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## Housing Fact of the Month

Closing costs in New Jersey are the seventh highest in the country and up from ninth place last year, according to a Bankrate survey released in July. Average loan origination and title fees are up nationwide which stems mostly from new costs lenders now face with stricter lending regulations.

## Lobby Day in DC

On July 12, the Network's own Arnold Cohen along with members of the NJ Advocacy Network to End Homeless went to Washington DC to meet with New Jersey's Congressional delegation, as part of the annual National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference.



The group met with staff from the offices of Senators Lautenberg and Menendez as well as with staff from the offices of Congressmen Payne, Pascrell, Rothman and Sires.

## Summer Institute for Community Leadership

Last month, the Network, in partnership with the Center for Community Progress, New Jersey Community Capital, the John S. Watson



Institute for Public Policy and the New Jersey Urban Mayors Association, hosted a session for city officials and community development leaders from across the state. Leaders from Jersey City, Newark, Irvington, Orange, Millville, Paterson, Bridgeton and Camden joined other state and local players and representatives of the financial sector to examine cutting edge solutions and practices for reinvigorating problem properties and restoring neighborhoods.

The two-day Summer Institute for Community Leadership is an extension of a session hosted earlier this year at Harvard University by the Center for Community Progress - one of the nation's leading organizations in helping cities and states craft land reform strategies that turn vacant, abandoned and problem properties into vibrant places. Experts from the Center for Community Progress were on hand in Trenton to lead workshops and share experiences with the group.



The Summer Institute is built on the understanding that New Jersey communities have the potential to transform

themselves into thriving places again, in no small part because of the significant resources in institutional and human capital that these communities already possess or are able to marshal. The Summer Institute is designed in part to help participants shape strategies that foster the creation of homes and jobs in economically and environmentally viable places that have good access to transit and the other civic resources that these cities possess or can develop.

Cities and towns selected to participate in the Summer Institute have shown a commitment to neighborhood revitalization, and have either begun to implement systems reforms for problem properties or have indicated that they plan to do so.

They were also able to meet with Congressman Payne himself.

Capital One Bank served as lead sponsor for the event as part of its long-standing commitment to community investment.



Read more about the event [here](#). Be sure to check out our website in the near future for Institute materials. Photos from the event are available on our [Facebook page](#). Be sure to check out coverage of the event from the [News of Cumberland County](#) and the [Courier News](#).

## Trenton "Abandoniums"



WZBN on Trenton's vacant properties and the Summer Institute.

## Pro Bono Planning Assistance

### NJ Community Based Organization Planning Needs Assessment Survey

The Network has been reaching out to members that have developed or are developing neighborhood plans in their communities to help overcome obstacles involved in this challenging work. We were therefore very pleased when we were asked several months ago by the NJ American Planning Association (NJ APA) to partner with them in an exciting opportunity to provide high quality pro-bono planning assistance to our members. The chapter's new program, the Community Planning Partnership Program, is designed to strengthen the relationship between professional planners and community based organizations in New Jersey and is scheduled to begin in late 2011. To best structure the types of assistance the planners will provide you, we are asking for your participation in a brief survey. The NJ Community Based Organization Planning Needs Assessment survey is being conducted by the American Planning Association's NJ chapter in order to better understand the types of planning support community based organizations need to advance your neighborhood planning efforts. If you haven't already done so, please follow the link below to take the survey. It will take about 5 minutes, and all answers and comments will be kept anonymous.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/APANJCBOneedsassessment>

## 2012 HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award Application

HUD and the American Planning Association (APA) announced the criteria for the 15th annual HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award, part of the APA's 2012 National Awards Program. This award honors excellence in community planning that has led to measurable benefits in terms of increased economic development, employment, education, or housing choice and mobility for low- and moderate-income residents. The award stresses tangible results and recognizes the planning discipline as an important community resource. It emphasizes how creative housing, economic development, and private investments are used in, or in tandem with, a comprehensive community development plan. The winner will be announced at APA's National Planning Conference in Los Angeles, California on April 14-17, 2012.

Entries must be submitted online through the American Planning Association website at [www.planning.org/awards/](http://www.planning.org/awards/) by August 30, 2011. The criteria, submission information, and requirements for this competition are currently available on [here](#). For more information please contact Roberta Rewers at 312-786-6395 or [rewers@planning.org](mailto:rewers@planning.org).

## Network Training Schedule

To register for any sessions below, please call Chasity Davis at (609) 393-3752, or register online [here](#). (Note: All National Development Council workshops are available on their [website](#).) Please

### **Property Acquisition and Control Strategies**, September 15

This one day session is designed to guide non-profit developers and others through non-traditional ways they can gain control of properties for reuse under New Jersey law. After an overview of property acquisition generally, the bulk of the day will be spent looking at two areas: (1) the foreclosure process, and the opportunities it provides; and (2) the problem property tools in the Abandoned Property Rehabilitation Act, and will explore the use of partnerships with local government and with organizations such as the Community Asset Preservation Corporation (CAPC) and the National Community Stabilization Trust. **Alan Mallach, National Housing Institute & The Brookings Institution; and Wayne Meyer, NJ Community Capital. Fee: \$75 Members/ Non Members \$100.**

### **Property Management for Scattered Site Rental Property**, October 17 & 18

This two day course will explore how to manage geographically scattered and small-scale rental properties which pose a unique and difficult challenge in affordable housing ownership. A portfolio of small properties requires the owner to possess or obtain special property management skills. Management will not have the advantages of on-site property management staff, or the economies of scale a multiple-unit building provides. This course is designed to help the participant identify ways of mobilizing and adapting a management operation to effectively monitor the operational performance of a scattered-site real estate portfolio. Through case study analysis and discussion of best practices, participants will learn to identify and examine the different property management options available to best meet their organization's needs. Approaches to keep such housing stock healthy and energy efficient will be addressed. A special module will cover the specifics of managing REO properties. **Brett William, Neighborworks® Training Institute, Fee: \$150 Members/\$200 Non Members.**

### **Mixed-Use Real Estate Finance**, November 1 & 2

Neighborhoods are at their best when "Main Street" pulses with the activities that bring a community alive-residential, retail, entertainment, services, public facilities and common areas. Older Main Streets have special opportunities for adaptive reuse-with buildings that are ideally suited to retrofitting multiple uses in one structure. Cities and towns undergoing redevelopment in their downtowns often view mixed-used development as a way to catalyze Main Street, energizing it with shopping, dining, culture and entertainment. There are several financial tools available for Main Street redevelopment and if brought together in the right way, for the right uses, they can do the job. **The National Development Council, Fee: \$150 Members/\$200 Non Members.**

### **Financing Your Renewable Energy Project**, December 15, Webinar

Congress has provided a number of Federal subsidies in support of our national energy and environmental policies, including the Production Tax Credit, Investment Tax Credit and the 1603 Grant in Lieu of Tax Credits. A number of states have similar incentives. NDC recognized that these can be used as resources for community development as well as for energy and environmental goals. We have developed creative financing for community development projects that incorporate renewable energy facilities, taking full advantage of all available financing tools. This three-hour online session covers: 1) Financing tools, both Federal and state 2) Deal structuring 3) Long-term project benefits of renewable energy. **Erin O'Neill, National Development Council Fee: None.**

## **New Jersey Policy Watch**

### **Budget Wrap Up, Special Thanks to Housing Champion Asm. Coutinho**

Now that the governor has signed the state budget, here's a review on how the Network's priorities fared in the final weeks of the legislative session. First our successes on legislation:

- **The Foreclosure Rescue Fraud Prevention Act (A-359/S1651)** requires foreclosure consultants and distressed property purchasers, who contract with owners of residential properties in financial distress, to adhere to certain practices in providing foreclosure prevention services to owners. The Network supported the efforts of NJ Citizen Action and LSJN on this bill, which was sponsored by Assembly Democrats Schaer, Burzichelli, Watson Coleman, DeAngelo and Senators Turner and Stack. It was approved late yesterday, 39-0 by the Senate and 77-0 by the Assembly. It now goes to the governor!
- **Along with Fair Share Housing Center, we were successful in amending S2974 (Lesniak/Sweeney)/A4221 (Coutinho)** to get a better bill. Instead of repealing the statewide 2.5% non-residential development fee in its entirety, this bill extends the moratorium by two years. It also shields towns from having to pay back any money actually spent to build affordable homes.

The Network would like to extend a special thank you to Assemblyman Coutinho (D-Newark) for his leadership in addressing our concerns on the statewide fee and for his help on the Urban Hub Tax Credit. He worked tirelessly to improve the tax credit proposal. Although the bill did not ultimately include the 20 percent set aside for affordable homes in developments funded by the

tax credits, Network members appreciate everything the Assemblyman did to secure an equitable resolution.

Asm. Coutinho has a long and successful history working to create the homes and jobs New Jerseyans, especially lower income residents, need. As such, the Network was proud to recognize him as one of our "Housing Champions" in recognition of his leadership of the landmark housing reform bill, A.500. We applaud the assemblyman for his longstanding commitment to make sure New Jersey is an affordable place for families to live and work.

Because of support from housing champions like Asm. Coutinho, and others, we achieved a few successes in the had some success in the budget process and in on the final budget itself. The Network had three budget priorities on our May Lobby Day and here's how we fared:

- **SRAP.** Full funding for State Rental Assistance was signed in to law by the Governor when he signed the budget.
- **Preventing the NJ Affordable Housing Trust funds from being taken for the general fund.** While this language was included in the budget passed by the Legislature, it was ultimately line-item vetoed by the Governor.
- **Funding for General Assistance.** We were successful in avoiding a deep cut to General Assistance. A proposed \$30 million cut was ultimately just a \$7 million cut. The final budget restored \$15 million- for both employable residents and those who are considered unemployable, as well as restored the Supplemental Living Supports for six months for unemployable GA and TANF recipients. Other GA changes concerning work requirements: the six month delay for changes to unemployable status, the hard limits (18 and 36 months) for Emergency Assistance, and the State-staffed quality assurance group to plan for the future, were also passed.

### HMFA's CHOICE 2011 Program

HMFA's CHOICE 2011 Program has been approved and ready for rollout. The CHOICE Guidelines and other information regarding the program will be available at: <http://www.nj-hmfa.com>.

Training is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 10:00 AM at the offices of New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency**. In order to submit a CHOICE application, attendance by a representative of your development team is required. To RSVP, please complete [this registration form](#) and forward it via email to [choice@njhmfa.state.nj.us](mailto:choice@njhmfa.state.nj.us) or fax to 609-278-1720.

## Federal Policy Watch

### Debt Ceiling Agreement

On July 31, House and Senate leadership and President Obama announced an agreement that would raise the federal debt limit by \$2.4 trillion over the next 10 years, just days before an August 2 deadline to raise the federal debt ceiling.

The deal itself, the Budget Control Act of 2011, would include \$900 billion in spending cuts accomplished through caps on appropriations from FY12 through FY21 and set in motion requirements to cut at least an additional \$1.5 trillion. There are no provisions in the agreement to raise revenues, either through ending tax breaks for corporations or the wealthiest households. The proposal would reduce non-defense discretionary spending to the lowest level since the mid-1950s when Dwight Eisenhower was President, before most HUD programs existed.

### HUD Launches New Webpage on Preserving Multifamily Properties

HUD recently launched a new webpage that provides a wealth of information on preserving multifamily housing. This is a valuable resource that makes available all in one place multifamily preservation information that was once dispersed over various parts of the website.

Site users can access notices on the new policies and procedures around prepaying and refinancing Section 202 loans for the elderly. Notices on ways to preserve properties with maturing FHA-insured properties are also available as are numerous resources on the Mark to Market program. From this webpage you can access important publications and data, such as the Section 8 Renewal Guide and various multifamily portfolio datasets. Preservation-minded advocates should check back here often for updated notices, guidance and legislation. This new webpage can be found [here](#).

### New Foreclosure Mitigation Program Launched

HUD announced the [launch](#) of the Emergency Homeowners Loan Program, which will provide zero-interest loans of up to \$50,000 to help homeowners facing temporary hardship (such as unemployment or a medical emergency) avoid foreclosure. The deadline for this program has been extended to Wednesday, July 27, 2011. More information is available [here](#).

## HUD Reports to Congress on Homelessness Assessment

HUD released its 2010 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress, a critical tool to understand the characteristics of homeless individuals and families and their service patterns. Access the report by clicking [here](#).

## Membership Notes

### Member Spotlights

The **United Way of Central Jersey** is once again collecting school supplies for low-income children before the school year begins. Visit <http://www.uwcj.org/> for a listing of their "Stuff a Bus" events. Real Estate Advisory & Development Services (READS) officially changed the organization's name to **Build with Purpose** to reflect their vision of using real estate to foster social change and improve people's lives and communities. Visit their new website at [www.bwpurpose.org](http://www.bwpurpose.org). Congratulations to **New Jersey Community Capital** on the grand opening of a new 13-unit affordable housing redevelopment they helped to complete in Jersey City's Greenville neighborhood. Congratulations also go to **Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District** on the grand opening of their latest project, sixty-six units of USGBC LEED gold affordable homes in the Lincoln Park sustainable arts community in Newark.

If you have a project or accomplishment you would like to share with the Network and you're a member in good standing, please contact Nina Arce at [narce@hcdnnj.org](mailto:narce@hcdnnj.org) to be featured in our next newsletter.

### Media Watch & TA Alerts

If you're interested in receiving a listing of daily news articles highlighting members of the Network and issues relating to housing and community development, sign up for our Media Watch. Links to news articles are accompanied by a brief summary so you can determine which articles are of interest to you. If you'd like to be added to the Media Watch distribution list, send an e-mail to Nina Arce at [narce@hcdnnj.org](mailto:narce@hcdnnj.org) with the subject line, "Opt-in to Media Watch."

You can also sign up for electronic TA Alerts which feature funding sources, workshops, and TA updates. If you wish to be added to the TA Alert distribution list, e-mail Nina Arce at [narce@hcdnnj.org](mailto:narce@hcdnnj.org) with the subject line, "Opt-in to TA Alerts."

## Housing in the News

### A poll finds out how well NJ residents like their towns and their state

*(Philadelphia Inquirer, August 2, 2011)*

Camden County residents are dissatisfied with their lives. They're nervous about making ends meet, they want more family time, and they're unhappy with the heavy traffic and poor condition of their roads. In neighboring Burlington County, many people are talking about leaving New Jersey. Part of the reason? The influx of North Jersey residents whose urban ways have changed the character of slower-paced communities. Gloucester County residents also are unhappy with the state, giving it low marks as a place to live while giving high grades to their own hometowns.

<http://bit.ly/q9vK1Z>

### Bergen County scores high on quality-of-life poll

*(The Record, August 2, 2011)*

Bergen County residents are happy with their hometowns and less likely to leave the state than residents of other New Jersey counties, according to a poll released Monday by Monmouth University....Traffic and affordable housing were major concerns, with only 23 percent and 25 percent of participants giving those areas positive marks, respectively. Of those polled, 47 percent said they get stuck in traffic jams at least once a week.

<http://bit.ly/ri46L>

### NJIT, Rutgers students push boundaries of sustainable building with innovative green house

*(Star Ledger, July 24, 2011)*

If your idea of clean energy is a solar panel on a rooftop, think again. Sustainable homebuilding is getting a whole lot smarter, and NJIT and Rutgers University students are pushing the boundaries of the field.

<http://bit.ly/pySnXk>

### Government Weighs Turning Foreclosures Into Rentals

*(Wall Street Journal, July 22, 2011)*

There's an 800-pound gorilla in the nation's hardest-hit housing markets: hundreds of thousands of foreclosed properties are selling, and there's four times as many potential foreclosures behind them. The Journal writes today that one idea gaining support in Washington is an effort to pull some of those properties off the market and rent them out, either on homes owned by federal agencies or loan giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

## Bill would change fire inspection rules

(*NJ Herald*, July 20, 2011)

A bill that prohibits municipalities from charging for inspections of buildings with three or more housing units, something the state already does on a five-year schedule, could have long-ranging effects on Sussex County despite the fact no area towns currently do those inspections.

<http://bit.ly/mVeZC6>

## Funding/Award Opportunities

### Federal Grants: [Limited English Proficiency Services Supported](#)

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

The Limited English Proficiency Initiative Program provides support for the provision of direct services to limited English proficient (LEP) individuals that ensure their ability to access HUD programs, services, and activities. Proposed services should meet the following programmatic objectives: identify and meet the needs of the targeted LEP communities; improve the participation of LEP individuals in HUD programs, services, and activities beyond the period of HUD support; and enhance the dissemination and communication of HUD programs, services, and activities in languages targeted to meet the needs of local communities. **Deadline is August 15, 2011.**

### [Funds to Implement Promise Neighborhoods in Rural and Tribal Communities](#)

*Department of Education*

The Promise Neighborhoods Program provides support for activities designed to significantly improve the educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in the nation's most distressed communities. Proposed activities will meet one of the following absolute priorities: submission of a promise neighborhood plan, promise neighborhoods in rural communities, or promise neighborhoods in tribal communities. Preference will be given to activities that address comprehensive local early learning networks, quality Internet connectivity, arts and humanities, and/or quality affordable housing. Additionally, activities targeting family engagement in learning through adult education are of interest. The letter of intent deadline is July 22, 2011. **Deadline: September 6, 2011.**

### [Emergency Capital Repair Grant Program](#)

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

Funds emergency capital repairs for eligible multifamily projects owned by private nonprofit entities that are designated for occupancy by elderly tenants. **Closing date: November 29, 2011.**

### [FY 2011 Planning and Local Technical Assistance Programs Opportunity](#)

*Department of Commerce*

Economic Development Administration Planning Program provides assistance to eligible recipients to create regional economic development plans in order to stimulate and guide the economic development efforts of a community or region. Local Technical Assistance Program helps eligible recipients fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in economically distressed regions from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues. Applications are accepted on a continuing basis.

### Foundation Grants:

#### [Open Meadows Foundation](#)

Offers grants up to \$2000 to projects that are designed and implemented by women and girls. Projects should reflect the diversity of the community in its leadership and organization; promote building community power; promote gender, racial, social, economic and/or environmental justice; and have limited financial access or have encountered obstacles in their search for funding. Organization budget may not exceed \$150,000. **Deadlines: February 15 and August 15 of each year.**

#### [CVS Caremark Charitable Trust Accepting Grant Applications for Programs Serving Children With Disabilities](#)

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded to organizations working to increase opportunities for success for children under the age of 21 with disabilities as well as to improve the overall quality of health and well-being in underserved communities. For this year's program, the trust will accept online applications from **May 1 to June 15, 2011**, for applications targeting children with disabilities; and from **July 1 to August 15, 2011**, for applications targeting health care services for underserved populations.

#### [TKF Foundation Invites Planning Grant Applications for Urban Green Spaces](#)

The Open Spaces Sacred Places National Awards Program will award grants from a total funding pool of \$5 million to cross-disciplinary teams that conceptualize, plan, design, and implement a physical space; conduct associated research studies; and disseminate findings. **Deadline: September 1, 2011.**

## [Housing for Everyone Grant Competition](#)

*TD Bank*

The Housing for Everyone grant competition is an affordable housing grant competition that runs annually from July to September. Applications will be accepted from Tuesday, July 5, 2011 through Friday, September 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A total of \$2.5 million will be awarded in 2011 to local non-profit organizations that make a meaningful difference in meeting the affordable housing needs in their communities. The theme of this year's competition is "Building for the Future". Applications must focus on any one of three areas - Energy Efficiency, Capacity Building, or New Unit Creation - and should highlight the ways in which funding will provide the opportunity in the future to expand the availability of and/or access to safe affordable housing.

**Deadline: September 2, 2011.**

## [Grants Enhance the Lives of Women and Children](#)

*WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others*

The WHO Foundation: Women Helping Others supports grassroots organizations throughout the United States and Puerto Rico that serve the overlooked needs of women and children. The Foundation provides grants of \$1,000 to \$40,000 for critical health programs and social services projects that give women and children the knowledge and tools they need to improve their lives. Examples of funded programs include food and shelter for the homeless, healthcare for the poor, after-school programs, career training for under-employed women, positive programs for young girls, and domestic violence prevention programs. Eligible organizations must have been incorporated for a minimum of three years. **Deadline: September 6, 2011.**

Click [here](#) for more funding opportunities.

## Events/Workshops

### **Bank of America Mortgage Outreach**, August 25, Somerset

Bank of America has been a leader in the effort to help distressed borrowers remain in their homes. A critical element of this success has been our ability to connect our customers to meet face-to-face with our Home Loan Specialists to review options for modifications or other alternatives to foreclosure. If you or someone you know is a Bank of America mortgage customer and would benefit from speaking to a home loan specialist, please encourage them to attend an event by scheduling an arrival time at [www.bankofamerica.com/outreachevent](http://www.bankofamerica.com/outreachevent) or calling 1.855.201.7426.

### **Building a Sustainable, Market-Driven Organization: The Power of Leaders to Grow Mission Impact**, August 25, Webinar

Bank of America presents this one-hour webinar will help leaders think in new ways about how to sustain an organization's mission impact. The presentation will feature a sustainability framework, which outlines the key drivers of sustainability, and examples of how other organizations have improved their ability to sustain impact. Click [here](#) to register.

### **2011 Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development**,

Sept. 20-21, Atlantic City

The 2011 Governor's Conference on Housing and Economic Development will be held at the Atlantic City Convention Center. This year's conference will present innovative economic development strategies and engage participants in discussing how best to develop sustainable communities, neighborhood revitalization, property management, green building, housing for special populations, financial resources and more. To learn more or to register, click [here](#).

### **Interactive Review Seminar for Dual Designation**, August 24-25, Las Vegas

Financial Counseling Network/National Association of Certified Credit Counselors will offer an interactive live review seminar invoked with experiential learning. This will prepare participants to successfully complete the examination for dual designation of Certified Debt Settlement Specialist (CDSS) and Certified Credit Counselor (CCC). Individuals may also take an examination to receive the Certified Credit Counselor or Certified Debt Settlement Specialist designation. Click [here](#) to register or learn more.

### **Social Media for Social Good: A How-To Training for Nonprofits**,

September 22, Collingswood

This one-day intensive social media and mobile technology how-to training is ideal for nonprofit communications and development staff. Presented by Heather Mansfield of DIOSA Communications and Nonprofit Tech 2.0, attendees will gain practical knowledge about how to successfully launch and maintain social media and mobile marketing campaigns for your nonprofit. Based upon her book *Social Media for Social Good: A How-To Guide for Nonprofits*, Mansfield will present a comprehensive strategy for integrating your Web 1.0, Web 2.0, and Web 3.0 campaigns in order to maximize ROI. Event proceeds will benefit Volunteers of America Delaware Valley. Click [here](#) to learn more or to register.

### **Solutions for Sustainable Communities: 2011 Learning Conference on**

## **State and Local Housing Policy**, September 26-28, Washington, DC.

Presented by the National Housing Conference and Center for Housing Policy. This innovative day-long conference will present inter-disciplinary new research and case studies from across the U.S. that will inform both policymakers and practitioners. The program will build on the MacArthur Foundation's five-year, \$25 million dollar How Housing Matters initiative, as well as on the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's strategic initiative exploring housing as a platform for education, health and economic opportunity. Click [here](#) to learn more or to register.

## **Next Steps: Succession and Sustainability Planning Workshop for Nonprofit Founders & Executives**, October 18-19, Philadelphia

This is the Next Step in ensuring that when the time comes to retire or move on, both the chief executive and the organization are well prepared to not only endure the transition, but to thrive. Next Steps is exclusively for nonprofit founders and long-term chief executives. The intentional small workshop size - limited to 30 participants - provides a safe, confidential space for you to focus on personal, professional and organizational issues related to your transition and succession planning. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## **Training Opportunities/Resources**

### **NLIHC Congressional District Profiles**

In an effort to prepare its members for informed and data-driven housing advocacy, the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) provides Congressional District Profiles. Each profile pulls from a variety of sources and illuminates several dimensions of housing affordability for renter households in each district, the surrounding area, and the state. The profiles are updated throughout the year as new data are available. Click [here](#) to access each of NJ's Congressional District Profiles.

### **HUD to Offer Sustainability Funding; Interagency Partnership Publishes New Website**

HUD recently issued an Advance Notice of Requirements to prospective applicants for the FY 2011 Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program. In addition, HUD, the Department of Transportation and the Environmental Protection Agency recently launched a new website for the interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities which can be found at <http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/>.

### **NeighborWorks Scattered Site Rental Toolkit**

Well-managed scattered site rental housing programs can be a boon to nonprofits overstocked with rehabbed homes, to households shut out of ownership by tight credit, and to neighborhoods seeking the stability of good neighbors, occupied homes and responsible landlords. To assist organizations considering a scattered site rental program, NeighborWorks America offers a new, online resource: the [Scattered Site Rental Toolkit](#).

### **Office of Transitional Services Smart Books**

New Jersey's Department of Corrections has a valuable resource available for social services staff and offenders returning home. Through the Office of Transitional Services, a Smart Book for several counties across the state. This guide is designed to provide basic information and contacts to facilitate community reentry and serves a dual purpose: 1) to help New Jersey Department of Corrections with pre-release planning for inmates; and 2) to serve as a continuing reference for individuals after their release from prison. Click [here](#) to access.

### **Rowan study: NJ has more housing segregation, sprawl today than in 1970**

Rowan University recently conducted a study which analyzes residential and non-residential land use development patterns that have occurred over a two decade period and projects these patterns into the future through buildout modeling, in order to gain insight into the effects of New Jersey's current land management policies and the persistence of exclusionary zoning influences. Click [here](#) to view the study in its entirety.

## **Employment Opportunities**

### **City of Irvington**

#### *Irvington Neighborhood Services Director*

Directs operations of the department, which include four divisions: Public Works, Vital Statistics-Nursing, Inspections, and Engineering-Building Construction. The department is responsible for code enforcement (property, sanitation, sanitary), building construction, zoning, vital statistics, nursing, and public works (maintenance of shade trees, streets, sewers, parks, public buildings, and the Township motor pool). Experience: Two (2) years of experience managing a municipal department and a Bachelors degree from an accredited college or university. Candidates with a civil or mechanical engineering license and/or certification as an APWA will be given extra

consideration. Salary commensurate with experience. Complete a Job Application ([www.irvington.net](http://www.irvington.net)) and mail it to Wayne Bradley, Business Administrator, Township of Irvington, 1 Civic Square, Irvington, NJ 07111.

## Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)

### *Greater Newark LISC Executive Director*

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) seeks an Executive Director for its Greater Newark program. The Executive Director reports to a LISC Program Vice President and Local Advisory Committee (LAC) and provides leadership and direction in developing and implementing the vision, focus, and strategy for the Greater Newark program. The Executive Director has overall responsibility and accountability for the Greater Newark LISC program including direct supervision of a three person staff. LISC offers a competitive salary and excellent benefits. LISC will only accept resumes and cover letters that are submitted electronically to Candace Green at [Cgreen@lisc.org](mailto:Cgreen@lisc.org). The cover letter should describe what in your background demonstrates the competencies we are seeking and what interests you most about work for LISC. Click here to learn [more](#).

## Build with Purpose

### *Senior Real Estate Project Manager*

The Senior Real Estate Project Manager performs a variety of activities to support the organization's mission, mainly managing all phases of the real estate development process for assigned projects from predevelopment to occupancy. Additionally, the Senior Project Manager will be required to provide guidance and support to the organization's Project Managers and Assistant Project Managers. Qualified applicants should send their resumes to [jobpostings@bwpurpose.org](mailto:jobpostings@bwpurpose.org). Qualified candidates will be contacted for follow-up. Please DO NOT call or directly contact Build with Purpose staff regarding this matter. [Click here](#) to learn more.



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