with neighborhood objectives; and, finally, to provide to the rest of the country an example of what planning with people can do in an older and blighted community.

To this end, the rehabilitation of over 70% of present South End dwellings is a principal goal of the renewal planning process. A voluntary rehabilitation program started in the fall of 1962 when one block in the area was selected for the demonstration of rehabilitation techniques. From this effort will come valuable knowledge for the overall-rehabilitation effort during the renewal period.

The aim of the urban renewal plan, besides rehabilitation, will be to build upon existing community strengths, such as the Holy Cross Cathedral, Union Park, Worcester Square, and the many other neighborhoods of the South End. One new junior high school, new elementary schools, expanded recreation sites, new community center, a new library, a bigger health center, and new traffic circulation patterns are to be included in the renewal plan.

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