

COON RAPIDS HRA SCATTERED SITE PROGRAM

Items needed for offer:

- Copy of Builder's State of Minnesota Contractor's License
- Complete house plans, including floor plan, elevations, and landscaping plan in compliance with the Site and Building Standards established in this package.
- Estimated construction schedule
- Financing commitment letter
- A non-refundable check (certified or cashier's) made payable to the HRA in the amount of 3% of the proposed purchase price for the conveyance of land shall be submitted with the offer. The total earnest money will be applied toward the conveyance price. The earnest money shall be non-refundable in the event the applicant, after performing its due diligence, elects to terminate the transaction. Should the development team be unable to perform for any reason, the applicant shall forfeit the earnest money and the HRA shall retain the earnest money as liquidated damages.

Site and Building Standards:

1. Interior Building Design

- The home shall be single-family and owner-occupied.
- Minimum of three bedrooms and two full bathrooms, and a full basement, unless precluded by soil conditions.
- Value added amenities such as greatrooms, dens or porches are required.
- Energy efficient products and construction techniques are encouraged. The HRA will consider a reduced sale price for construction of a house meeting the requirements of the LEED-H rating system.

2. Exterior Building Design

- The new structure shall be constructed in a manner, quality, and value equal to or better than the surrounding structures. Height and mass should be as compatible with the scale of the surrounding neighborhood as possible. Two story homes on a block of one story homes can be designed with compatible style and finishes. Architectural details such as roofline, gables, and window detailing shall be as compatible with existing buildings in the neighborhood as possible given the other objectives of this program.
- Windows shall be presented on all building elevations. The front elevation should contain a "feature window" (i.e. large picture window, shutters) to add interest.
- A variety of different exterior materials should be used, such as wood, brick, or stucco, to add contrast. Vinyl siding and similar low maintenance materials are acceptable only in combination with other natural materials.
- The building's design should emphasize the front door as the focal point, possibly by including a front porch.

3. Garage Design

- The appearance of the garage door should be minimized as much as possible (i.e. separate doors for each stall) and the garage should be located no closer to the street than the house's front façade line. If a three-car garage is proposed, each stall should have a separate door.

4. Site and Grounds

- The entire ground shall be landscaped to be aesthetically pleasing in all seasons. Land forms and plant materials shall be used to define the site and blend with the adjoining property. Landscaping should shade hardscapes and erosion controls should be installed.
- On lots that contain several mature trees, as many trees as possible should be preserved. Tree wrap reinforcement shall be used on trees directly adjacent to active grading and construction areas.
- If the existing curb cut is not used for a new driveway, it must be removed and replaced with curb.
- Air conditioning units should be located in the rear yard of the house and utility meters should be screened from public view.