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Bullet Points – City of Flint

Recent developments within the City of Flint have been reviewed. A number of positive changes continue or are planned to be occurring in the City. These accomplishments are identified as:

- Darnell Early has become Flint's new Emergency Manager, taking over for Mike Brown in early October.
- Four new members were elected to the Flint City Council in November.
- On Saturday, December 14, 2013, the Michigan Municipal League will be conducting a training session for all Flint City Council members. This training is to help facilitate and prepare City officials for a transition back to local control.
- A 21-member Blue Ribbon Commission, consisting of stakeholders, residents, and business and civic leaders, has been appointed to study the City's governance methods and make recommendations to improvements once local control is restored.
- The City has adopted its first new Master Plan since 1960. This plan will help address the City's urban blight, the allocation of resources to raze derelict properties and help improve residents' overall quality of life.
- James Tolbert has been appointed the new City Police Chief.
- Violent crime has been reduced by 30% from one year ago.
- Construction has begun on the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline, which will provide new, reliable drinking water to City residents at a lower cost.
- The Emergency Manager has ordered an outside party to review the City's water rates for the first time in over ten years.
- The City is partnering with the State of Michigan, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), the U.S. Department of Treasury, the Genesee County Land Bank and neighborhood leaders to implement a \$20.1 million initiative to help demolish more than 1,600 vacant and foreclosed residential properties. This is the largest residential blight removal project in the City's history.
- The Genesee Towers, the tallest building in the City, is scheduled for demolition on December 22, 2013 after being vacant since 2001 and condemned in 2004.