



**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**

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**APR 23 2019**

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Dear Ms. Dvoracek:

**SUBJECT: City of Ewart Revitalization Information**

Thank you for contacting the Philadelphia Homeownership Center (PHOC). In your letter dated March 21, 2019, you stated that in May 2018, the City of Ewart sent a letter requesting to be recognized as a HUD Revitalization Area and that you have not received notification of your request. Our office is not in receipt or aware of any prior inquiry or correspondence on this subject.

The Housing Notice H 2011-02 on Revitalization Area Evaluation Criteria – Single Family Property Disposition that was issued on January 24, 2011 is current and still in effect.

For your City to be considered a Revitalization Area, it must meet the following criteria: a very low- income area, high concentration of HUD Real Estate Owned (REO) properties; and low homeownership rate.

A review of the Single Family Housing Philadelphia Homeownership Center's Real Estate Owned (REO) inventory found that there are no properties located in the City of Ewart. In addition to there being no properties within the City to purchase currently, it has been several years since HUD sold a property within the City of Ewart. Due to the lack of HUD REO properties in the City of Ewart, we will not approve your request to become a revitalization area because the required guidelines are not met as cited above.

It is possible that there are other resources and programs besides Single Family Housing-FHA, such as Community Planning and Development or Office of Public Housing, that may be available for the City to apply. Additional information on HUD programs would be readily available at [www.HUD.gov](http://www.HUD.gov) under the "What We Do" tab.

I hope this information is helpful. Should you have any further questions on FHA Single Family Mortgage Insurance or HUD Home Programs, please contact our FHA customer call center at 1-800-CALLFHA (1-800-225-5342) or by email at [answers@hud.gov](mailto:answers@hud.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie A. Shaffer" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julie A. Shaffer

Director

Philadelphia Homeownership Center