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OCCD's New Website

By: Angela Brown, OCCD President

As promised in the fall newsletter, change has come! OCCD will soon be launching our new and improved website. This means, among other things, that this is the last printed newsletter you will receive. For the spring meeting, the newsletter will be sent via email to you in an e-newsletter format. You will also be able to access the newsletter directly from our website. We are proud of our new website, so please make sure you visit

www.occd.org for the most up-to-date community development information.

Special Thanks to the Fall Reception Sponsor CDC of Ohio, Inc.

ECONOMICS IS THE ISSUE!!

BUT HOUSING, HEALTH, AND PROPERTIES are the topics

By Ken Lengieza, OCCD Vice President

Someone once said that they would love to learn about Economics, but only if they never had to sit through a single lecture on the subject. If that is how you feel, this year's OCCD Winter Conference might be for you!

WEDNESDAY, our first topic will be Housing Program Walkaways. We will have discussion focused on more than just physical conditions of the home that make it too expensive, but, is there a problem owner who will undermine the rehab investment of public dollars in just a few years? Is there a way to deal with hoarders, relatives that are thieves, or people, who in the past, have trashed their home? If there isn't a way, should there be? Are rental units more susceptible to being wrecked or not maintained compared to owner occupied, or vice versa? We will have one hour on local community case studies and policies, and after break, the second hour will be a panel and audience discussion.

The silent economic issue is whether or not we can tell taxpayers and legislators that HOME and CDBG housing dollars spent are permanently improving the housing stock available to low and moderate income families. Or, are we spending \$20,000, \$30,000, etc. per unit for only short term help for one family or one individual? There are "opportunity costs" for each funding decision that is made. To the extent we have time, the panel will also give their views on what types of housing improvements generate the most positive effects or "externalities" in the neighborhoods. Is demolition/new home construction an answer, or a de-traction, if new homes are smaller and not "built to last?" Is there any value to housing upgrades such as additional bathrooms or adding a garage or storage shed?

Wednesday afternoon, Tracy Plouck, Director of the Ohio Department of Health and a member of the Governor's

Office of Healthcare Transformation will give a summary of the State of Ohio's proactive effort to improve healthcare. She will then focus on how this and housing issues affect those with mental health disabilities. Access to affordable healthcare is one of the most important economic issues of our time. This affects what resources families have left to live on. And housing those citizens, who have mental health issues, is a need throughout Ohio.

Wednesday afternoon, we will also have a session on Housing in Appalachia. This session will not only address traditional issues, but the recent situation in those counties in Ohio impacted by the Oil and Gas Boom. Holly Holtzen, from OHFA's Office of Affordable Housing Research will provide preliminary findings of a current study underway. The Oil and Gas Boom could end up spreading to other areas of the state too. Again, most of the housing impacts can be traced back to economics.

At 4pm on Wednesday Pamela Hanover will give us an update on what is happening on the state legislative front. She is an experienced attorney on local and state issues.

How about what is going on in Washington and the impact on communities? At 4:30, before our reception,

William J. Graves (Bill), age 62, passed away peacefully, Saturday, October 27, 2012 at Kobacker House with family by his side. He was preceded in death by his father Joseph Graves. He is survived by his mother, Cecilia Graves; twin sister, Katie (Dan) Baumer; siblings, Chris (Michael Goudy) Graves, Chell Graves, Sam (Pamela) Graves, Perry (Sarah) Graves; nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews, relatives, close friends and colleagues. He was a proud and active member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 32 years, Alumni of The Ohio State University with three Masters Degrees, a Mason and member of the Versailles Masonic Lodge, avid athlete and marathon runner. He dedicated his professional career to helping others through his work with the Ohio Department of Development, City of Columbus, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Bill served on the OCCD Executive Board 2005-2006 and 2006-2007.



Lisa Patt-McDaniel will moderate a session on Federal Issues. Gene Krebs and Bill Faith will give their views on the situation, real time!

I am sure they will have good advice!

THURSDAY finds us looking at Healthcare Affordability not from the federal or state perspective, but from the community viewpoint as we hear from Heather Porter of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers. I personally am anxious to hear how they see the health needs of both low income poor and working class Ohioans.

Later on Thursday morning we will be fortunate to hear how the Ohio

Development Services Agency and Jobs Ohio are collaborating on a revised Brownfield Clean Ohio Program from Pat Beard, who is the Clean Ohio Brownfield Liaison and from Thea Walsh, Deputy Chief of the Office of Redevelopment in ODSA's Community Services Division, on the new Ohio Vacant Facilities Fund.

Last, but not least, we will break for the entitlements session with HUD and Small Cities session with OCCD. Our conferences would not be successful without HUD and OSDA.

Have a Happy Holiday Season and may you not fall off the Fiscal Cliff!



Winter Meeting January 23 – 24, 2013

Tuesday

5:30 – 7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday

8:00 Registration Opens
9:25 Welcome – Ken Lengieza, Vice President, OCCD

9:30 – 10:45 **Local Housing Practices and Issues: Problem Structures, Problem Owners, and Related Issues**

- Tom Luckett, Building Inspections Kettering
- Amy Riegel, Community Development Analyst Dayton
- Small City - TBD

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00 **When to Say NO! – Panel and Audience Discussion**

12:00 – 1:15 **Lunch and Committee Meetings**

- ❖ Federal and State Training
- ❖ Legislative
- ❖ Membership
- ❖ State Program

1:15 – 1:45 OCCD Business Meeting

1:45 – 2:45 **Governor's Office of Healthcare Transformation: Ohio's Healthcare Issues and Mental Healthcare and Housing Issues**

- Tracy Plouck, Director Ohio Department of Mental Health

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:00 **Housing in Appalachia: Traditional Issues and Preliminary Results of Effects of Oil and Gas Boom**

- Holly Holtzen, Director of Research and Strategic Planning OHFA – Office of Affordable Housing Research

4:00 – 4:30 **Legislation in the Works**

- Pamela I. Hanover, Esq. Squire Sanders LLP

4:30 – 5:30 **Federal Issues: What are the issues that will impact Local Governments as of January 23, 2013 and how should we react?**

- Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director of Community Development Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing
- Gene Krebs, Board Member Local Government Innovation Council
- Bill Faith, Executive Director Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio

5:30 – 7:30 Reception

Thursday

8:00 Registration Opens
Policy Committee Meeting

9:25 Welcome – Ken Lengieza, Vice President, OCCD

9:30 – 10:15 **Affordable Healthcare: A community level view**

- Heather Porter, Director of Community Development Ohio Association of Community Health Centers

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:30 **ODSA and JobsOhio Updates What's new with the Clean Ohio Program**

- Pat Beard, Clean Ohio Brownfield Liaison JobsOhio – Clean Ohio Brownfield Liaison

The new Ohio Vacant Facilities Fund

- Thea Walsh, Deputy Chief ODSA - Office of Redevelopment

11:30 – 12:00 **Entitlement and Small Cities Meetings**

REGISTRATION: The registration fee for the 2013 Winter Meeting is \$95 for members for the first registration and \$70 for each additional person registering at the same time. The non-member rate is \$125. Registrations can be made online at www.occd.org or can be mailed to Patricia Richards, OCCD Office, P.O. Box 776, Urbana, OH 43078, faxed to (937) 652-3523 or emailed to office@occd.org. Registration materials are available on our web site at www.occd.org. The registration deadline is January 16, 2013.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Advance reservations should be made directly to Embassy Suites Dublin (614) 790-9000. Specify the OCCD conference and ask for the special rate of \$105.99; make your reservations before January 7, 2013. Online reservations can be made via this link: <http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CMHES-OC-20130121/index.html>.

Tax exempt? Bring your tax exempt form with you to check-in or fax to RESERVATIONS at 614-790-9001.

Information about Meeting Speakers

Local Housing Practices and Issues: Problem Structures, Problem Owners, and Related Issues

Tom Luckett has 30 years of experience in construction and remodeling, including ten years as a General Contractor. Mr. Luckett has spent the last 12 years as a Building Inspector and the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Specialist for the City of Kettering. He holds licenses or certifications as a Residential and Commercial Building Inspector, Residential Building Official, Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector, Energy Efficiency Rater and Lead Abatement Supervisor. Mr. Luckett is also an Instructor of a Home Maintenance Class for first-time homebuyers with the Home Ownership Center of Greater Dayton.

Amy Riegel, Manager, Division of Community Development, has worked for the City of Dayton for seven years managing various HUD entitlement and stimulus grants including CDBG, ESG, HPRP, NSP and others. She works closely with the housing programs directly targeted to the redevelopment of Dayton neighborhoods. Prior to her work with the City of Dayton, Amy dedicated her professional career to advocating for individuals in poverty.

Governor's Office of Healthcare Transformation: Ohio's Healthcare Issues and Mental Healthcare and Housing Issues

Tracy Plouck was named director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health by Gov. John Kasich in January 2011. She brings strong policy background to her role, having served twice as Ohio's State Medicaid Director and also as a deputy director with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Additionally, Ms. Plouck has significant state budgeting experience from her eight years with the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, most recently as deputy director for budget.

As director of the Department of Mental Health, Ms. Plouck is a member of the Governor's Office of Health Transformation. Governor Kasich created the Office of Health Transformation to modernize the state's Medicaid system and to better integrate public health efforts that support people with physical and behavioral health needs.

Ms. Plouck, who is originally from Trumbull County, holds a master's degree in public administration from The Ohio State University and a bachelor's degree from Kent State University. She was honored by The Ohio State University Alumni Association in June 2011 for exemplary work serving Ohioans through her state government positions.

Housing in Appalachia: Traditional Issues and Preliminary Results of Effects of Oil and Gas Boom

Dr. Holly A. Holtzen is the Director of Research and Strategic Planning at the Ohio Housing Finance

Agency. Dr. Holtzen holds a Ph.D. in Health Services Research from Old Dominion University and a Master of Public Administration from Troy State University. Dr. Holtzen completed her post doctoral training at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) funded by the National Institute on Aging Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award to examine social factors associated with health outcomes among underserved and minority populations. Prior to coming to UTMB, she was an Assistant Research Professor and Director of the Center for the Study of Aging at Boise State University. At Boise State University, she developed an interdisciplinary research agenda and educational programming for the College of Health Sciences. She served as the principal investigator on multiple state-funded research projects that involved state-wide evaluation of federally funded initiatives.

Legislation in the Works

Pamela I. Hanover, Esq. of Squire Sanders LLP, provides general counsel to local government clients and counseling on public finance matters in both the public and private sectors. Ms. Hanover has extensive experience in economic development incentive programs, housing finance programs, tax increment financing, urban redevelopment and tax abatement projects.

Ms. Hanover is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, serves as a member of the Legislative



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Committee of the Ohio Conference of Community Development and writes a quarterly column for the OCCD Newsletter.

Federal Issues: What are the issues that will impact Local Governments as of January 23, 2013 and how should we react?

Lisa Patt-McDaniel is Director of Community Development at the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing. In this capacity, she is responsible for growing a set of relations and products related to community development, including working with cities and in rural areas around housing issues such as vacant housing, leveraging local community development resources, and convening community development officials around common issues. She is also responsible for overseeing OCCD's recent OneCPD award of \$750,000 for Technical Assistance from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. Prior to joining OCCD, Ms. Patt-McDaniel spent over 20 years at the Ohio Department of Development working in the areas of community, economic and workforce development, ending her career there as the Director of the Department and a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Ms. Patt-McDaniel is a Certified Economic Development Professional (EDP) through the National Development Council. She sits on the board of Heritage Ohio, Ohio Conference of Community Development, and the ODOT Access 2040 Steering Committee. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration from Miami University and a Masters of Public Administration from the John Glenn School of Public Policy at The Ohio State University.

Gene Krebs - Board Member with the Local Government Innovation Council. Gene Krebs spent three years on the Eaton City School Board, eight years in the Ohio House of Representatives, four years as Preble County Commissioner, and five years on the Preble County Planning Commission. While in the Ohio House, he chaired the Economic Development and Small Business Committee, and served on the Finance and Appropriation Committee and the Farmland Preservation Task Force. He saw ten of his bills and many amendments passed into law. Until recently he was a senior executive with a small think tank in Columbus where he enjoyed equal success in moving state policy. He has been published in the national media on farm policy and is a seventh generation farmer and continues operations on the family farm. Gene is on the board of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and the Ohio Math and Science Coalition. He received the Watchdog of

the Treasury Award in 1996, 1998, 2000 and received the Star Award from Miami University for outstanding volunteer work. In addition, he was the recipient of the Friend of the Taxpayer Award in 1997. He is also a former inter-collegiate fencing coach.

Since leaving state political office, he has served on the Joint Committee on High Technology Start-up Business, Sales Tax Holiday Study Committee (Chair), and the Eminent Domain Task Force, all by legislative appointment. He was appointed by Governor Ted Strickland to serve on Ohio's 21st Century Transportation Task Force and most recently by Governor John Kasich to the Local Government Innovation Council. He has been appointed or reappointed to the Ohio Consumers' Counsel Governing Board by both Republican and Democrat Attorneys General. Gene also appears on a regular basis on the television show *Columbus on the Record*.

Bill Faith is Executive Director of the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO). COHHIO has provided voice for the underrepresented for more than 30 years, originating as the Ohio Housing Coalition (formed in 1974), then merging in 1994 with the Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (formed in 1984). With a mission of ending homelessness and promoting affordable housing, COHHIO is involved in a range of housing assistance services in Ohio, including homeless prevention, emergency shelters, transitional housing and permanent affordable housing with linkages to supportive services. COHHIO assists hundreds of housing organizations and homeless service providers in Ohio through public policy advocacy, training and technical assistance, research and public education.

Affordable Healthcare: A community level view

Heather Porter is Director of Community Development with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers. As the Director of Community Development, Ms. Porter works with organizations and communities to develop Federally Qualified Health Centers and provides technical assistance regarding grant opportunities, community needs and FQHC 101 sessions. She also manages membership services while overseeing the clinical and quality improvement initiatives including patient centered medical home recognition. Ms. Porter has previous experience working as a Clinical Coordinator for a large school of nursing and prior as a Billing and Compliance Coordinator for the Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, MA. Ms. Porter has her Master's in Public Administration and

her Bachelor of Science in Health/Community Health Services from Ohio University. She is also CHES certified.

ODSA and JobsOhio Updates

Patricia (Pat) Beard, Clean Ohio Brownfield Liaison, JobsOhio, has 23 years of experience in economic and community development and 13 years of experience in brownfield redevelopment. She has completed successful brownfield projects through a variety of approaches including loans, grants, tax increment financing and legal settlements. Ms. Beard was awarded the Phoenix Award for excellence in brownfield redevelopment at Brownfields 2011 for completing the Marina Gateway project in National City, California.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Ms. Beard also completed graduate course work at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Her career has taken her from Oakland County, Michigan to Portage County and downtown Cleveland, Ohio as well as suburban San Diego. Ms. Beard joined JobsOhio in January, 2012 and is managing brownfield redevelopment.

Theresa J. Walsh is the Deputy Chief of the Ohio Department of Development's Office of Redevelopment. The Office focuses on assistance and solutions for Ohio communities faced with fiscal challenges and redevelopment demand. She coordinates a diverse portfolio of strategically directed state resources which includes the Clean Ohio Brownfield Fund, Brownfield Action Plan Program, Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credits, Ohio New Markets Tax Credits, Ohio Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund, OWDA Brownfield and Alternative Stormwater Infrastructure Loan Programs, the Ohio Vacant Facilities Fund, SiteOhio and the Local Government Innovation Fund.

Mrs. Walsh started her public service career in 2002 working in Transportation Planning and Community Development Planning for Clark County, Ohio. She was named the Director of the Clark - County Springfield Transportation Coordinating Committee in 2006. She has been with the State of Ohio since early 2010.

Mrs. Walsh earned her BA in Urban and Regional Planning as well as Public Administration from Miami University (in Oxford, Ohio) and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Wright State University. She is in the Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honor Society for Public Administrators and is certified by both the American Institute of Certified Planners and National Development Council as an Economic Development Finance Professional.



Debra Mayes
OCCD Housing Coordinator

As I write this, another year is coming to an end.

While there were moments of education, training, great fellowship and celebration, we experienced the loss of not one OCCD member and leader, but two. Gary Locke and Bill Graves served OCCD as members, executive board members and Gary as president of the organization. Little did we know that we would lose both of them this year to cancer. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the scholarship which was originally started for Gary and now includes Bill. We will honor their memory by promoting scholarship opportunities to those who would follow in their community development footsteps.

Moved to the held folder -

Jan A. Sokolnicki, Senior Staff, Ohio Department of Commerce, Ohio Board of Building Standards provided a training session titled **"Required Accessibility in the Ohio Building Code"** on October 23rd at the Crowne Plaza North.

Co-sponsored by OCCD and the Ohio Development Services Agency, the **OCCD/OCD 2012 Community Development Conference** was held November 7-9, 2012 at Salt Fork to provide training for local officials, staff and consultants administering Community Development Block Grant programs. See Director Schmenk's column for a link to presentations from the conference.

Upcoming OCCD/OCD trainings -

January 22, 2013 - OCCD/OCD, **CHIP Application Training**, Embassy Suites Dublin

April 23, 2013 - OCCD/OCD - **Environmental Review**, Crown Plaza North

REMINDER

Power Point presentations from the OCCD Quarterly meetings are posted to the OCCD website when permission is given by the speakers. Occasionally, due to the size of the presentation because of pictures, this is not possible.

MEETING LOCATIONS FOR 2013 -

The OCCD 2013 Spring Quarterly Meeting will be held April 24-25, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza North, Columbus.
The OCCD 2013 Summer Annual Meeting will held July 24-25, 2013 at the Holiday Inn, Worthington
The OCCD 2013 Fall Quarterly Meeting will held October 30-31, 2013 at the Doubletree, Worthington



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On a lighter note:

Things I have learned since the last newsletter.....

- People who do not attend OCCD Quarterly Meetings miss out on A LOT of great info and networking;
- People who do not attend the reception miss out on even more - like free thumb drives!
- Don't mess with Big Bird;
- Lots of wives received Sasquatch t-shirts as a result of the OCCD/OCD Housing Conference;
- Pictures are worth a 1,000 words and a good chuckle;
- "OCD" is difficult for everyone to remember;
- You are gonna love the new website!
- I need a ghost writer for these newsletter columns. ☺

OCCD trivia -

- Who was the OCCD Member who was married on horseback last summer??? I have the pics to prove it!! Congrats - P.S.

What's Ahead by Looking at What's Behind

by: Jack Riordan



We finished an election confirming my suspicions, which were reinforced by the soul searching and the posturing to avoid going over the fiscal cliff. The United States has an un-united population, but it always has except for WWII.

Based on the negative ads and internet communications from both sides, Americans are painted into two over simplified camps:

One group described as holding on to a Thomas Kincaid Christmas Card image of church going white Americans, dads, Vets of WWII working in factories, moms at home, kids above average. This group consists of the children and grandchildren of that great generation that got through the Great Depression; supported "Our Boys" to Victory in World War II, and the fight against godless communism. Attitudes of patriotism and superiority unite this segment of Americans, they stay married, continue to Trust in God but own guns, "Just in case". They are older, financially successful. They believe that poor, non-white, lazy people and their liberal friends are destroying their America. Culturally, I belong to this shrinking group.

The other group is urban, racially, ethnically, religiously, diverse. Their marriages and partners are a mixed bag. They accept almost anything and anyone who does not hurt anyone; are younger and less financially successful. They do not have a common banner to rally under accept the belief that the playing field is not level and a few very rich people want to continue to buy control of the country they love. They demonstrated against the Vietnam War, and carried signs for civil rights, gay rights, feminism, organized labor, student loan relief, green living, and the reality of global warming. They want meaningful careers, and a chance to be successful while they tend bar and wait tables. Emotionally, I am with this cabal of demonstrators.

Over the last five decades, I noticed America's idealism destroyed by the assassination of President Kennedy, the debacle in Vietnam, the political scandal of Watergate, the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, fighting two wars on borrowed money, sex scandal in churches and the Boy Scouts, and the systematic loss of high value added jobs. We, as a people, seem more selfish, less ethical, and believe the end justifies the means. We have broken down racial and gender barriers. The rich are wealthier and the rest have stayed relatively the same.

More Americans doubt the historic accuracy of the bible and accept that evolution is probably true. Marriage is one of many acceptable lifestyles for young women. Divorce is common place. Fewer children are being born and many badly raised. More poor women raise children without fathers and society encourages it through support. Responsibility of fathering was relinquished to society. Poor uneducated men lost their provider role as traditional male jobs went overseas and they took drugs to replace status. "We men" are no longer the presumed bosses and fathers. Primary and Secondary Education mainly benefit kids in affluent areas, athletics replaced learning. The religious nuns and brothers who beat education into poor city Catholic School kids are no longer working for room and board. Good teachers in urban schools found better jobs. Air-conditioning

and television took us off the porch and out of our communities. Computers weakened face-to-face interaction. Those controlling communications determine who we think we are.

In discussing these concerns with my son he suggested I read "Coming Apart, The State of White America 1960 – 2010" by Charles Murray a libertarian social commentator. He thinks America's problems stem from discarding the Founding Fathers principals of democracy, marriage, religiosity, industriousness, and honesty. In his excellent chronicle of the changes of white America over the last fifty years, he ignores that the founders included slave owners and those who worked very hard taking land from the native population.

Murray describes how a much richer upper class and a much poorer worker class evolved from 1960 to 2010. He colorfully describes how the new upper class, called Belmont after a suburb of Boston, the wealthiest 5% of us cut themselves off from the working class, the rest of us, dubbed Fishtown after a neighborhood of Philadelphia. He attributes the increasing income inequality to the university system which accepts the brightest and weeds out the weaker students. This system inbreeds so the smart only associate with the smart and breed with the smart. These elite take the highest paying, demanding jobs on the way to the top. These positions take a lot of hours and the work goes home at night to gated upscale homes. They and their families have minimal contact with us, the Fishtowners.

The income stagnation of the working class he attributes to lack of effort and declining opportunities resulting from loss of male jobs, poor preparedness for needed new skills, plus the availability of easy unemployment compensation and welfare for unmarried mothers, which he blames on easy access to birth control and decline in religiosity.

Charles Murray sees the wealthy become a separate culture that ultimately becomes a Hollow Elite with unearned obscene compensation and no awareness of the conditions of the rest of the population. He sees examples in the decline of honesty and morality of Wall Street and the elite by "Rigging the game within the law", just "...convince the right committee chairman to insert a clause...." He hopes that the intelligence of the new elite will see the level of income inequality of their separate culture is unsustainable and will act to adjust the government they control.

For the rest of us, we have to go to church more, assume our parental duties, and work harder. Fishtown can only reach our potential and become a productive part of America's future if Government moves away from a European style welfare system and demands work and responsibility for all our actions.

In the next 3 decades (which is all I can really hope to enjoy) I see:

- White dominance of management of all fields will be replaced by the best and most educated of all racial and ethnic groups. Asian Americans are now the highest paid segment.
- Traditional marriage will remain the most effective partnership for happy families, financial success and smart educated children, but it will not be exclusive.
- Education will receive huge increases of financial support, require increased parental involvement, will be universally available with potential recognized early. The highest levels with the best minds will be available to educate all who pass the tests and work hard.

- Fitness will be emphasized but competitive athletics will be much less important. Discipline and respect will return to classrooms. Lazy people will continue to be poor and uneducated.
- Government programs will consider the demotivating aspect of assistance. Taxpayers will realize that although more expensive there must be supervised contributions and performance for all assistance. Unemployment and welfare will be tied to public work. Parks and wild areas will be improved and maintained.
- Society will recognize that meaningful work is essential for all citizens and will make it happen.
- Religion will be less dogmatic. Church will be a place for pastoral guidance to address personal, social, and emotional problems and to help those affected by disasters and poverty.
- Downtowns will be vibrant places to live even for families with one or two kids. Poor people will move to the suburbs. Mass transportations will take over streets that have become boulevards. Cars will be quaint.
- Communications and gadgets are coming I cannot imagine.
- Government at all levels will forgo political contributions and increase tax on the top incomes from all sources to pay the cost of basic services, maintaining and improving our infrastructure and make the investment in education that is needed for America not to go the way of Great Britain and the Roman Empire.

The Little Old Lady with cats said, "Three decades? You are a dreamer, but your dreams are good. I am not sure they are realistic, but dreams do not have to be."

The opinions expressed by the columnists are the authors and not necessarily shared by the Executive Committee or the members of the Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc.

WORTH NOTING

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submission of copy for the newsletter is March 8, 2013. Please email printed materials to: office@occd.org; or fax to: 937-652-3523.

Retirees

OCCD wishes to recognize retiring members. If one of your associates is retiring, please send an announcement with a short paragraph about the retiree. We will publish it in the next newsletter and honor them at the quarterly meeting. Send notices to Patricia Richards, P.O. Box 776, Urbana, OH 43078 or office@occd.org

Job Openings

Do you have a vacant position? Let OCCD promote it on our web page, with existing mailings or in our newsletter. Call Patricia Richards at (937) 652-3523 or e-mail her at office@occd.org for details.

Meeting Evaluations

In the upcoming Quarterly Meetings, the Audience Response System will be utilized as an evaluation tool at the conclusion of sessions. Separate cards will be distributed for suggested and/or recommended future session topics. The OCCD Executive Board wishes to thank all those who take the time to provide input at the Quarterly Meetings.



Update from the Ohio Development Services Agency

Christiane Schmenk,
Director
Ohio Development Services Agency

The Ohio Development Services Agency continues to enlist comments and suggestions from our stakeholders about our programs and services and ways to improve how we implement them. We welcome and value the input as it helps us to meet our goal of exceptional customer service. Recently, the Office of Community Development (OCD) solicited stakeholder input to address ways in which the Community and Economic Development programs could meet the critical needs of local governments and communities during a time of uncertain and limited funding.

The proposed re-design of the Community Development Program will increase emphasis on competitive funding for comprehensive, targeted, critical and significant projects. Collaboration between city and county government is encouraged and expected in order for OCD to more effectively assist its local partners in building stronger communities positioned for economic growth. Look for the OCD team to provide more information about the proposed changes in early 2013.

As part of our commitment to our customers, Development partnered with the Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District to conduct the Shale Development Roundtable in Marietta, Ohio. Speakers from various state and local government agencies were on hand to discuss programs and resources available to help communities navigate the shale industry expansion in Ohio. Topics included workforce training, affordable housing, and job creating transportation and public infrastructure investments that have been impacted by the oil and gas industry.

The 2012 Community Development Conference was held November 7-9 at the Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center in Cambridge, Ohio. The conference was well attended and offered training and technical assistance to grantees and administrators of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs as well as valuable workshop sessions covering a wide range of topics. If you did not have an opportunity to attend, PowerPoint presentations and a list of speakers are available on Development's website at http://development.ohio.gov/cs/cs_events_cdc2012.htm.

In February 2013, the Ohio Consolidated Plan Advisory Committee members will meet to review and discuss the proposed programs and budgets administered by OCD for Fiscal Year 2013. Programs include the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), the Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP), the Supportive Housing and Homelessness Programs, the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA), the Community Development Program, the Economic Development Loan and Infrastructure Program, the Comprehensive Downtown Revitalization Program, the Microenterprise Program and Fair Housing Program.

We are excited about the opportunities that await us in 2013. If you have any questions about our programs, please contact the OCD staff at (614) 466-2285. On behalf of the hardworking staff of the Ohio Development Services Agency, I extend best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful and safe holiday season. We look forward to working with you in the New Year!



The HUD Report

Jorgelle R. Lawson
CPD Director,
U.S. Dept. of HUD

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. In December of 2008, my office was busy reviewing the Plan

Amendments for NSP-1. In 2013, we will begin to closeout NSP-1. Nearly 5 years have passed. How time does fly! Hopefully, by the winter meeting in January, I will have formula grant numbers for you. The crystal ball is really broken this fiscal year.

STAFFING UPDATES: The Columbus CPD Office has lost Vicki Miller, Senior CPD Representative. Vicki is now enjoying retirement. Vicki assisted the office in coordinating our homeless programs as well as the formula program and will be greatly missed.

CPD COLUMBUS FIELD OFFICE PROGRAM UPDATES:

Are You Signed up for OneCPD's Mailing List? - Grantees should sign up to receive HUD updates on Community Planning & Development (CPD) program policy, news, upcoming trainings, resources, reporting deadlines, technical assistance, and more. This mailing list is a consolidated mailing list for all CPD programs. To subscribe for this mailing list, go to <http://icfi.us5.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=87d7c8af03ba69ee70d865b9&id=f32b935a5f>. When you register for the mailing list, HUD will not share your email address with anyone outside HUD. For more information, read the OneCPD [Website and Privacy Policies](https://www.onecpd.info/website-privacy-policies/) - <https://www.onecpd.info/website-privacy-policies/>.

Update on Timetable for Issuance of New Low/Moderate Income Summary Data - The Low/Moderate Income Summary Data (LMISD) is a HUD-produced dataset that shows the estimated percentage of low/moderate income residents in each block group, census tract, and unit of local government. LMISD estimates are not produced directly by the Census Bureau; HUD computes these percentages by obtaining a special data tabulation from the Census Bureau and matching household level Census data to the Section 8 Income Limits. Until last year, data came from the decennial census, released 2-3 years after the decennial census. Once issued, the LMISD would remain in use for 10 years until the next decennial census data was issued. HUD would issue annual updates to the LMISD, but these updates were based on annexations, incorporations, new entitlement grantees, communities joining or dropping out of an urban county, and changes to metropolitan area designations, not data changes.

Changes due to the American Community Survey - When the Census Bureau released the 2005-2009 American Community Survey (ACS) data, it announced that it would only make this data available down to the Census Tract level - not down to the Block Group level. This presented a significant challenge, as CDBG program regulations specify the use of Block Group-level data in the low/moderate income benefit national objective criteria. HUD did not issue new LMISD data based on the 2005-2009 ACS data, because HUD would have to revise the CDBG regulations in order to do so. HUD also had concerns about the local programmatic impacts of only using Census Tract level data to define service area boundaries for low/moderate income area benefit activities. HUD directed grantees to continue to using the 2000

Decennial Census-derived LMISD until these various policy and regulatory issues could be resolved.

In 2012, HUD submitted an appeal to the Census Bureau regarding getting Block Group-level ACS data. As a result of our appeal, HUD will get the 2006-2010 ACS data tabulation down to the Block Group level, except for Split Block Groups. (A Split Block Group is split among two or more incorporated jurisdictions because the block group boundaries do not coincide with municipal boundaries; e.g., half of a block group is in one city, and the other half is in the unincorporated part of a county.) HUD anticipates being able to generate new, 2006-2010 ACS-derived LMISD data early in calendar year 2013.

When will HUD issue new Low/Mod Income Summary Data? - When the new data is available, HUD will issue new CPD Notices explaining how and when to begin using the new LMISD data. The effective date that HUD sets for using the new data may depend, in part, on when HUD is able to compute the final FY-2013 formula allocation amounts -- and that depends on when a FY-2013 appropriations bill is enacted for HUD programs. (To see prior Notices regarding transitioning to the use of new LMISD, see CPD Notices 07-01 and 07-02 at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/notices/cpd/07cpdnotices.cfm>.)

HUD has several policy issues to work out before issuing the 2006-2010 ACS-based LMISD:

1. Since the ACS data will be updated every year, the computed percentage of low/moderate income persons for a given geographic area could change every year as well. A given area might qualify as principally low/moderate income one year, but not in the next year; and for Entitlement grantees that qualify for the "exception criteria", the upper quartile percentage could change annually. Having this data change every year could inhibit long-term program planning by grantees. HUD will need to decide how long grantees would be allowed to use a given year's data.
2. HUD will need to design changes to the IDIS system to accept multiple years' worth of LMISD data for grantees.
3. HUD will need to create alternative computations for the Insular Areas, as the Census Bureau does not conduct the American Community Survey in Insular Areas.
4. HUD plans to update CPD Notice 05-06, regarding methodologies for conducting local surveys in lieu of using LMISD.

The IDIS Technical Assistance Unit Phone Line Disconnected - The Technical Assistance Unit phone line for Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) assistance was disconnected in November for CDBG, HOME, Emergency Shelter Grants, Emergency Solutions Grants, HOPWA, CDBG-R, HPRP, and TCAP grantees. Grantees in need of IDIS support will now receive it via the help desk at [OneCPD Ask A Question \(AAQ\)](https://www.onecpd.info/ask-a-question/) - <https://www.onecpd.info/ask-a-question/>.

Please continue to check your e-mails for updates from my office. If there are any changes in e-mail addresses, please let your CPD Rep or Myrna Cokes know as soon as possible.

Everyone have a safe winter - see you in the spring.

OCCD Member, Empyra Collaborates with Youngstown to Solve City's Demolition Disarray

Since the collapse of the steel industry in the late 1970's the City of Youngstown has faced ongoing economic hardship. The city watched as the remainder of urban commerce retreated to the suburbs and beyond; taking over 60% of its nearly 200,000 residents with it. Left with little but vacancy and rust, the once world-famous steel town is now ranked fourth with the top blight stricken cities in America.

With federal redevelopment aid flowing into afflicted communities throughout the country and houses listed for demolition fifteen years prior found still standing, excuses for the city's blight began to dissolve. Why was the demolition process not working? With help from Empyra®, a Microsoft® Certified partner and OCCD Consultant Member, city managers began to analyze the internal demolition process in an effort to discover the impetus behind process bottlenecks and other inefficiencies. Through rigorous analysis, many issues were uncovered.

The demolition process in the City of Youngstown was vague, spread across multiple divisions, known in detail by few staff members, and virtually impossible to track. With an administration demanding accountability and transparency, and a federal government requiring fastidious reporting, the current system in place was simply incompetent. The sheer volume of blighted homes often left staff overwhelmed. As a result, bottlenecks in the process flow were all too common. Repeatedly city officials were left unable to accurately answer the numerous public inquiries regarding vacant and dilapidated structures. Questions concerning a property's status or asbestos results were unanswerable without the meticulous process of tracking down a paper file's status and/or whereabouts. A traceable and uniform system of data across all divisions was sorely missing.

"Confusion about demolition stems from the fact that even though city officials have referenced a so-called demolition list in the past, the properties on any list really depended on who was speaking. There was really not even a process. It was complaint-driven and determined by whomever you were talking to: demolition department, administration, neighbors and council. There really never was any order," says [City Officials] -The Vindicator, 2012

To address these challenges, the City of Youngstown turned to Empyra®, choosing to implement the company's OneFlow for Asset & Property Management platform. OneFlow is a cloud based web-channel tailored to organize and automate the city's demolition process. In early 2012, the process was transitioned from hard-copy, hand delivered forms and reports, to an all-in-one online step-by-step interface that is accessible from any internet connected browser.

OneFlow's business rules were setup as to which services, forms and communications are appropriate at each stage of the property process. This ensures

each phase is completed in the desired sequence and documentation is produced at each step, verifying compliance with any funding source requirements and state regulations. Authorized stakeholders now simply log on and are notified of exactly which property process steps are currently awaiting his or her action. The staff member or partner is then able to complete their respective workload - moving the property efficiently along the pipeline. The respective parcel is then automatically moved to the next responsible party to receive the subsequent action in the defined property process.

Users are also given the ability to setup communication templates that generate standard documents such as letters and contracts, and distribute them electronically through OneFlow. These, signed communications

are then capable of being scanned and uploaded as a part of the property record.

In order to help with internal and funding source requirements, OneFlow gave managers the ability to print standard as well as custom reports virtually effortlessly. The system can track budgeted, encumbered and spent dollars for each funding source. Work performed can now be linked to its respective funding and the use and availability of funds can be reported at any time.

In turn, the process is now 100% traceable and reportable. Authorized users are able to track the real-time status of any property within the system as well as see who is responsible for the next step, when the previous step was completed, how many properties remain in the pipeline as well as how many have successfully completed the process. At the request of the city, Empyra

created "web-controls" that allow the public to search individual addresses and follow along (in real time) as they move through the process - all from the City's website.

Some notable improvements within the City of Youngstown with the implementation of OneFlow include:

- All unnecessary steps were eliminated from the demolition process along with all redundancy of paperwork/data collection, optimizing the process.
- Substantial decrease in the amount of time the demolition process takes from start to finish.
- Visibility into the process for both staff and management now allows for better process administration.
- Compliance to the optimal process by staff and partners has been ensured by the OneFlow system - steps can no longer be performed out of order.

• The city now has the ability to provide timely and accurate information regarding demolition at any given time.

• The demolition process has become easily transferable between staff and/or partners.

• Stakeholders now have the ability to view, upload, and act on the next steps relevant to their role from any connected browser.

• The use of staff time has been optimized along with increased employee accountability.

• OneFlow effects are expected to be seen in urban studies as the number of vacant structures, which often serve as havens for criminal activity, decrease.

"OneFlow has allowed us to transition from a reactive approach to a proactive approach; we are now able to think and act strategically in terms of the demolition projects throughout the city." -DeMaine Kitchen, Mayoral Chief of Staff, City of Youngstown, OH

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Recap Community Development Project Bus Tour 2012

On Friday, August 17, the Franklin County Economic Development and Planning Department recognized five locations in Franklin County that are leading the way in providing access to healthy food, offering opportunities for first-time and sustainable homeownership, and helping pioneering businesses create inventive new jobs. The 2012 Community Development Project Bus Tour also showcased Franklin County's successful investment of nearly \$3.1 million last year from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

LifeCare Alliance



Project OpenHand-Columbus, with the support of Franklin County, provides home-delivered meals, groceries, and personal hygiene items to person living with HIV/AIDS in Central Ohio. The program reduces food insecurity and increases clients' perception of their health.



Far more than a flat surface upon which to eat, the kitchen table can be the heartbeat of a family. It's a place to gather, to talk and to connect. Meals are prepared there, children are taught there, bills are paid there, and families grow and mature 'round the kitchen table.

For some families in Franklin County, though, finding a seat around the table is challenging: Nutritious meals are not a guarantee, homes

are not designed to accommodate their disabilities, or the dream of even owning a home seems impossible.

For others, the family conversations that start at the kitchen table lead to great success. To put food and income on the table, some people have turned to community gardening. A few entrepreneurs have even turned the kitchen table into a thriving business.

Gantz Road Community Garden



The Gantz Road Burmese and Somali community gardens have been awarded funding through the Franklin County Community Garden Grant Program. These gardens provide increased access to healthy foods while also promoting social interaction and physical activity.



Fresh Foods Here



Fresh Foods Here focuses on increasing consumer knowledge of healthful foods, expanding market opportunities for Ohio food producers, and working with the corner stores to redesign their displays and enhance their inventories. This approach increases access to healthful foods that will result in healthier behaviors.



NSP Westland



The Neighborhood Stabilization Program was established to combat the issue of abandoned and foreclosed homes. Franklin County was awarded \$5,439,644 in NSP funds and \$3,412,500 in NSP funds to acquire and redevelop foreclosed properties.



ECDI Kitchen Dedication



Franklin County supports the Economic and Community Development Institute's micro-enterprise lending program. Through ECDI's Growing Entrepreneurs Initiative, food entrepreneurs have access to traditional micro-enterprise training and capitalization programs.



Special Thanks to Our Tour Partners

- Economic and Community Development Institute
- Franklin County
- Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens
- Homes on the Hill
- Habitat for Humanity
- Homeport
- Increase CDC
- LifeCare Alliance
- Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

- MOBILE
- Neighborhood Design Center
- United Way of Central Ohio



Legislation . . . In the News

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The following is a summary of recent General Assembly activity relating to economic development matters through December 4, 2012.

LEGISLATION RECENTLY ENACTED

House Bill 18 (Governor signed May 4, 2012.) This Bill authorizes grants of \$500 per new full-time employee that is paid at least minimum wage for businesses that increase payroll and expand into a facility that has been vacant for at least twelve months. The business must employ either at least 50 employees or at least 50% of its Ohio employees at that site. The program would sunset after three years.

House Bill 327 (Governor signed June 6, 2012; effective September 6, 2012.) This Bill would provide a six-year trial-period for taxpayers to receive a job creation (not job retention) tax credit for employment of employees working from their residence in Ohio if the employer employs at least 200 additional employees that are not home based and making over 130% of the federal minimum wage.

House Bill 371 (Governor signed December 21, 2011; effective March 22, 2012.) This Bill modifies the Local Government Innovation Program established in the June 2011 Budget Bill, including, among other changes requiring certain percentages be awarded to large and small subdivisions and revising the application process. This loan and grant program was created to encourage political subdivisions to plan and implement projects expected to create more efficient services, particularly by collaborating with other political subdivisions. Loans will bear interest at zero percent. Loan awards will be made quarterly and grant awards will be made twice a year, both under a competitive process beginning July 1, 2012.

Under the Program, applications are submitted directly to the Department of Development, which will submit them to the newly established Local Government Innovation Council (the "Council") for evaluation and selection. The Council may award up to \$100,000 in total grants and \$100,000 in total loans to an individual political subdivision per innovative project, or up to \$500,000 in grants and loans per project for projects involving a group of political subdivisions (averaging no more than \$100,000 per subdivision).

To ensure that awards are made to subdivisions of different sizes, funds for each round of awards are required to be allocated in the following manner:

- At least 30% to political subdivisions that are not counties and have a population of less than 20,000 residents or counties with a population of less than 235,000 residents; and
- At least 30% to political subdivisions that are not counties and have a population of 20,000 residents or more or counties with a population of 235,000 residents or more.

Projects eligible for funding include the costs of feasibility studies as well as the costs of implementing projects. The Council and Department of Development staff will

evaluate proposals based on several factors across four categories: financing, collaboration, success measures and significance measures. For example, more points are awarded for a higher local match, for including more than one participating subdivision, and for higher estimated savings resulting from a proposed collaboration.

House Bill 408 (Governor signed June 6, 2012; effective September 6, 2012.) This Bill, among other things, changes the composition of the metropolitan housing authority in counties with a population between 700,000 and 900,000, including adding new members appointed by a township association and by a municipal league of the county, subject to approval of the board of county commissioners.

House Bill 436 (Governor signed June 4, 2012; effective September 4, 2012.) This Bill creates the SiteOhio Certification Program, administered by the Department of Development. Any person or political subdivision may submit eligible projects to the Department for certification. If certified, the projects would be listed on the Department's website and marketed. Eligible projects include sites and facilities primarily intended for commercial or industrial use, not residential, retail or government use. The Department of Development is to establish eligibility criteria.

House Bill 487 (Governor signed June 11, 2012; certain provisions effective September 10, 2012, and others effective immediately.) This Bill, among many other things, extends the enterprise zone program another year, to October 15, 2013.

Senate Bill 314 (JobsOhio II; signed by Governor June 26, 2012; effective September 28, 2012.) This Bill includes the following changes:

- Changes the name of the Ohio Department of Development to the "Development Services Agency" (the "Agency").
- Creates the Office of TourismOhio within the Agency, and an advisory board to advise the Director of the Agency and the Director of the Ohio of TourismOhio.
- Eliminates the Development Financing Advisory Council, with any surviving duties being transferred to the Agency.
- Increases the membership of the Third Frontier Commission appointed by the Governor from six to seven persons.
- Transfers the responsibilities of the Director of the Department of Development in administering the Voluntary Action Program to the EPA Director.
- Eliminates the Water and Sewer Commission and the Water and Sewer Fund.
- Permits tax credits for certain projects that were started before receiving approval from the Ohio Tax Credit Authority.

LEGISLATION PASSED BY HOUSE OR SENATE

House Bill 50 (Introduced January 26, 2011; passed by House on May 22, 2012; first hearing in Senate Ways and Means and Economic

Development Committee on December 4, 2012.) This Bill, as introduced, required that a political subdivision owning land be considered a landowner in determining whether 100% of the landowners of an area proposed for annexation signed the petition in an expedited Type II annexation (one involving no more than 500 acres). A Substitute Bill accepted by the Committee on March 20, 2012 and passed by the House provides instead that if a Type II annexation occurs and there is a public parcel being annexed, no municipal income tax may be levied on income from activities on the property, except on a resident of the municipal corporation.

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

House Bill 10 (Introduced January 11, 2011; fifth hearing in House Ways and Means Committee on March 2, 2011.) This Bill authorizes a refundable credit against State income taxes for completion of a voluntary action to remediate a contaminated site and for the return of the sites to productive use. The credit would be equal to the taxpayers share of 25% of the remediation expenditures paid or incurred for voluntary actions initiated on or before December 31, 2017.

House Bill 17 (Introduced January 11, 2011; referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.) This Bill authorizes a \$2,400 income tax withholding credit for an employer that in 2011 employs for at least 24 continuous months an individual previously unemployed for four consecutive weeks immediately preceding the date of hire.

House Bill 44 (Introduced January 20, 2011; first hearing in House Economic and Small Business Development Committee on December 4, 2012.) This Bill creates the State's Small Business Working Capital Loan Program under which the State Treasurer, upon request of the Director of the ODOD, may invest up to \$100 million with participating lending institutions for loans to eligible small businesses.

House Bill 56 (Introduced January 26, 2011; second hearing in House Judiciary and Ethics Committee on December 6, 2011.) This Bill amends a number of procedures governing residential foreclosure proceedings, including enabling a court to deem foreclosed residential properties abandoned if the plaintiff does not timely seek a writ of execution or if the property fails to sell at sheriff's auction 3 times.

House Bill 101 (Introduced February 15, 2011; first hearing in House Ways and Means Committee on June 1, 2011.) This Bill would revise the State job creation and retention tax credit programs for a six year trial period for certain large projects to permit certain employees who work at home in Ohio and make at least three times the federal minimum wage to be counted as "employed in the project" as long as they total no more

than ten percent of the project employees.

House Bill 168 (Introduced March 22, 2011; second hearing in House Economic and Small Business Development Committee on April 7, 2011.) This Bill establishes the Career Training Workforce Development Grant program to award grants to eligible students at certain for-profit institutions. The Program would be funded from casino license fees.

House Bill 181 (Introduced March 30, 2011; first hearing in House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development Committee on April 14, 2011.) This Bill would require the landlord of any residential rental property to provide tenants with a specified notice if the property becomes subject to a foreclosure action. The Bill further provides that upon a court's approval of a sale at auction of the rental property, the tenant's rental agreement converts to a month-to-month lease, unless the tenant and the new property owner agree to continue the lease.

House Bill 220 (Introduced May 5, 2011; sixth hearing in House Economic and Small Business Development Committee on June 23, 2011; Substitute Bill accepted June 2, 2011 and an amendment accepted June 16, 2011.) This Bill authorizes a refundable commercial activity tax credit for losses incurred on eligible EB-5 (foreign investment) projects.

House Bill 254 (Introduced June 8, 2011; referred to House Ways and Means Committee See Senate Bill 322.) This Bill authorizes an income tax credit based on employee withholdings for a manufacturer that expands production or restarts production at an idle facility.

House Bill 332 (Introduced September 21, 2011; second hearing in House Ways and Means Committee on January 25, 2012.) This Bill authorizes a nonrefundable personal income tax credit (i) to a homeowner of up to 50% (with a cap of \$1,000) of the cost to renovate a residence to improve its accessibility and (ii) of up to \$2,500 to a homeowner purchasing or constructing a new accessible residence or to a contractor constructing a new accessible residence. The credit is not available for rental property. Guidelines are to be established by the Department of Development and applications are to be submitted to the Department of Development.

House Bill 357 (Introduced October 26, 2011; first hearing in House Finance and Appropriation Committee on November 27, 2012.) This Bill requires JobsOhio and state agencies to obtain Controlling Board approval prior to providing grants, loans, guarantees or job creation and retention tax credits to companies or persons relocating from one taxing district to another, or who decreases payroll or eliminates positions at an existing location.

House Bill 407 (Introduced January 5, 2012; referred to House Ways and Means

Committee.) The Bill would exempt from real property taxation the value of single-family residential property owned by a developer or builder until the property is transferred, whether the dwelling is intended to be built or is partially or wholly constructed.

House Bill 476 (Introduced March 13, 2012; referred to House Finance and Appropriations Committee.) This Bill establishes a Local Government Job Fund. When the State's unemployment rate is 6 percent or higher, the State would divert certain surplus revenues to local governments to create and retain jobs and for other purposes related to increasing employment. The funds would be distributed to counties and municipal corporations proportional to the amount of local government funds received.

House Bill 608 (Introduced November 21, 2012; referred to House Finance Committee.) This Bill would prohibit governmental entities located outside Ohio from issuing bonds to finance projects in Ohio without the approval of designated local governmental entities, or if not approved, the Director of Development Services.

LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN SENATE

Senate Bill 14 (Introduced February 1, 2011; first hearing in Senate Financial Institutions Committee on June 15, 2011.) This Bill requires registration of residential mortgage servicers and otherwise regulates residential mortgage servicers.

Senate Bill 50 (Introduced February 1, 2011; first hearing in Senate Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee on February 17, 2011.) This Bill authorizes a refundable income tax credit for residential landlords who improve a rental unit's energy efficiency equal to fifteen percent of the cost of purchase and installation.

Senate Bill 206 (Introduced August 22, 2011; assigned to Senate Ways & Means Committee.) This Bill amends the job creation and job retention tax credit programs to generally count permanent or temporary personnel employed through employment agencies as employees under those programs.

Senate Bill 322 (Introduced April 3, 2012; first hearing in Senate Ways & Means and Economic Development Committee on April 26, 2012. See House Bill 254.) This Bill authorizes an income tax credit based on employee withholdings for a manufacturer that expands production or restarts production at a facility that has been idle for at least twelve months.

Senate Bill 387 (Introduced November 13, 2012; referred to Senate Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee.) This Bill would permit any party to a joint economic development zone (JEDZ) contract, including contracting townships, to receive a portion of the income tax resulting from JEDZs established under Revised Code Section 715.691.

FRANKLIN COUNTY HAILS ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY LOCAL AGENCIES

Built around the theme of gathering around a kitchen table, Franklin County's Economic Development and Planning Department (EDP) led a five-site bus tour of local agencies that are leading the way in providing access to healthy food, offering opportunities for first-time and sustainable homeownership, and fostering cutting-edge businesses that create inventive new jobs.

Joined on the 2012 Community Development Project Bus Tour by three dozen local and federal officials, EDP Director James Schimmer showcased how the missions of each agency fit into the "kitchen table vision" for the event. The kitchen table, he said, is where families gather, talk connect and grow. "For some families in

Franklin County, though, finding a seat around that table is challenging: nutritious meals are not a guarantee, homes are not designed to accommodate their disabilities, or the dream of even owning a home seems impossible."

Schimmer added: "For others, the family conversations that start at the kitchen table lead to great success. A few entrepreneurs have even turned the kitchen table into a thriving business."

The Franklin County agencies called out for making marked inroads in reducing these barriers are:

LifeCare Alliance Project "Open Hand," providing home-delivered meals, groceries, and personal hygiene items to persons living with HIV/AIDS in

Central Ohio. The program reduces food insecurity and increases clients' perception of their health.

Gantz Road Community Garden, where Burmese and Somali refugees are growing food for their families, foods that are from their native countries and using growing practices unique to their cultures as well.

Homes on the Hill and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

NSP collaboration in Westland. Together these agencies are combating the problem of abandoned and foreclosed homes. A \$1.89 million investment of HUD

monies has ten houses in this community to be acquired and redeveloped. Renovations also addressed mobility barriers by employing Universal Design principles and utilizing environmentally sensitive building materials.

United Way "Corner Store Initiative," where fresh, nutritious foods are newly available in three inner city corner stores. More and fresher fruits and vegetables now available where they were not before but also presentation and placement is improved, refrigeration installed, and cooking demonstrations offered.

Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) for its micro-enterprise lending program. Through ECDI's Growing entrepreneurs Initiative, food entrepreneurs have access to traditional microenterprise training and capitalization programs. New food industry businesses include restaurateurs and caterers, yet the dramatic number and variety of food trucks has been the most noticeable niche growth.

The agencies represent a collective investment by Franklin County of nearly \$2 million U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development funds.

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Calendar of Events

2013

Jan. 22, 2013 – CHIP Application Training OCCD/OC
Embassy Suites Dublin
Registration: Pat Richards 937.652.3523
OCD: Shanna Garrett 614.466.4472

Jan. 23-24, 2013 – OCCD Winter Quarterly Meeting
Embassy Suites, Dublin
Registration: Pat Richards 937.652.3523
Training Info: Debra Mayes 937.215.5872

April 15-17, 2013 – COHHIO
Housing Ohio Conference
Hyatt, Columbus
Info: cohio.org

April 23, 2013 – OCCD Environmental Review
Crowne Plaza North Columbus
Registration: Pat Richards 937.652.3523
Training Info: Debra Mayes 937.215.5872

April 24-25, 2013 – OCCD Spring Quarterly Meeting
Crowne Plaza North Columbus
Registration: Pat Richards 937.652.3523
Training Info: Debra Mayes 937.215.5872

July 24-25, 2013 – OCCD Summer Annual Meeting
Holiday Inn, Worthington
Registration: Pat Richards 937.652.3523
Training Info: Debra Mayes 937.215.5872

October 30-31, 2013 Fall Quarterly Meeting
Doubletree, Worthington
Registration: Pat Richards 937.652.3523
Training Info: Debra Mayes 937.215.5872

November 5-7, 2013
OHFA – OCCH Ohio Housing Conference
Greater Columbus Convention Center
Info: 614.224.8446

Note:

For all OCCD Trainings/Quarterly Meetings contact

- Pat Richards 937.652.3523 regarding registration information
- Debra Mayes 937.215.5872 for additional training information.

*Registration available 6 weeks prior to training on
OCCD website- www.occd.org

Individual Websites for Training & Events Information

OCCD – Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc. www.occd.org
OCD – Office of Community Development, Ohio Development Services Agency
<http://development.ohio.gov/cdd/ohcp/CalendarofEvents.htm>
Ohio CDC – Ohio Community Development Corporation Association
<http://www.ohiocdc.org/training.html>
Ohio Capital Corporation For Housing <http://www.occh.org/news/events.cfm>
HUD <http://www.hometa.info/index.cfm?do=viewTrainings>
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland www.clevelandfed.org
ICF For CDBG, use <http://www.cpdtraininginstitute.com>
For HOME, use <http://www.hometa.info>
Ohio Housing Finance Agency www.ohiohome.org
COOHIO – Coalition on Homelessness & Housing in Ohio <http://www.cohio.org>
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