



The city is being relocated to a tract of 287 acres 10 miles to the southeast in Jefferson County — away from airport noise — and will be renamed Heritage Creek. The innovative Housing Program, believed to be the first of its kind in the world, has been called a model enterprise by the Federal Aviation Association (FAA). Williams says he has been contacted by cities across the country and the globe for information on the program.

Funding for the program totals \$20,000,000, with FAA and matching airport authority money, and rose to \$30,000,000 when the two agencies added \$5,000,000 each in September.

When the idea of moving the entire city was conceived, residents hoped, at best, to get a fair price for their homes. Instead, the program has enabled them to exchange old homes, complete with maintenance headaches, for new homes on larger lots.

The project consists of three phases. Phase I includes initial city design and building 351 homes, Phase II will add another 150 homes, and if interest drives it, Phase III will see additional homes built in Heritage Creek.

"This is a win-win situation," noted Williams. "We escape airport noise, families and neighbors stay together, and move into modern homes with all the amenities."

Apparently, when folks work together, it can be done.



Clockwise from above left: Mayor Fred Williams looks out over the farmland that will become his new city; Heritage Creek site plan; Heritage Creek under construction,

Top to bottom: Grand Opening ceremony with Mayor Charles Beach III; Best Place Subdivision.