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Expanded Moscow to See Major Development in 2013

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The city plans to allocate 1 billion rubles ($33 million) per year through 2016 for construction of utilities and roads in expanded Moscow, the head of the municipal department overseeing development in the most recent annexation said, Interfax reported.

"It's imperative that we help settlements and agricultural areas in the newly annexed lands by providing decent utility and road infrastructure," Vladimir Zhidkin said.

About 1 million square meters of residential space will be built there this year, he added. Zhidkin said the coordination of investment and construction resources would allow that task to be accomplished.

An additional 500,000 square meters of space for nonresidential use, including schools and clinics, will be built.

"We also have the task of creating 35,000 new jobs in the 'growth centers' of the new territory," he said.

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