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Two Harbors Looking to Improve Workforce Housing

St. Paul, Minn. (February 21, 2007) – On February 14, Minnesota Housing Partnership awarded Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) two grants totaling \$8,500 to study the need for workforce housing in Two Harbors and the surrounding community.

The Two Harbors area has been the focus of intensive high-end residential and recreational development activity in recent years. However, this trend has not met the vast proportion of residents in the Two Harbor's area, which has a median household income of \$37,708.

"The City of Two Harbors has a strong service economy but little workforce housing to address workers' needs," said Michael Conlan a volunteer with Lake County HRA. "We need to provide affordable housing for our workers because the market has not."

The study will also analyze Lake County HRA's Heritage Creek project, a 179-unit housing project, 90 percent of which will be affordable. Heritage Creek will include single and multi-family homes as well as senior housing.

For more information about housing affordability in Lake County and other counties in Minnesota, go to www.mhponline.org.

The Minnesota Housing Partnership is a statewide nonprofit organization that advances the preservation and creation of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income people as a means of strengthening communities and families. MHP provides local governments and nonprofit housing organizations access to loans, grants and technical expertise to plan and construct housing, in addition to educating people on sound housing policies.

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