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Columbia's Housing

Columbia already has almost three million dollars' worth of federal low-cost housing projects and this week Major Arthur R. Wellwood, executive director of the Columbia Housing Authority, told the capital city's Rotary Club that money for additional projects probably would be available soon.

When new funds are made available by Congress to the United States Housing Authority, Major Wellwood said he was told on a recent visit by National Administrator Nathan Straus, Columbia should be able to get five million dollars more for worthy slum clearance and low-cost housing projects.

Columbia is moving toward a physical making-over, eliminating slums that are a health menace not only to the unfortunate people who inhabit them but to all the community.

So is Charleston.

And Spartanburg is making a start in that direction with one housing project involving about \$800,000 in federal funds—funds that were originally earmarked for Greenville and later declined.

Greenville meanwhile continues to stand on the sidelines and look on, a situation that came about through official decision which was supported at the time, we believe, by a majority of the people.

There is a reawakening of interest in the matter of late, however, as the experiences of other cities unfold and we believe that many Greenville citizens, perhaps a majority of them, would like to have the question reopened now.

Columbia is growing and improving at a swift pace and these housing projects are an important contributing factor in its development.

Is Greenville growing and improving as rapidly?