



OHIO CONFERENCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INC.



President's Welcome

By: Angela Brown, OCCD President

organization, our organization strive for? As I began preparing for my acceptance speech for the annual meeting, I really began to think about OCCD's core mission.

Many of you may know that the "Urban Renewal Association of Ohio" was established in 1965. Seven Years later, in anticipation of the federal legislative changes, the association changed its to the "Ohio Conference of Community Development".

Regardless of the name, our mission has remained the same: To help develop, implement and improve federal, state and local programs for community development. Beyond that, to develop and improve professional standards and practices across all phases of public administration related to community development.

While its true that our organization must continue to evolve; it is also true that our core mission must never be abandoned. Why? Because our core mission is critical to the health of our communities. Think about it, if any city, township, village or county has a vision for its future, community development plays a large role in helping get there!

Yes, OCCD and its members have a critical role in the life of our communities.

My goal is to help OCCD in becoming more able to meet the challenge. So, how can we do it?

Well, continuity is one way. Over the next year we will continue to build on success.

- Continuing to offer great content at our meetings - Attendance at meetings has grown steadily over the past five years as our training sessions have become increasingly relevant and timely. Taking a look at the fall line up, it is clear that Ken will continue to bring sessions that are of great interest and importance to our members.
- Continuing to increase networking opportunities - You may have noticed that beginning during the spring quarterly meeting, we discontinued the sparsely attended hospitality suite and added an enhanced social hour immediately following the meeting. We hope that you are able to take advantage of networking with peers while enjoying hors d'oeuvres.
- Continuing to provide the Community Development

Professional certification in conjunction with the Office of Community Development and HUD.

- Continuing to promote excellence in the community development field by offering OCD, HUD and other relevant training sessions throughout the year.

But as we look toward the future, we will also utilize new solutions to overcome both old and new obstacles. Namely: Technology.

Over the next several months you will see a dramatic change in the way OCCD communicates with you and how you are able to access information from OCCD. At our July 24th board meeting, the executive committee voted to enter in to a agreement with Spire Advertising, Inc. to redesign the OCCD website. This new website should be "live" by the winter quarterly meeting. Here are some highlights of the exciting changes:

- We will be moving to a e-newsletter format! This will allow you to receive timely information directly on your computer. And if you really want a hard copy - you can print out all of it, or only the pages you'd like!
- We will have a 'Member's Only' session. For those that are current with their dues you will receive a

unique password that allows you to log on and see presentations from the quarterly meetings, communicate with other members, set up your own member page adding links and other information.

- Updates to the "red book" will be online. If you still like the idea of using the book, you can print out the updates as frequently as you like!

It is my sincere hope that we can use technology to not only improve communication and encourage member participation but to help increase community understanding and appreciation of the valuable work that we do.

In conclusion, I want to thank the board, our working committees and all of OCCD's committed members for your support. I want to thank Verna Vance for her exceptional stewardship of this organization over the past year. I want to thank all of you for the unbelievable work that you do day-in and day-out to make our Ohio communities better. I look forward to working with all of you as we embrace the possibilities together. And remember, OCCD is only as strong as it's members. I encourage you to get involved and stay involved! See you in October!

Tributes to Gary Locke, OCCD President (2003-2004)

By: Debra Mayes

They say people come into our lives for any of a number of reasons. Gary Locke, will always be one of my most cherished OCCD friendships. Although we were acquainted prior to my taking the job with OCCD, no other could have served as my "supervisor" with more professionalism and resolve to make that first year an equitable transition for all. I still have his evaluation of me on my computer as a cherished reminder of our first OCCD year.

More than anything, Gary wanted to see OCCD grow with the ever-changing world we live in. When asked to serve the organization, he was not one to back away, but rather to accept the task and see it through. The Ohio Community Development Professional Certification was an idea that Gary actually credited to concerns former OCCD President Harry Conard expressed regarding the training and professional development of people new to the field of community development in the State of Ohio. Harry correctly noted that a number of people in the profession who had been members of OCCD for many years would soon be retiring, and that somehow we needed to plan for training new staff on how to work with and administer CDBG, HOME or other programs. Gary was the driving force writing the curriculum; marketing the concept; proudly recognizing and presenting plaques to those Ohio Community Development Professionals earning certification each year.

Over the years, we had recognized some issues with the certification and just prior to Gary's illness he and I had spoken about pulling together "the committee" to address those issues to make the Ohio Community Development Professional Certification stronger. We did not know an evil cancer would block our efforts. Who will step up to take Gary's place?

Written by Gary for the 2005 OCCD Spring Newsletter: "In closing, allow me to reflect back personally. When I started my career some 25 years ago, I was hired to administer CDBG funds. There was no one in my office

who could train me or who was familiar with the program. I learned on the job and constantly wondered if I was doing the correct thing as I stumbled my way through. As I look back now, I think how wonderful it would have been to have a formal curriculum that I could use and attend trainings related to that curriculum. How many of us have felt this way? The best legacy we can leave for those who follow in our footsteps is one that prepares them to do their jobs to the best of their abilities."

In September, the OCCD Executive Board created the **Gary Locke Public Service Scholarship Fund** with humbled acknowledgment and thanks from Gary. We can honor Gary's service to OCCD and the wonderful friendships he maintained through this fund - his legacy. Contributions to the fund may be mailed to - Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc., P.O. Box 776, Urbana, Ohio 43078 - checks should be written to **OCCD** (Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing who will host the fund), noting the scholarship fund.

From: Michael Keys

Anyone who had the pleasure to meet Gary knows that we lost a truly good guy. It will take quite a long time before I can go to a meeting without feeling like something is missing...it just won't be the same without him

From: Kathy Werkmeister

I agree with Michael. The last conversation I had with Gary was at the summer OCCD banquet last year. Future summer meetings (and other meetings as well) will always remind me of the leadership he brought to OCCD and what a great person he was.

From: Harry Conard

I cannot stay silent. Gary and I had several great visits when he was at Seidman Cancer Center. I was so looking forward to going to Kent to honor his work. OCCD is today what it is in large measure because of Gary's leadership. My thoughts and prayers go out to all who knew and were touched by Gary. May God bless his family.

Gary Steven Locke, 56,

passed away Sunday, September 16, 2012 at Robinson Memorial Hospital. He was born April 30, 1956 to Peter P. and Rose M. (Galzerano) Locke in Ravenna, Ohio. Mr. Locke was a lifelong member of Immaculate Conception Church. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Susan (DiPaola) Locke and daughters, Natalie Claire (fiance, Francis Brennan) and Meredith Elaine Locke both of Ravenna. He also leaves behind his mother, Rose Locke, his aunts Dorothy (Al) Stoessner and Philomena Ballista, sisters-in-law, Kathleen DiPaola, Sandra Alger, Peggy DiPaola, Mary Beth (William) Barber, Veronica (Jim Just) Collins all of Ravenna, and Maria (Greg) Weakland of Atwater. Eighteen nieces and nephews, seven great nieces and nephews and many cousins. Mr. Locke was blessed with a wonderful group of friends he considered his brothers. He was preceded in death by his father, Peter P. Locke and several aunts and uncles. Gary was a 1974 graduate of Ravenna High School. He attended the University of Akron and graduated with a degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis on Social Studies. He also received his Master's Degree in Urban Planning. Mr. Locke has been employed with the City of Kent for 32 years. From 1990-1994 Gary was the Director of Community Development. In 1996 he assumed the Director of Community Development role again and has held that position to the present day. Gary Locke was posthumously honored at a gathering of coworkers and business friends. His widow and daughters were presented with a Key to the City in his honor, a Proclamation from the City of Kent a scholarship fund being established in his name, and a Mayoral Proclamation from the City of Ravenna. A Family and Community Services 10 unit apartment building which Mr. Locke helped procure funds for has been named The Locke Apartments. His professional affiliations include: being a member of OCCD (Ohio Conference of Community Development) for 20 years, holding the position of President in 2004; and also being a member of NEFCO (Northeast Ohio Four County (Organization) for 20 years. He was a member of the Ravenna Planning Commission. He was a member of the Ravenna Elks for 15 years, Kent Lions 5 years, and Kent Rotary 5 years. Gary was also a past member of the Portage County Men's Bowling Association, serving one year as president. Mr. Locke enjoyed listening to jazz, playing golf and bowling. Gary's name was placed in the United States Bowling Hall of Fame for having an 800 series and was also fortunate to have bowled three 300 games. Calling hours will be 2-4 & 7-9 PM Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at the Shorts-Spicer-Crislip Funeral Homes Ravenna Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial services will be 10:00 AM Thursday, September 20, 2012 at Immaculate Conception Church Ravenna, Ohio. Private graveside services will be held later. In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations be made to the Gary Locke Scholarship Fund c/o Bridget Susel, City of Kent, 930 Overholt Rd. Kent, Ohio 44240. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.sscfuneralhomes.com.



Fall Meeting October 24 – 25, 2012

Tuesday

5:30 – 7:30 pm Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday

8:00 am Registration Opens

9:25

Welcome
Ken Lengieza, Vice President, OCCD

9:30 – 10:45

**Moving Ohio Forward Update:
Is your community moving ahead?**

- Matthew Lampke,
Mortgage Foreclosure Counsel
Ohio Attorney General's Office

10:45 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:00

**Ohio Public Employees Retirement
System (OPERS) – What's Ahead?
How far could Health Benefits be cut?
Do you have a say?**

- OPERS Staff Update
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

12:00 – 1:15

Lunch and Committee Meetings

Federal and State Training
Membership
Legislative
State Programs

1:15 – 1:30

OCCD Business Meeting

1:30 – 1:45

Environmental Review Committee Update

1:45 – 2:45

**What you should know about the
HUD-ÖIG. Running a good program.**

- Eric Bizjak,
Assistant Special Agent in Charge
HUD Office of Inspector General

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:00

**OCCD President's Award
for Innovative Programs:
Effective, professional home repairs!**

- Jock Pitts, President
People Working Cooperatively, Inc.

4:00 – 4:30

Legislation in the Works

- Pamela I. Hanover, Esq.,
Squire Sanders LLP

4:30 – 6:30

**Reception –
Sponsored by CDC of Ohio, Inc.**

Thursday

8:00 am

Registration Opens
Policy Committee Meeting
Committee Chairs Breakfast Meeting

9:25

Welcome
Ken Lengieza, Vice President, OCCD

9:30 – 10:15

**Foreclosure Assistance: What have
we learned? What is OHFA doing now?
Restoring Stability Program,
Saving the Dream**

- Debby Somerville,
Service and Outreach Liaison
Ohio Housing Finance Agency

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:30

**City of Celina
Downtown Revitalization Best Practices!**

- Danielle Steinhauer
Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc.
- Kent Bryan, City Engineer
City of Celina

11:30 – 12:30

Meeting as Entitlements and Small Cities

REGISTRATION: The registration fee for the 2012 Fall 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 should 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 October 19, 2012.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Advance reservations are important and should be made directly to Crowne Plaza Columbus North (614) 885-1885. Specify the OCCD conference and ask for the special rate of \$89.00; make your reservations before October 1, 2012.



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2012 - 13 Executive Committee

President	Angela Brown, Community Development Manager, Kettering
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	Rollin Seward, Assistant Director, Economic Development and Planning Department, Franklin County
	Dale Hartle, Director, Ohio Regional Development Corporation
	Amy Schocken, CDC of Ohio, Inc. (Appointed)
	Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director of Community Development, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing (Appointed)

CHANGE IS COMING, ARE WE READY?

By Ken Lengieza, OCCD Vice President

Wayne Woodrow "Woody" Hayes has been credited for the saying going very similar to the following: Things always change, you can't stay the same. You either get better or you will get worse!

No matter who, or which party, wins the national elections, with increasing budget pressure, but also increasing hardship on low and moderate income households and neighborhoods, citizens and elected officials will be starting to ask more relevant questions than before. Is this program worthwhile? Is it effective?

At this fall's meeting we will have several examples of meeting the future with effective programs. Jock Pitts, President of People Working Cooperatively, Inc. will explain how they perform professional home repairs for numerous low income seniors and disabled individuals to assist them in staying in their homes. Danielle Steinhauer and Kent Bryan will talk about the team they were on that lead to a successful Downtown Revitalization in Celina. Debbie Somerville will explain how OHFA is using programs to have success in foreclosure assistance, something that has been very, very difficult.

But first on Wednesday morning we will get a very practical update on the Moving Ohio Forward program as Matt Lampke from the Ohio Attorney General's Office returns. President Elect Donna Colglazier did a great job last spring having Matt speak and get input from our members, even as the final rules and regulations for this new program were still in the process of being finalized. Hopefully, as many communities get started, I am sure questions will arise on eligibility, draw downs, eligible expenses, etc.. Matt will be here to help.

And in the afternoon, we will also get information on the HUD Office of Inspector General's Office. It has never been more important that we run good programs to serve

the public! It seems to never fail, but I will be on a short vacation out of state and I hear the local radio news, and, low and behold, there is a story about some elected official helping to get a significant amount of CDBG or other federal money for a friend or for his brother-in-law's business and no money has been paid back. There are the normal conflict of interest questions, waste of government money issues, etc.

Pamela Hanover will analyze bills that have passed or are proposed in the state legislature. We really appreciate her efforts. And we continue the standing invitation for both the Entitlements to meet with HUD and Small Cities to meet with the State Thursday at 11:30

Personal and Technological Change is coming too. We will have an update from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) on legislation going through the Ohio legislature, and new additional proposed changes in health care coverage. At our Business Meeting, we will briefly talk about our update of the OCCD webpage to better serve members and save printing and mailing costs on the newsletter. Lisa Patt McDaniel will update us on the ad hoc Environmental Review Committee, trying to avoid duplication and increase grant program effectiveness!

Final thought: As we face uncertainty as to what changes could happen, let us band together as an organization representing our communities and not fear the future, but make the future. Let us take inspiration from several of our members who have had difficult medical conditions, including but not limited to, Bill Graves and Gary Locke, and let's make every day count! Thanks for your support and thanks to President Angela Brown, President Elect Donna Colglazier, Immediate Past President Verna Vance, and all the staff for all the work they have performed for this organization!

People Working Cooperatively, Inc. – Modifications for Mobility Program

People Working Cooperatively, Inc. (PWC) was founded in 1975. They began a CETA work program to provide energy conservation services to low-income households. In providing those services it soon became apparent that many of the homes desperately needed home repairs. The program expanded to include home repairs, and has contained to grow for over 37 years, to include home repairs and maintenance, energy conservation and education, and home modification services to low-income homeowners in 19 counties in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

PWC mission is:

"People Working Cooperatively performs essential repairs and services so that low-income homeowners can remain in their homes, living independently in a safe, sound environment."

The most life-altering service PWC provides its clients is the Modifications for Mobility Program. The Modifications for Mobility Program provides modifications to homes of low-income persons with disabilities reducing the barriers in that home and providing a safer environment.

Low-income households are constantly faced with challenges to make ends meet. Those who have a household member with a disability rarely have the funds necessary to make the appropriate modifications needed to make their home accessible. That's where the Modifications for Mobility Program can help.

In 2006, PWC established the Modifications for Mobility Program, raising funds independent of their government and corporate contracts. As a result, they received support from a variety of sources, as indicated in the budget.

Funding for the Modifications for Mobility Program includes:

Foundation Grants	\$241,500
Government Grants/Contracts	\$130,000
Contributions	\$131,000
United Way	\$ 12,500
Special Events/Fundraisers	<u>\$130,000</u>
	\$645,000

The Modifications for Mobility Program staff is managed by a PWC veteran as well as numerous volunteers. The Project Manager, Brad Staggs, with over 18 years of construction experience, is a Certified Aging in Place (CAP) Specialist. Assisting Brad in implementing the Modifications for Mobility Program are various full-time PWC field staff. When possible, volunteers are scheduled to assist with the work. In 2011, approximately 50% of the modifications provided were assisted by volunteer labor. This helps to keep down the overall costs of the modifications.

The volunteers include:

- A team from a bank helping install a wheelchair ramp during Repair Affair, our annual volunteer home repair event.
- High School students meeting their public service credits by lending a hand with installing wheelchair ramps.
- Retired individuals coming in a few days a week to help with ramps, handrails, bathroom modifications, lowering countertops, and more.

In 2011, 432 modifications projects were completed. Examples of the individuals with disabilities PWC has been able to assist and the types of modifications provided include:

Henry – what happened to Henry could have happened to anyone. A typical day at this construction job turned tragic, and in less than a second, Henry was unable to walk. His legs were crushed in a cave-in where he was laying pipe. The accident not only took away his ability to walk, but left him with chronic lung and heart problems. It also removed his ability to earn an income for his family. Social Security disability barely paid for all the medical bills. His wife, who once actively cared for Henry, now has mobility issues herself. The couple found PWC through a friend. Funding from PWC's Modifications for Mobility Program paved the way for a new ramp, bathroom modifications and other home repairs. "I'm so appreciative of all the people who have helped me," Henry

said. "This is our home and we want to stay here."

Virginia – was also house-bound. "I just didn't know what to do," she said. "Up until (the hospital stay) I had been getting around by crawling on my hands and knees, and even that was extremely painful." A friend suggested that Virginia contact People Working Cooperatively. PWC installed a ramp for access and replaced a dangerous propane heating system with a gas furnace.

Vivian – when she was barely 40 years old, Vivian suffered a major heart attack and collapsed. In a coma for several months, she awoke to a multitude of disabilities. She was released to the care of her 62 year old mother, and the possibility of ever going home looked dim. . .until she found PWC's website on the Internet. PWC was able to help. Volunteers assisted in constructing a ramp, cleaned the interior of her house, painted and made the home handicapped accessible by widening doors and lowering cabinets.

One aspect of the Modifications for Mobility Program that is unique is the use of aluminum wheelchair ramps. The aluminum ramps provide PWC with the opportunity to install an aid that is long lasting, yet reusable. Short of being damaged, these ramps can last for decades. Agreements are made with the homeowner when a ramp is installed – when the ramp is no longer needed, a call is made and the ramp is reinstalled at another home. Sixteen (16) ramps have been moved in the last five years – including one ramp that was installed for a client to go to therapy. With therapy, the client was able to regain the use of his legs, no longer needing a wheelchair or the ramp. The ramp was removed and reinstalled at the home of an elderly woman who is wheelchair bound.

Another benefit of the ramps is that they are easy for the volunteers to install, thus saving PWC the cost of labor. The volunteers love installing these ramps. The project can be completed in several hours and when completed, volunteers can see the value of their work. The ramp projects are so popular that PWC receives overwhelming requests from companies, schools, corporations, and others to have volunteers from their organizations install ramps as a team-building exercise.

PWC is extremely proud of the Modifications for Mobility Program. They are confident in its continued growth – because of the growing number of foundations, government agencies, and individuals who are supporting the effort. PWC believes this effort can be duplicated anywhere there is a dedicated, caring, group of individuals with the skills and knowledge to provide home modifications.

PWC began as a home repair program and grew the Modifications for Mobility Program. Although they wish they had established the program earlier, they would not do anything differently with the program – once they made the commitment to establish it as a permanent program. They obtained the necessary training and partnerships to assure its success.

One way to insure its continued success is to address sustained funding for the Modifications for Mobility Program – by creating a Social Enterprise. PWC has developed "Whole Home", a home modification and home repair service available to those households that need those services but whose income exceeds the regular program guidelines. In developing this service, PWC solicited the input, assistance and partnership of Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Destination Home, Xavier University Department of Occupational Therapy, the Community Disability Institute, Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled, Council on Aging, Developmentally Disabled Services, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Tri-State Care Partners, Visiting Nurses Association. PWC has begun promoting Whole Home and providing services to individuals, who in turn are providing income to the Modifications for Mobility Program. The Whole Home program has joined the Tri-State Care Partners, a group of agencies and organizations who provide a variety of health care services that help individuals age in place. PWC looks forward to growing this program into a sustaining cash flow for PWC and the Modifications for Mobility Program.



2012 - 2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD and COMMITTEES



OCCD 2012-2013 Executive Board Members (above left to right)

Dale Hartle, Amy Schocken, Kathy Werkmeister, Donna Colglazier, Verna Vance, Angela Brown, Ken Lengieza, Amy Riegel, Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Rolin Seward and Michael Keys

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FUNCTION: To govern the Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc.

Committee Officers:

President: Angela Brown, Kettering
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Vice-President: Ken Lengieza, Marion County RPC
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Secretary: Amy Riegel, Dayton

Board Members:

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 Rollin Seward, Franklin County
 Dale Hartle, Ohio Regional Development Corporation
 Amy Schocken, CDC of Ohio, Inc. (appointed)
 Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing (appointed)

POLICY COMMITTEE

FUNCTION: To closely monitor the general affairs of the Association and recommend to the Executive Committee new policies, or changes of existing policies. Also to perform specific policy-related research tasks and problem-solving functions assigned by the Executive Committee or the Association.

Committee Members:

Chair – Elizabeth A. Pearson, Stark County R.P.C
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 Harry Conard, Jr., Cuyahoga County
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 Aane Aaby, Massillon
 Verna Vance, Retired
 Anita Stocker, Geauga County
 Fritz Leighty, Leighty & Snider, Inc. (appointed)
 Missy Frost, Greene County (appointed)
 Sue Spiker, Licking County (appointed)
 Dwendolyn Chester, Cincinnati (appointed)
 Donna Colglazier, Butler County (President Elect)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

FUNCTION: To monitor state and federal legislation and investigate issues potentially affecting the Association's objective and purpose. To recommend to the Executive Committee actions to be taken by the Association concerning significant legislative matters. Also to prepare and offer testimony when deemed necessary on behalf of the Association and to perform related tasks assigned by the Executive Committee.

Committee Members:

Chair – Fritz Leighty, Leighty & Snider, Inc.
 Pamela Hanover, Squire Sanders L.L.P.
 Oren Henry, Cincinnati
 Angela Byington, Elyria
 Stacy Clapper, Zanesville
 Dan Morganti, Stark County RPC
 Doug Harsany, Harsany & Associates
 Dale Hartle, Ohio Regional Development Corporation (Board Liaison)
 Matt LaMantia (OCD Representative)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

FUNCTION: To develop and affect resourceful methods and procedures for recruiting and maintaining a full and active membership in the Association.

Committee Members:

Chair – Kiya Patrick, Montgomery County
 Bridget Susel, Kent
 Lynn Carlone, Stark County RPC
 Jonathan Boeckman, Fairborn
 Jerry Bandy, Mansfield
 Dwendolyn Chester, Cincinnati
 Kathy Werkmeister,
 Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
 Amy Riegel, Dayton (Board Liaison)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

FUNCTION: To be responsible for the orderly transfer of the elected positions of the Association. Also to serve as the Elections Committee during the Annual Meeting, with the Chairman serving as Presiding Officer. The Elections Committee is responsible for validating the eligible voting membership, conducting the elections, tabulating the results and announcing the official results to the membership.

Committee Members:

Chair – Anita Stocker, Geauga County
 Dwendolyn Chester, Cincinnati
 Missy Frost, Greene County
 Jonathan Boeckman, Fairborn
 Warren Weber, Licking County

AUDIT COMMITTEE

FUNCTION: To perform an annual examination of the financial records and accounts of the Association and to issue a written report of such audit at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Committee Members:

Chair – Phil Snider, Phil Snider LLC
 Dan Morganti, Stark County RPC
 Jeff Marshall, Darke County

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Function: To assist the President in administering personnel policies consistent with sound principles of personnel management. Duties include the establishment and maintenance of job titles, job descriptions, and performance evaluation procedures; and recommendations on the interpretation or modification of the personnel policies from time-to-time as necessary and appropriate to the combined good business practices of The Association.

Committee Members:

Chair – Angela Brown, Kettering
 Donna Colglazier, Butler County
 Verna Vance, Retired
 Missy Frost, Greene County
 Nancy Cook, Akron
 Beth Pearson, Stark County R.P.C.

FEDERAL AND STATE TRAINING COMMITTEE

FUNCTION: To serve as liaison between the membership of the Association and both the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the State of Ohio Department of Development. The Committee will define areas where technical assistance is needed and will support the HUD Area Office and ODOT's Office of Housing and Community Partnerships in providing the needed training services to the OCCD membership.

Committee Members:

Chair – Amy Odum, Lima
 Mary Leigh, Lakewood
 Melanie Shapiro,
 Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing
 Nate Coffman, Ohio CDC
 Pam Raines, Hamilton
 Tawana Jones, Montgomery County
 Sherise Turner, Dayton
 Ken Lengieza, Marion County RPC (Board Liaison)
 Rich Hendershot (HUD Liaison)
 Betsy Giffin (OCD Representative)

STATE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

FUNCTION: To address situations, programs, and circumstances which impact those communities, nonprofits, or other entities which do not receive funding for various activities directly from the U.S. Government, but rather, from the State of Ohio.

Committee Members:

Chair – Nikki Reese, Miami County
 Evelyn King, Cambridge
 George Zokle, CT Consultants
 Ralph Kline, Ironton-Lawrence Counties CA
 Cherise Schell, Greene County
 Dorothy Ferris, Brown County
 Amy Schocken, CDC of Ohio, Inc. (Board Liaison)
 Mary Oakley, OCD Representative
 Mike Hiler, OCD Representative

Presentation of President's Award for Innovative Project



Pictured above –
 Jock Pitts, Verna Vance, OCCD President and Nina Creech

The People Working Cooperatively, Inc. "Modifications for Mobility Program" is recipient of the 2012 OCCD President's Award. PWC is commended for their innovative project which reduces barriers and provides a safer environment for low-income persons with disabilities. The program reflects outstanding performance in addressing significant needs in nineteen counties in Ohio and surrounding states, multi-funded collaboration and community involvement. Congratulations!

OF SPECIAL NOTE

Robert J. Berquist, President of **Berquist Consulting, Inc.**, recently announced his company's 25th Anniversary. BCI has enjoyed a quarter century of operations in the State of Ohio serving numerous local communities and private clients. The company's focus is on financial packaging and administration of federal, state and locally funded public works projects. Activity highlights include development of a new regional airport, construction of a new water treatment plant, rehabilitation and development of recreation facilities, shopping mall and hotel development, housing stock improvement through demolition, rehabilitation and new construction, assisting two communities in establishing a Storm Water Utility and the development of a Transportation Museum. These activities have involved funding from a number of sources including FAA, OMDA, OPWC, ODOT, ODOH, FHWA, CDBG, CHIP, ARC and other similar state and federal programs.

Mr. Berquist reports that over the years he has made a number of friends around the state and has enjoyed celebrating marriages, child births and retirements of colleagues. His company looks forward to what the future may offer.

WORTH NOTING

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for submission of copy for the newsletter is December 7, 2012. Send printed and disk to: OCCD Office, P. O. Box 776, Urbana, OH 43078, Attn: Newsletter Editor. Or, email 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.

These "Doctors" Make House Calls!

Do old-building owners in your community have questions about maintaining or rehabbing properties built between 1800 and 1955? Consider cosponsoring a Building Doctor Clinic. The Ohio Historic Preservation Office of the Ohio Historical Society is now accepting requests for two-day clinics in 2013. Each clinic begins with an informative two-hour seminar on caring for older buildings of all kinds, including ways to recognize and solve common problems, followed by a day when the "doctors" will visit up to 10 buildings to examine problems and prescribe cures. To learn more about bringing the Building Doctors to your community in 2013, contact Mariangela Pfister at (614) 298-2032 or mpfister@ohiohistory.org by Nov. 1, 2012.



Debra Mayes
OCCD Housing Coordinator

It is shaping up to be a busy fall which means it will go quickly and then winter will be upon us. That is just depressing - coming from me who tends to see the glass half "full"! Time for another vacation. Thank you, I think I will.

Welcome to Amy Odum, City of Lima, in-coming committee chair for the Federal and State Training Committee!!

OCCD Regional Information Session

OCCD held the second regional information session around the State in Warren, Ohio with over 50 individuals in attendance. These sessions are designed to:

- **Involve** membership unable to attend trainings and quarterly meetings due to travel, short staff, new to position, etc.;
- **Promote** the value of OCCD membership, attending trainings and quarterly meeting;
- **Educate** local, state and federal elected officials on the value CDBG and HOME funded programs that are available;
- And highlight the success stories of the region.

Jorgelle Lawson, Director of the Columbus Office, and **Richard Hendershot**, Program Manager, HUD Office of Community Planning & Development and **Michael Hiler**, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development spoke on the various programs and funding administered by their agencies detailing projects undertaken in the region.

Participating in a panel discussion on **Blight, Brownfields, & Economic Development** were **Dan Mamula** - Manager, Mahoning River Corridor Initiative; **Sarah Boyarko** - Vice President Economic Development, Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber; **Anita Stocker** - Director of Community & Economic Development, Geauga County and **Rick Leonard** - District Director, Congressman Ryan's Office.

At the writing of this newsletter, the third OCCD Regional Information Session is scheduled for September 21, 2012 in Ironton, Ohio. The theme chosen by Ralph Kline, Ironton-Lawrence County CAC, OCCD member and sponsor is **How Government Can Join with Non-profits to Become Good Development Partners**. Included with this session is a narrated bus tour showing application of featured programs in the field, discussing how government/nonprofit partnerships can work in unison. Discussions and questions, and free "watch out" advice learned from various project experiences. Some focused projects include Brownfield projects, The Point Intermodal Industrial Park, ED projects, Downtown Revitalization Projects and more. A full report will follow in the Winter Newsletter. See there it is again - that **nasty** word - winter!!

Upcoming -

Jan A. Sokolnicki, Senior Staff, Ohio Department of Commerce, Ohio Board of Building Standards will provide a training session related to **"Required Accessibility in the Ohio Building Code"** on October 23rd at the Crowne Plaza North. The program will provide 6 hours CEUs for all individuals having Board certifications related to building code enforcement. Registration is required.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **OCCD/OCD 2012 Community Development Conference** November 7-9, 2012 at Salt Fork! Registration for the 2012 Community Development Conference, which trains local officials administering Community Development Block Grant programs, is open and the conference brochure is now available. The conference will be held from November 7 - 9, 2012 at the Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center in the City of Cambridge (Guernsey County). The Ohio Department of Development's Office of Community Development and the Ohio Conference of Community Development, Inc. are co-sponsors of this annual event.

More information about the conference, the conference brochure and registration can be found at <http://development.ohio.gov/Community/ohcp/WhatsNew.htm>.

Third OCCD Regional Information Session

Upcoming OCCD/OCD trainings -

Jan. 22, 2013 -Chip Application Training, OCCD/OCD, Embassy Suites Dublin

April 23, 2013-OCCD/OCD **Tentative** - URA, 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.

NOTE

The OCCD Fall Quarterly Meeting will held October 24-25, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza North, Columbus
The OCCD 2013 Winter Quarterly Meeting will be held January 23-24, 2013 at the Embassy Suites, Dublin.
The OCCD 2013 Spring Quarterly Meeting will be held April 24-25, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza North, Columbus.
The OCCD 2013 Fall Quarterly Meeting will be held October 30-31, 2013 at the Doubletree, Worthington.

Check out the above as well as other scheduled trainings on the OCCD Calendar of Training & Events (www.occd.org - Training Center) where you will also find regularly updated information on trainings and events being sponsored by OCCD as well as other partner organizations. In addition, join us on our OCCD Facebook page or if you have comments on the contents of this column or are too shy to comment on Facebook send me an e-mail trainingcoordinator@occd.org.



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OCCD trivia -

- **Oren Henry, City of Cincinnati**, holds the record of attendance at the Summer Annual meetings of current members.

How Much Money Will We Need In Heaven?

by: Jack Riordan



Talk about a presumptuous question!

Edward O. Wilson's book, "The Social Conquest of Earth" attempts to explain why we humans of all the species that have evolved over the four plus billion years of earth's history ended up dominating our tiny blue sphere. The book revealed possible answers to questions that plagued much of my adult thinking. How can we be both good and bad, saints one minute and sinners the next? How can we be liberal and conservative? How can we rationalize almost any behavior? I used to think that, "The devil made me do it", quoting comedian, Flip Wilson. I gave up on the devil as an excuse, along with a lot of other ideas, I once held dear.

Edward Wilson credits our dominance to learning to speak and communicate complex ideas. Also, we evolved communal, survival skills which allowed us to cooperate with each other as members of families and groups, thereby collectively, "Our Kind", could successfully compete against large animals and other hominid groups. But we also evolved domestic skills to play roles and functions within our expanded families and groups. We all carry these two sets of evolved, sometime, conflicting skills and traits.

The skills to help our group compete against other groups are altruistic; duty, honor, bravery, compassion, intelligence and sacrifice for our group. To dominate and breed in our immediate family group we evolved traits to be selfish, greedy, persuasive, and cowardly. Your genes will not get to the next generation if you die for the group before you mate. During the last million years this mixture of traits resulted in supremacy of Homo sapiens over all other life forms on the planet except mosquitoes, ants and other creepy crawlies, who are just waiting.

Although we no longer function as hunter gathers for sustenance, we still hunt and gather but today in multiple layers of inter related, ever changing groups, extended families, companies, political parties, sports teams, schools etc. We might be altruistic at one moment but competing, greedy, antagonist the next. We have the ability to play different roles in different groups at different times. Have you ever noticed such changing behavior in your significant other? My wife has pointed out my erratic behavior on more than one occasion.

In our long evolutionary process, these genetic traits have been all mixed up so we do not get just the good stuff but also the bad. Sometimes we justify using the bad when we should use the good. Some of us have a tendency to be greedy and others of us cannot help being heroes, bravely dying for the cause. People have been volunteering for impossible, dangerous jobs through history. Russian workers who cleaned up Chernobyl, soldiers who left cover and went out under fire to retrieve buddies, Japanese Kamikaze pilots, Islamic suicide bombers, and even Christ's acceptance of crucifixion are examples of altruistic self sacrifice for a common good.

If you believe an action is going to improve your group, you may rationally justify your voluntary death. A bevy of hot virgins waiting in heaven might motivate self destruction by a terrorist while blowing up soldiers from the Land of Satan, the USA. But how do terrorists rationally justify killing shoppers in a market from another branch of their shared religion. Also if you believe they will never catch you and there just might be calorie free, triple bean vanilla ice cream in heaven, is it OK to help your family by taking advantage of the ill-informed or playing fast and loose with the books to hide profit from the tax man, so your kids can get a better education and have an advantage over the dolts in town? While you hope your educated offspring will take care of you, before you have to check out if there really is calorie free vanilla bean ice cream in heaven.

We Liberals think we are the altruistic ones who sacrifice; willing to pay a little more to raise the standard of the whole group, while conservatives think their combative, competitive actions are the reason we have anything to give up. They rationalize the need to have all they can possible have so they can grow the economy, create a few jobs, and buy a second home in Boca Raton. As a liberal, who is a conservative, at least for a short time, I think there is a great deal of delusion. Delusion is the only explanation of the bazaar behavior of our species throughout history allover the globe justified on beliefs flowing from the evolutionary traits that made our dominance of the planet possible.

Religious, philosophers and moral teachers have tried to put parameters on our deluded decisions and give guidance as the complexity of our lives and behavior evolved. To these brilliant people, I add my limited lettered guidance:

- First: Do not do anything to hurt your own family's success and survival. Does your distant cousin count as family? It depends!
- Second: Be loyal to your expanded family, group, and nation. In today's world this gets complicated. Is your employer part of your group? Is your community part of your family? Is your nation part of your group? Again it depends!!!
- Third: Some independent body (if you can find or make one, which the majority agrees to accept) must develop parameters of acceptable behavior. This applies emphatically to bankers, financiers and real estate brokers; some of whom justify almost anything to make money.
- Fourth: There is no calorie free, triple bean vanilla ice-cream or hot virgins in heaven so do not kill or harm anyone unless they are hurting or killing you or those in your group. My Fifth grade Nun said whatever you wanted in Heaven you already purchased with your good deeds minus deductions for your bad behavior. My Eighth grade Nun said how much you saw of God in Heaven depended on how well you treated others: the amount of your happiness depended on how much of God you saw, and once you saw God, you would not want anything. For her death was the key in the Locke to Heaven, instantaneous, blissful, timeless eternity. I bet she got it.
- Fifth: Tread lightly on the planet so many of your offspring generations will enjoy our tiny blue spec while it is still blue. Forget about what little public debt they will share. If they cannot breathe they won't be able to pay it, anyway.
- Sixth: Just relax; enjoy life you only get it once.

The old lady with cats said, "I worry about you sometimes. I am not sure what you are up to, but numbers five and six are correct. By the way our overweight pastor thinks there is ice cream in Heaven."

I supposed - I could be wrong - again.

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.



Update from the Ohio Department of Development

Christiane Schmenk,
Director
Ohio Department of Development

As the summer of 2012 comes to an end and evolves into fall, the Ohio Department of Development also will complete its transition. On September 28, the department officially becomes the **Ohio Development Services Agency**. While our name will change, our dedication and commitment to you has not. The Department will continue to provide quality customer service to communities and citizens of Ohio, as well as support the efforts of JobsOhio. We appreciate your patience as we worked through this transition, streamlining our operations to better serve our constituents.

As part of our commitment to our customers, we are holding informational sessions on programs and services that support community development. On July 19, the Department held the Shale Development Roundtable at the Kent State University at Tuscarawas in New Philadelphia. Speakers from various state and local government agencies discussed 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 workshop and roundtable provided our staff a chance to hear from local economic development professionals, city and regional planners, as well as elected officials. Participating in this conference allowed me the opportunity to better understand the difficulties our community leaders are facing as well as the opportunity to brainstorm solutions. Look for our Office of Community Development to provide more information about the session. The Department also plans to hold another shale roundtable in the coming months. More information about the session will be released soon.

At the Department, we also are preparing for the 2012 Community Development Conference, which will be held on November 7-9 at the Salt Fork Lodge and Conference Center in Cambridge, Ohio. The conference will not only offer training and technical assistance to grantees and administrators of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs, it also will provide valuable workshop sessions covering a wide range of topics. For more information, visit the department's website at <http://development.ohio.gov/Community/ohcp/>. We hope to see you there.

Finally, I wish to congratulate the recipients of the 2012 Director's Awards in Excellence in Housing and Community Development who were honored in Columbus on July 25:

- Affordable Housing Award – Haller-Norval Apartments, Coleman Professional Services, and WSOS Community Action Commission
- Community and Economic Development Award – City of Cambridge
- Homelessness and Supportive Housing Award – Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency
- Innovation in Housing and Community Development Award – Board of Trumbull County Commissioners and Coleman Professional Services

We appreciate the great work you do in your communities and are excited about the future. We look forward to working with our regional partners as we strive to empower Ohio's small cities and communities to thrive and succeed!



The HUD Report

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

The CPD Columbus Field Office welcomes the new Federal Fiscal Year 2013.

CPD COLUMBUS FIELD OFFICE UPDATES:

FY-2013 Formula Funding – I cannot give you any insight on FY-2013 funding levels at this time. My crystal ball is not working again! At the time this article is being written, the House Appropriations Committee unveiled a stopgap spending measure that would continue funding the government at current levels for 6 more months. The "continuing resolution" would fund government programs from the start of the new Federal Fiscal Year on October 1 through March 27, 2013. HQ is reviewing the options available for the formula funding including partial allocations. We will keep entitlement grantees updated.

REMINDER: Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans Must Be Submitted via IDIS as of November 15, 2012 -- As of November 15, 2012, all grantees that have a Consolidated Plan due after this date are required to use IDIS to submit their multi-year strategy. This requirement is outlined in the Consolidated Plan Notice, CPD-12-009, which is available on the [Consolidated Plan website](#). Grantees with an approved multi-year Consolidated Plan are not required to use IDIS to submit their Annual Action Plan until their next multi-year strategy is due.

Grantees that do not have a multi-year Consolidated Plan due have the option to use the template in IDIS for a Standalone Annual Action Plan without re-submitting their entire Consolidated Plan. The Standalone Annual Action Plan template allows grantees to use IDIS to submit an Annual Action Plan before their next multi-year Consolidated Plan is required to be submitted in the system. Once grantees have submitted a Plan in IDIS, all subsequent plans, amendments, and CAPER's must be submitted in the system. Grantees cannot use IDIS to submit a CAPER until an

Annual Action Plan or multi-year Consolidated Plan accompanied by an Annual Action Plan has been submitted in the system. Annual Action Plans that have already been submitted and approved in paper form cannot be re-submitted in IDIS. States should continue to follow the instructions in CPD Notice 11-03 in submitting their Performance and Evaluation Report (PER). For more information about how to use the templates in IDIS, see the [Desk Guide for Using IDIS](#) and the recorded Webinars on the [OneCPD Resource Exchange](#).

New HUD Table Compares Key ESG and HPRP Requirements - HUD CPD has provided a table designed to promote understanding of the similarities and differences between the new Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program interim rule and the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). A dozen topic areas are covered by the table, including: Rapid re-housing eligibility criteria, Homeless prevention eligibility criteria, Housing relocation and stabilization services, Rental assistance. You can view the table at <http://bit.ly/PH6JbI>. **New HUD Study Suggests that Affordability of LIHTC Properties Can Be Maintained** - A study commissioned by HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research investigates the long-term affordability of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties. LIHTC properties are subject to income and rent restrictions for a 15- or 30-year time period. The study focuses on a subset of those properties placed in service between 1987 and 1994 and are no longer rent-restricted. The researchers assert that most LIHTC properties remain affordable after the restrictions expire, and few properties convert to market-rate housing. The study, *What Happens to Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Properties at Year 15 and Beyond*, is available on HUD's website at <http://bit.ly/PzNPD1>.

That is it from the CPD Columbus Field Office. 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.

PRESS RELEASE:



APPALACHIAN OHIO GEOSPATIAL DATA PARTNERSHIP

AOGDP Partners to Bring Planning Grant Funds to Appalachian Region

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The Appalachian Ohio Geospatial Data Partnership (AOGDP) is pleased to announce that in cooperation with many local governments, the region will receive funding assistance of \$100,000 from the Ohio Department of Development's Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF). The project will include planning support for Appalachian Ohio's Open Geographic Information System (GIS) Web Access.

Founded in 2011, the Charter members of AOGDP are the counties of Coshocton, Gallia, Guernsey, Monroe, Morgan, and Noble, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), Buckeye Hills – Hocking Valley RRD, the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, and the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission (OVRDC). The members of the partnership recognized the need for a planning project in order to determine the most effective means of designing and maintaining a web mapping service that allows counties to publish tax parcel data to the web, making it available to a wide audience.

The counties and organizations involved in this project have established a history of working together to implement solutions to the technical needs of the underserved region of Appalachian Ohio.

"The AOGDP has successfully partnered on other GIS projects in the Appalachian region of Ohio and we felt this project partnership was tailor-made for the LGIF grant," said Dave Simon, GIS Manager for the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University. For those counties in the project area that do not have a fully developed, GIS-compatible county parcel layer, the planning study will identify the necessary steps to develop a standardized parcel layer suitable for publication and ongoing maintenance.

"This project supports the underserved communities of Appalachian Ohio by providing a resource used by federal, state, regional and local government agencies, as well as private interests looking to invest in the future of Appalachian Ohio," said Buckeye Hills Development Director Bret Alphin, who is also a certified GIS Professional. "More specifically, this online service will be used by organizations working to develop the resources in the Utica and Marcellus shale formations as well as their support organizations. It will work to level the GIS playing field for Southeastern Ohio."

The LGIF program provides funding assistance to support collaborative projects that yield more efficient service delivery and cost savings to local governments. The \$100,000 award is in the Technology category and will be coordinated through the Office of the Gallia County Commissioners. To learn more about the AOGDP, visit www.geospatialpartnership.org; to learn more about the LGIF program visit www.development.ohio.gov/urban/LGIF.htm.

FREE Homebuyer Education Workshops!

This workshop provides 8 hours of certified homebuyer education and counseling. Topics include: Applying for a mortgage loan, budgeting and credit, role of the realtor, homeowners insurance, hiring an inspector, and other aspects of the home buying process. In addition we have free one-on-one budget and credit counseling where we teach you how to ready your credit report, develop a household budget, and create an action plan to improve your credit score and establish savings. To schedule an appointment or get the workshop schedule call Linda at (614) 275-4663 ext. 101.

Homes on the Hill Lending Homeowners a Hand

This month Homes on the Hill (HOTH) surpassed \$300,000 in homeowner assistance through our partner agency Restoring Stability. Restoring Stability, a statewide program to help homeowners avoid foreclosure, is a Save the Dream Ohio Initiative, which has assisted homeowners to receive over \$300,000 from Ohio's Hardest Hit Fund program. On average homeowners received over \$12,000 in assistance per household. HOTH has assisted other

homeowners submit applications currently under review for nearly \$300,000 of additional assistance.

Tamara Bailey was a HOTH client who received assistance through Restoring Stability, after being attacked during a robbery left her unable to return to work and pay her mortgage before getting workers' compensation payment. She began her application shortly after Restoring Stability launched in September 2010 and kept faith in the program

or her financial counselor, Mark Easterling, through the long process. "Mark was so patient, and he would listen to me ramble each time we talked" she exclaimed. Ms. Bailey as able to eliminate the mortgage lien with the assistance she received through Restoring Stability.

HOTH offers foreclosure prevention orientations twice a month. Attendees learn about options available to them, including Restoring Stability, and have the opportunity to

meet briefly with HOTH staff to discuss their current situation. Restoring Stability offers multiple programs including assistance to bring payments current, mortgage payment assistance, and transition assistance. There are qualification requirements for the programs, but HOTH can assist through counseling services. For more information, call Barbara Miller at 614-275-4663. Ext. 109.

Thank you,
Belkis Schoenhals,
Executive Assistant

2012 Director's Awards Luncheon Wednesday, July 25, 2012

Recognition of recipients of the 2012 Director's Awards was held during the Ohio Conference of Community Development's summer annual meeting luncheon.

In 2012, 14 nominations were submitted from Ohio communities that use grant programs administered by the Office of Community Development. Since 2009, the Director's Awards for Excellence in Housing and Community Development have recognized communities that have made significant differences with projects that impact the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents in their areas.

Criteria:

Grant administrators and chief executive officers who manage funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program, and the Ohio Housing Trust Fund are eligible to nominate successful, completed projects.

Nominations must describe how the community development or housing project has impacted the overall community and benefited its citizens, in particular, low- and moderate-income individuals. In addition, projects or services that have helped to reduce or prevent homelessness in the state of Ohio are eligible for nomination.

Affordable Housing Award Haller-Norval Apartments, Coleman Professional Services and WSOS Community Action Commission

This project was in collaboration with the City of Lima and Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin counties. Coleman Professional Services developed and constructed housing units for clientele of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board. Utilizing Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP2) funds, the project consists of eight new units of housing that are Energy Star and Enterprise Green Communities compliant. The project benefits clientele of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.



Accepting the 2012 Director's Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing were:

- Don Corley, Housing Development Coordinator, WSOS Community Action Commission
- Jodi Hepler, Operations Director, Coleman Professional Services
- Alice Giesken, Mental Health Recovery and Services Board of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties and
- Pete White, City of Lima Land Bank

Community and Economic Development Award City of Cambridge

Funds from the CDBG Tier II Downtown Revitalization Program were used on the Wheeling Avenue District project, which was leveraged with funds from the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio Public Works, and the city's Revolving Loan Fund. The focus was specifically facade improvement and code compliance. Property owners benefiting in the target area were given the opportunity to make improvements and upgrades to facades, windows and HVAC systems, as well as to assist with upgrades of electrical, plumbing and new roofs for buildings that were not up to code.



Accepting the 2012 Director's Award for Excellence in Community and Economic Development were:

- Mike Edwards, Downtown Coordinator, and
- Kim Haight, Interim Director for Economic and Community Development, City of Cambridge

Homelessness and Supportive Housing Award Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency

This project was accomplished by using funds from the Emergency Shelter Grant Discretionary Program, in partnership with the Lancaster Rotary Club. The Emergency Homeless Shelter for Families provides temporary housing and other emergency services to homeless families in Fairfield County. The shelter was renovated to expand capacity and make each unit self-contained. Each self-contained unit is equipped with four beds, bedding, storage, private ADA compliant bathrooms, a kitchenette and a laundry facility with private entrances to each unit. The renovation benefits homeless families residing at the Emergency Homeless Shelter for Families in Fairfield County.



Accepting the 2012 Director's Award for Excellence in Homelessness and Supportive Housing were:

- Kellie Ailes, Executive Director and
- Carol Wagner, Social Services Director, Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency

Innovation in Housing and Community Development Award Board of Trumbull County Commissioners and Coleman Professional Group

Using Neighborhood Stabilization Program funds, this project was in collaboration with Coleman Professional Services (aka Behavioral Health), and the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board. The funds were used to purchase and rehabilitate the entire structure from basement to attic of a foreclosed century home in downtown City of Warren. The project created a transitional housing facility benefiting homeless young adults 18 to 25 who are either exiting the foster care system, a mental health or drug addiction program, or a correctional institution.



Accepting the 2012 Director's Award for Excellence in Innovation in Housing and Community Development were:

- Bill Miller, Director, Trumbull County Planning Commission
- Julie Green, Grants Coordinator, Trumbull County Planning Commission
- Tammy Weaver, Coleman Professional Services

HUD Awards of Excellence – OCCD Annual Meeting July 2012



Pictured accepting the award: Kiya Patrick and Tawana Jones, Montgomery County



Pictured accepting the award: Emma Hill, Cleveland and Thomas McNair, Ohio City Inc.

HUD Award of Excellence to Montgomery County for the Huber Heights project. This project demonstrated the revitalization of a lower income neighborhood as a result of a Placed-Based Approach to Transform a Community or Neighborhood in collaboration with its many partners.

HUD Award of Excellence to the City of Cleveland for the Ohio City Market project. The City of Cleveland, along with its many partners, renovated the district that has provided more affordable and attractive space in the park for local artisans to sell their products. As a result of this Placed-Based Approach to Transform a Community or Neighborhood, the investment has lowered the commercial vacancy rate in the Ohio City Market District from 28 percent to 4 percent.



FHLBANK CINCINNATI AWARDS \$9.5 MILLION IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING

Cincinnati, OH (June 22, 2012) – Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati President and CEO Andrew S. Howell announced the awarding of 39 grants to 37 projects totaling more than \$9.5 million under the FHLBank's Affordable Housing Program (AHP). The funding will allow 26 member financial institutions in the FHLBank Cincinnati's district of Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee to help create 685 units of affordable housing.

This round of awards includes five grants of \$500,000 or more, and 15 grants worth \$2.7 million to Habitat for Humanity organizations throughout the Fifth District. This is the first round of grants in 2012. A second round will be announced later this year.

A complete list of the 37 projects approved under the AHP is available at the FHLBank's web site, www.fhlbcin.com. Grant totals by state are:

- Kentucky: 13 awards totaling \$2.2 million, to help build 141 units of housing.
- Ohio: 12 awards totaling \$4.5 million, to help build 365 units of housing.
- Tennessee: 12 awards totaling \$2.8 million, to help build 179 units of housing.

Each year, the FHLBank Cincinnati sets aside 10 percent of net earnings for the congressionally established AHP, which helps create affordable housing for very low-, low- and moderate-income residents. Since the inception of the AHP in 1990, the FHLBank has contributed \$450 million toward the creation of nearly 60,000 units of low-income housing.

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati is a \$62 billion, triple-A rated regional wholesale bank providing financial services for residential housing and economic development to 743 member financial institutions located in the Fifth FHLBank District of Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. The FHLBank System, including 12 district FHLBanks and nearly 7,800 members, was chartered in 1932 by the U.S. Congress to promote housing finance but is wholly owned by its member institution stockholders and does not use taxpayer dollars.

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF CINCINNATI Affordable Housing Program Awards - Ohio First Round 2012

FHLBank Member	Sponsor	Project Name/Location	Units	Unit Type	Grant Amount
Dayton Firefighters Federal Credit Union, Dayton, OH	Dayton Ohio Habitat for Humanity	DOHH 2012-A Construction Projects, Montgomery County, OH	10	Ownership	\$250,000
Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati, OH	YWCA of Greater Cincinnati	Women's Housing, Cincinnati, OH	60	Rental	\$825,000
Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati, OH	TriState Habitat for Humanity	Tristate HFH 2012 A, Clermont County, OH	1	Ownership	\$21,200
FirstMerit Bank, N.A., Akron, OH	East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation	Arlington Veterans' Apartments, Akron, OH	10	Rental	\$399,499
FirstMerit Bank, N.A., Akron, OH	Habitat for Humanity of Summit County, Inc.	2012-13 Summit County Builds, Summit County, OH	8	Ownership	\$23,028
KeyBank, National Association, Cleveland, OH	Cleveland Housing Network	Maple Heights Senior Housing, Maple Heights, OH	54	Rental	\$540,000
Lake National Bank, Mentor, OH	Extended Housing, Inc.	McKinley Grove, Lake County, Ohio, Painesville, OH	17	Rental	\$425,000
The Arlington Bank, Upper Arlington, OH	National Church Residences	The Commons at Livingston II, Columbus, OH	30	Rental	\$300,000
The Home Savings and Loan Company of Youngstown, Ohio, Youngstown, OH	Ohio Valley Teen Challenge Inc.	100 Broadway, Youngstown, Youngstown, OH	38	Rental	\$375,000
The Home Savings and Loan Company of Youngstown, Ohio, Youngstown, OH	Habitat for Humanity of Mahoning County, Inc.	2012-2015 Mahoning County, OH Habitat Build, Mahoning County, OH	7	Ownership	\$89,320
The Huntington National Bank, Columbus, OH	Ohio Valley Teen Challenge Inc.	100 Broadway, Youngstown OH, Youngstown, OH	38	Rental	\$375,000
The Huntington National Bank, Columbus, OH	Interfaith Hospitality Network of Springfield, Ohio	Mulberry Terrace 2012A, Springfield, OH	36	Rental	\$358,200
The Huntington National Bank, Columbus, OH	National Church Residences	The Commons at Livingston II, Columbus, OH	20	Rental	\$200,000
The Park National Bank, Newark, OH	Community Action Program Commission of the Lancaster-Fairfield County Area	The Pearl House, Lancaster, OH	36	Rental	\$360,000
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Legislation . . . In the News

By: Pamela I. Hanover
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OCCD Legislative Committee

The following is a summary of recent General Assembly activity relating to economic development matters through August 31, 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.) 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; referred to House Economic and Small Business Development Committee.) This Bill creates the State's Small Business Working Capital Loan Program under which the State Treasurer, upon request of the Director of the ODOB, 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 refundable 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; referred to House Finance and Appropriation Committee.) 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

taking 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.

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 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.



Ohio Housing Finance Agency

Ohio's Restoring Stability Program: A Save the Dream Ohio Initiative

The State of Ohio's foreclosure prevention program, Restoring Stability: A Save the Dream Ohio Initiative, is administered by the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA). Ohio was allocated \$570.4 million from the U.S. Department of Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund to help homeowners prevent foreclosure. Since the program began, nearly 7,000 Ohio families have been able to stay in their home because of the assistance received through the statewide program.


The Restoring Stability program can provide up to \$25,000 in a maximum benefit paid directly to the homeowner's mortgage servicer, and programs may be combined. Funds can bring a homeowner's mortgage current, pay their monthly mortgage

payment for up to 15 months, provide funds to reduce the principal balance of the loan in conjunction with a loan modification, eliminate the first and second mortgage lien, and assist the homeowner in relocating if they can no longer remain in the home. More than 300 mortgage servicers and 41 HUD-Certified counseling agencies partner in the Restoring Stability program to prevent foreclosure.

Each homeowner who registers for the Restoring Stability program is referred to a U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Certified Housing Counseling Agency that works in partnership with OHFA. The housing counselor and homeowner work together to evaluate the Restoring Stability program options,



determine if the homeowner is eligible for the program, and explore other foreclosure prevention strategies. There is no cost for homeowners to use the Restoring Stability program or to work with a HUD-Certified Housing Counseling Agency.

Homeowners can register for the program and submit an application online at www.savethedreamohio.gov. Homeowners who do not have internet access may contact Save the Dream Ohio via the toll free hotline at 888-404-4674, or visit one of the participating HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agencies. A list of housing counseling agencies is available on OHFA's website at www.ohiohome.org/restoringstability/homeowners.aspx.

CITY OF TOLEDO

DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

The City of Toledo – Department of Neighborhoods would like to take this opportunity to introduce the OCCD to the current departmental leadership. Please know that the Director, Lourdes Santiago, is an Ohio licensed attorney with 33 years legal experience and the Deputy Director, Kathleen Kovacs, has 20 years experience in Housing and Community Development. Also at the helm of the City of Toledo – Department of Neighborhoods is Veronica Burkhardt, Housing Manager, Ebenezer Osei-Kwame, NSP Manager and Bonita Bonds, Fiscal Administrative Services Manager.

The City of Toledo - Department of Neighborhoods has implemented a structured bidding process, revised and updated policies and procedures for the housing development programs, revised and updated monitoring tools, procedures and manuals, as well as, implemented a monthly training information session for 3rd Party Partners (Subrecipients). The City of Toledo – Department of Neighborhoods will be enhancing its Citizens Participation, as well as, the annual CDBG application process. As to this particular aspect,...Please keep us in your prayers!!

Respectfully,

 Lourdes Santiago
 Director

 Kathleen Kovacs
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New Ohio Historical Society Grant Program

OHIO HISTORY


The History Fund is a new grant program created to support history-related projects throughout Ohio.

Visit www.ohiohistory.org/historyfund to learn more about the History Fund Grant Program, including the application due date, program guidelines and eligibility requirements. You are also invited to participate in an online Survey of Intent.

The History Fund was created in 2011 and is funded entirely through donations. The Ohio tax return form now includes the ability to donate some or all of a taxpayer's refund to the Ohio Historical Society. The Society is using donated funds to create a competitive matching grant program. Eligible applicants from across the state can apply for a wide range of history-related projects including the rehabilitation of historic buildings, architectural surveys, archaeology projects, archiving projects, educational programs, exhibits and collections management.

Successful Completion of NSP1

Darke County has successfully completed the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 1. The funding was split between Darke, Preble and Mercer Counties. Darke County, in partnership with Community Action Partnership, purchased and rehabbed a transitional housing home. Also in partnership with Darke County Developmental Disabilities, purchased and rehabbed an adult disabilities rental home. Darke County demolished three blighted homes on the same block in Greenville. Darke County also demolished two grain elevators that were a safety hazard – that land was then donated to the Park District.

Preble County, in partnership with Community Action Partnership, purchased and rehabbed a large brick home for a homeless shelter. A handicap entry was added to the front of the home. There are twelve rooms with six bedrooms and three bathrooms. The shelter holds up to eighteen and has remained full since in operation, with a thirty to ninety day stay.

In partnership with the HIT Foundation, two homes were purchased and rehabbed for rental homes – one in Eaton and one in Gratiot. A second home in Gratiot was purchased and demolished and a duplex was built.

Mercer County demolished the old downtown jail in Celina which was built in 1839. The jail structure exhibited blighted conditions which became unsafe to inhabit. With the floor to floor leaks and wet basement, mold was created. The jail no longer met the regulations of the Bureau of Adult Detention. Downtown Celina parking space was created.

Darke County received an additional \$13,750 NAP Grant dollars in which Mercer County will demolish two blighted houses.

In addition to the NSP1 Grant, Darke County has had several CHIP Grants managed by Jayne McNutt after Dick Brooks retirement. The CDBG Programs are managed by Jeff Marshall.

Calendar of Events	
2012	2013
September 30 to October 5, 2012 4th International EcoSummit Ecological Sustainability: Restoring the Planet's Ecosystem Services Registration: to be announced later October 4-5, 2012 –Ohio CDC 28th Annual Conference Cleveland, Ohio Info: Register today! October 23, 2012 – OCCD <i>Required Accessibility in the Ohio Building Code- CEU's for building code enforcers</i> Crowne Plaza North Columbus Registration: Pat Richards 937.652.3523 Training Info: Debra Mayes 937.215.5872 October 24-25, 2012 – OCCD Fall Quarterly Meeting Crowne Plaza North Columbus Registration: Pat Richards 937.652.3523 Training Info: Debra Mayes 937.215.5872 November 7-9, 2012 – OCCD/OCD 2012 Community Development Conference Salt Fork Lodge Registration: Pat Richards 937. 652.3523 Training: OCD 614.466.2285 http://development.ohio.gov/Community/ohcp/WhatsNew.htm Nov. 27-29, 2012 OHFA – OCCH Ohio Housing Conference Greater Columbus Convention Center Info: 614.224.8446	Jan. 22, 2013 – CHIP Application Training OCCD/OCD 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: cohhio.org April 23, 2013 – OCCD Tentative – URA 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



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

OHCP – Office of Community Development, Ohio Department of Development
<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

COHHIO – Coalition on Homelessness & Housing in Ohio <http://www.cohhio.org>

Enterprise Community Partners www.enterprisecommunity.org