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Super bowl homeless project

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INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) - While the 2012 Super Bowl will be played here, it will come and it will go. But there are Super Bowl Projects here in the city that will last a lifetime.

Linda Vasquez lives in the St. Clair neighborhood. She says it's quiet but she worries about her daughter's safety.

It's estimated 40 percent of the homes in this area are either vacant or abandoned.

Linda Vasquez, resident, says, "Some people might want to set them on fire.

That house next door, that was set on fire a couple weeks ago."

But Vasquez is excited by what's happening a few doors down.

Construction workers have started the task of remodeling a duplex.

Thirty-two houses in the area that will eventually become homes for homeless families.

The building is part of the City's Super Bowl Housing legacy project. The goal is to revitalize the near eastside. Funding comes from a public private partnership.

"In 2012 and beyond, long after those Super Bowl guests leave, our city and specifically the near east side will continue to shine and grow because of this legacy project," said Mayor Greg Ballard

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The neighborhood needs help. Outside, a house is boarded up. Another house is missing siding. And across an ally, there are more abandoned homes and graffiti.

"Abandoned homes, it's nice to see they are fixing them up. I want to say for the kids sake. They shouldn't have to live in

something like this," said Vasquez.

While the focus now is to repair and rebuild 32 homes by the end of 2012, the project goal is to improve between 150 and 200 homes.

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The city should be ashamed of themselves. We've had abandoned houses & homeless for how long & it takes a Super Bowl to make them do something. Heaven forbid Indianapolis be seen as the selfish, cheap city it really is. Our neighborhood organization fough

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" The building is part of the City's Super Bowl Housing legacy project. The goal is to revitalize the near eastside. Funding comes from a public private partnership."

Uhhh..what in the hell is a "public private partnership"?....Is that like Slum Lords Anonymous?



[effinfedup](#) says:

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What?..They not gonna let anybody move in until the week before the Super Bowl?..If they let them move in now..they'll be trashed before the Super Bowl is played..(if it is even played)..



[erviceismot](#) says:

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and after the superbowl hoopla is over??? good bye and good luck and the neighborhood goes back to usual. we no longer have to impress anybody.



Dogma says:

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I'm sure they will be chased out to the Eastside and then the power's that be will claim the demographics have changed and all Easisiders are like this. This will further erode all respect for this side of town.

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