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The city of College Park has received a \$2.9 million federal grant for use in rehabilitating the Lakeland area, a predominantly black community housing 137 families on about 105 acres.

The grant from the Housing and Urban Development Department, which brings to \$3.8 million the total federal money pledged to the project, was announced separately yesterday by Maryland's two Republican Senators, J. Glenn Beall and Charles Mac. Mathias, and by Rep. Lawrence J. Hogan (R-Md.).

Leo Shore, College Park's acting city administrator and urban renewal director, said the start of the actual rehabilitation of the area, located across Rte. 1 from the University of Maryland, is still several months away. Shore said he could not provide a reliable estimate of when work would begin.

Sixty-two of Lakeland's 141 habitable structures have been declared unfit, Shore said, and will be either razed or repaired. The 65 families inhabiting those houses, he added,

will be relocated within the community.

Besides a general shortage of suitable housing, Shore said, Lakeland's problems include its location within the Paint Branch flood plain; isolation, since the community is accessible only from Rte. 1; "encroachment" by industrial and commercial firms nearby, and "poor and inadequate" public utilities and services.

Before work begins on clearing and rebuilding the area, Shore said, final contracts have to be drawn up and approved by both College Park

and HUD, and an urban renewal executive director and staff have to be hired by the city.