Twenty Five Years OF SUCCESS

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## THE **\$12 BILLION** IMPACT

of Community Development Corporations in New Jersey

> Housing and Community Development **Network** of New Jersey





## The Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey

is the statewide association of more than 250 community development corporations, individuals and other organizations that support the creation of affordable homes, economic opportunities, and strong communities. Founded in 1989, HCDNNJ partners with and amplifies the work of the state's non-profit community development corporations.

## What are CDCs?

New Jersey CDCs are non-profit organizations that bring critical resources to communities, create jobs and build affordable homes. New Jersey CDCs are both place and people-based and share a mission to create more opportunities for low- and moderate-income people and communities. CDCs in New Jersey build affordable homes and small business commercial space, create jobs, support resident-driven community planning processes, and provide services needed by community members from job training to housing counseling.

New Jersey needs investment. The state's community development corporations have been investing billions in New Jersey for a quarter century now, building and rehabilitating affordable homes and revitalizing communities. Working together, they help communities navigate the tough times and make the good times work better for everyone."

- Bill Best, Senior Vice President, Community Development Banking, PNC Bank

New Jersey has over 250 community development corporations that make our communities better and grow our state and local economy.

#### CDCs ARE A \$12 BILLION ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR NEW JERSEY

CDCs make New Jersey's economy stronger. In the past twenty-five years, New Jersey CDCs created 82,000 jobs; added \$12 billion of economic impact; and generated \$320 million in state tax revenues. CDCs have achieved this multi-billion dollar impact while working every day to improve and revitalize the state's low-and moderate-income people and communities.

#### CDCs ARE JOB CREATORS.

DURING THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, NEW JERSEY CDCs:



through investments in real estate rehabilitation and new construction.<sup>1</sup>



in worker wages and in contracts with New Jersey businesses.





#### ▶ CDCs ARE A **\$500 MILLION** DOLLAR A YEAR INDUSTRY.<sup>4</sup>

Over the past twenty-five years, New Jersey CDCs **contributed \$12 Billion to the State Economy.** CDCs directly invested \$6.5 billion in New Jersey neighborhoods, and these investments rippled throughout the economy creating another \$5.7 billion of economic activity.

CDCs ADDED \$320 MILLION TO STATE TAX ROLLS.

Even though CDCs are exempt from some taxes as non-profits, CDC activities generated hundreds of millions of tax revenue dollars from worker wages, contracts and purchases.

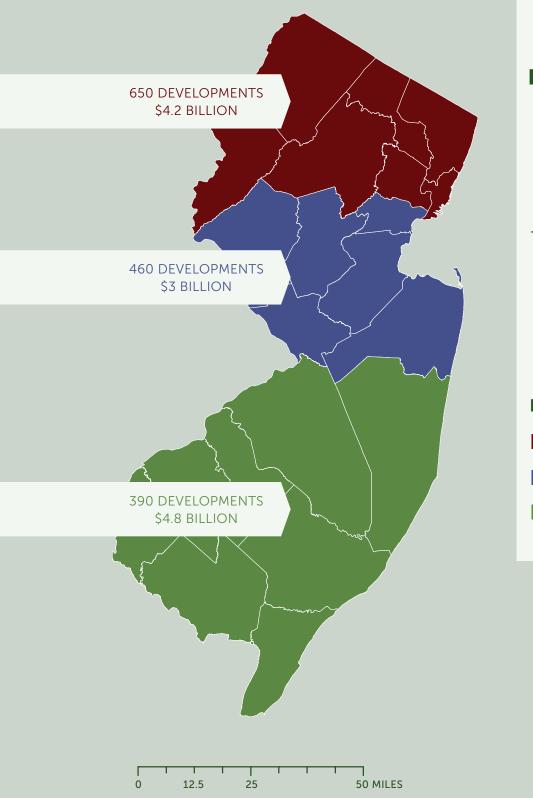
- CDCs BUILT AND REHABILITATED OVER 21,000 AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS.
- CDCs BUILT OVER 2.5 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR NEW AND EXPANDING SMALL BUSINESSES.

<sup>2</sup> Building from the Ground Up: 20 Years of Community Economic Development in New Jersey, Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey (2009). http://www.hcdnnj.org/assets/documents/anniversary%20report.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> CDCs created 44,000 of these jobs directly and supported the remaining full-time equivalent jobs through contracts with area businesses.

<sup>4 \$12</sup> billion of economic activity over 25 years is roughly \$500 million of economic activity in an average year.

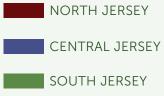
## CDCs Made Investments in Every Region in New Jersey



DEVELOPMENTS WERE UNDERTAKEN BY CDCs IN NJ GENERATING A TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF \$12 BILLION.

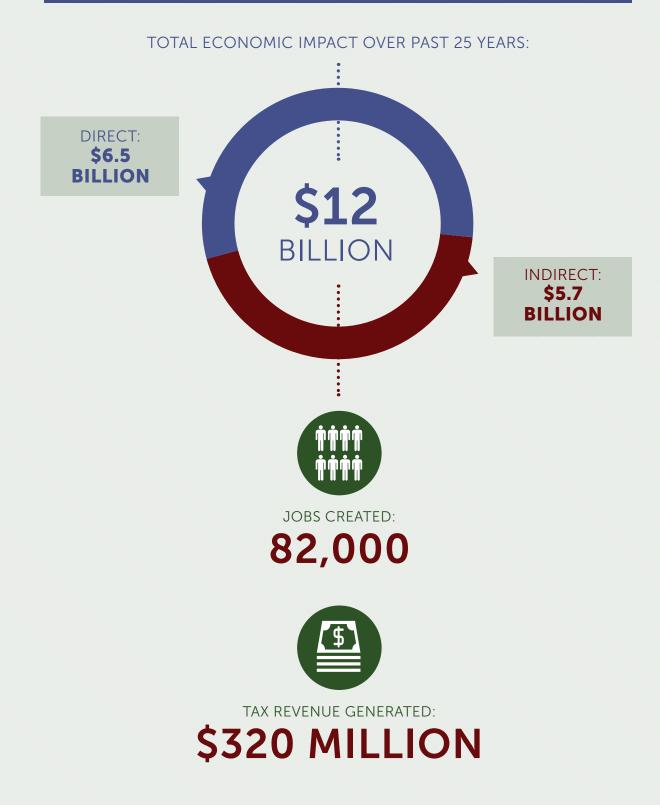
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#### **REGIONS:**



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"CDCs provide a significant bang for the buck here in New Jersey. Non-profit de time again they can make a huge economic impact as they improve the lives and o - Al Koeppe, chairman, New Jersey Economic Development Authority

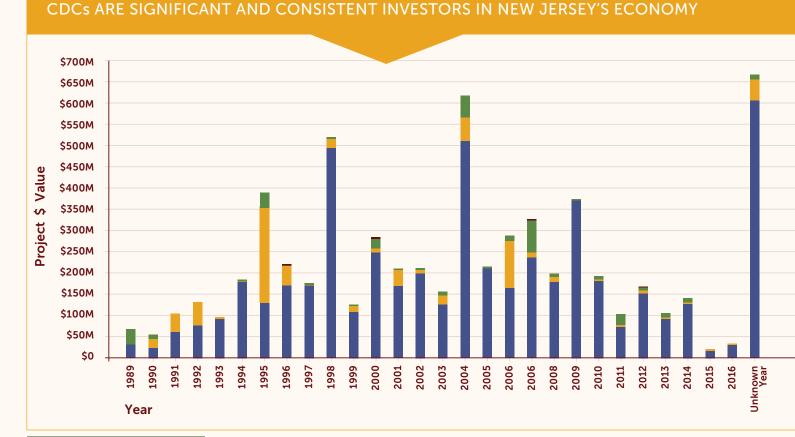
#### **NEW JERSEY CDCs ARE ONE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN SUCCESS STORIES:**

INTREPID NON-PROFITS FIGHTING TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITIES WHILE CREATING BILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF ECONOMIC BENEFIT AND THOUSANDS OF JOBS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

While the dollars CDCs generate are the focus for this report, we should not forget the extraordinary contributions CDCs make that cannot be quantified. CDCs provide food for New Jersey residents who are hungry, emergency shelter for those who are homeless, job training for those who need employment, and childcare for pre-school children.

#### **NEW JERSEY CDCs SUPPORT JOBS IN A RANGE OF INDUSTRIES.**

CDCs created 82,000 jobs in New Jersey over the past twenty-five years. Just over half of these jobs were in construction industries. The other half of the jobs was in a range of other industries from health care to food services supporting the CDCs and their workers.



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velopers that have shown time and pportunities of our residents."

#### CDCs CONSISTENTLY INVEST IN NEW JERSEY NEIGHBORHOODS, IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD.

CDCs continued to invest in New Jersey throughout the Great Recession. While private market developers retreated, CDCs completed roughly the same number of developments as they did every year since 2000. Each year from 2008 to 2014, CDCs brought more than \$180 million of economic value to New Jersey neighborhoods. CDCs are able to continue to invest in neighborhoods, even during the tough times, because they have strong leadership, established operating systems, and support from the state's philanthropic, government and corporate communities.



To understand just how CDCs make such an extraordinary economic impact, let's look at how they have effectively used a single state program to revitalize low- and moderateincome neighborhoods.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit program (NRTC) was created by the State of New Jersey in 2002 to offer business entities that invest in the revitalization of eligible lowand moderate-income neighborhoods a 100 percent tax credit against various state taxes. Program-wide, a total of \$10 million per year is available in tax credits, with a maximum of \$1 million available per neighborhood. To date, twenty-four corporations have invested \$48 million in NRTC dollars. For every dollar in NRTC investment, CDCs have leveraged an additional \$7.30.

CDCs DURING THE FIRST TEN YEARS OF THE NRTC PROGRAM:

> 830 jobs created

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**30** businesses created

1,321 homes created

properties put back on tax rolls

\$4 MILLION in property tax revenue generated

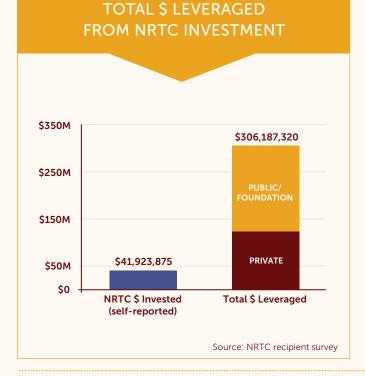
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New Jersey's CDCs are trustworthy and valued partners for our communities. We need to support these important non-profit partners and continue to build their capacity to create needed affordable homes and jobs."

- Maria Maio-Messano, HUD New Jersey Field Office Director

### NEW JERSEY CDCs HAVE A PROVEN ABILITY TO BRING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF RESOURCES INTO THE STATE AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS.

CDCs help neighborhoods access capital from government, foundations, corporations and individuals that they could not obtain on their own. The key funding sources of income for New Jersey CDCs include earned income; donations from foundations, corporations, individuals; and federal, state and local government funding. A 2012 analysis of one important New Jersey program, the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) program found that CDCs leveraged \$7.30 in private, public and foundation dollars for every government dollar.



#### WHO ARE NEW JERSEY CDCs?

New Jersey CDCs are non-profit organizations that work daily with communities to bring critical resources to revitalize New Jersey's older communities, create jobs and build affordable homes.

#### WHAT DO CDCs DO?

In addition to the construction and rehabilitation of housing and commercial properties that play a pivotal role in the future of its communities, CDCs create gardens, demolish unsafe properties, create neighborhood revitalization plans, and provide job training.

#### CDCs WORK IN EVERY REGION IN NEW JERSEY.

CDCs made direct investments in neighborhoods in every region in the State. See regional map on page 2.

### CDC INVESTMENTS REMOVE BLIGHT AND INCREASE WEALTH FOR SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS.

New construction and major rehabilitation of blighted or underused properties raises the value of nearby properties.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Karen Black, Collective Strength, Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations (December 2012). http://pacdc.org/sites/default/files/COLLECTIVE%20STRENGTH%20Report.pdf

## 25 YEARS OF SUCCESS The Network Thanks These Member Organizations Who Provided Data For This Report

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Not all of these organizations are still in existence or engaged in housing production, but their accomplishments do make up the fabric of the last 25 years.

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