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Springfield wins \$300K HUD grant



Left: Barbara Fields, HUD New England Regional Administrator announces that Springfield is one of only 13 cities nationwide to receive a Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant.

Joining her from left: Ray Jordan, HUD; Gordon Pulsifer, First Resource Development Corp.; Gerry McCafferty, Springfield Director of Housing; Ray Warren, Springfield Housing Authority Board of Directors; Steve Carvahlo, MA Dept. of Housing and Community Development Acting Undersecretary; Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno.

The city will use the grant to develop a transformation plan to revitalize the city's South End neighborhood. For more information [Springfield Choice](#).

HUD Staff on the road in Maine

Right: As part of the region's cross-program collaboration, HUD staff recently visited Healey Terrace in Lewiston, Maine. The newly converted Healey Terrace is a historic building once used as an asylum and orphanage. It is located in downtown Lewiston and has been listed on the National Historic Register since 1979.

The project consists of 32 affordable apartments for the elderly.

Funding for the \$8.7 million project included MaineHousing's Low Income Housing Tax Credits, State Historic Credit, Federal Historic Credit, and \$300,000 in HUD HOME funding from the City of Lewiston.

Pictured from left: Jim Dowling, Executive Director Lewiston Housing Authority; HUD staff: Maine Field Office Director Bill Burney, Director Community Planning and Development Robert Shumeyko; Acting Director, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Susan Forward; and Acting Director Public and Indian Housing Robert Cwieka.



Rebuilding Hartford's Asylum Hills Neighborhood

HUD New England Regional Administrator Barbara Fields joined Hartford Mayor Pedro Segarra in conveying the keys to the new owners of 33 Sargeant Street, Tiana and Meschac Hercule. The new home was once a blighted property that was rehabbed with HUD Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funding. Ms. Fields also joined the Mayor in touring some of the city's NSP projects, highlighting the success of Hartford's neighborhood stabilization efforts as well as demonstrating how the American Jobs Act and Project Rebuild can build upon these efforts to revitalize neighborhoods, create jobs, and grow local economies throughout Connecticut.

The Sargeant Street property, located in Hartford's Asylum Hill neighborhood was rehabbed by Northside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance, Inc., in partnership with the City of Hartford's Department of Developmental Services, Housing and Property Management Division. Through NSP funding for this project, NINA employed over a dozen local businesses, these business in turn provided jobs for close to

20 Hartford residents. Rehabilitation work on the home included job training in construction trades for close to 50 Hartford youth through Youth Build Hartford and ServCorps.

"This property tells the story of this neighborhood's hard times and its fight for renewal. With Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding the Asylum Hill neighborhood is now well on its way to a successful revitalization," said Regional Administrator Fields. "But the work isn't done; now Congress must step up and pass the American Jobs Act to help rebuild neighborhoods and create jobs in Connecticut and across the country. Project Rebuild is an important piece toward strengthening the housing market and rebuilding our economy."

"Breathing new life into once-blighted properties and creating homeownership opportunities is a vital step in neighborhood stabilization," said Mayor Segarra. "We are extremely grateful to HUD for its continued support and applaud the work of NINA, which is a steadfast partner in our efforts to move our communities forward through housing and employment."

Recent HUD statistics have shown that communities with neighborhood stabilization investments have seen 67 percent better home sale price changes, 73 percent saw better vacancy rate improvements, and 47 percent saw better home sale and vacancy rate improvements, as compared to similar communities without neighborhood stabilization improvements.

The State of Connecticut has received over \$34.3 million in previous neighborhood stabilization efforts and could receive up to \$50.5 million in Project Rebuild funding.



Above: HUD New England Regional Administrator Barbara Fields is shown with some of the Youth Build members that worked on the Sargeant Street property.



Left: The 33 Sargeant Street Property in Hartford's Asylum Hill neighborhood was built with HUD NSP funding.

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City of Boston conducts Homeless Count



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Left: Mayor Menino recently led the City of Boston's Homeless Point in Time Count. HUD staff volunteered to assist in the count. Included in the picture are: Shawn Aylward, HUD OGC; HUD New England Regional Administrator Barbara Fields; and Jim Greene, City of Boston, Director of Emergency Shelter Services.

"It's remarkable that in the wake of the most serious economic crisis since the Great Depression, we're witnessing an across-the-board drop in homelessness. This tells us that the Obama Administration's homelessness strategy is working and the results spur us to continue working to end homelessness in America once and for all."

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan

Vermont apartments achieve energy efficiency



Left: Affordable housing at 8 Laurel Street in Barre, VT recently achieved LEED Silver Certification.

The property performed very well in the following LEED green building strategies:

Location and Linkages –infill project, previously developed site with outstanding community resources and transit

Energy and Atmosphere – received a HERS rating of 52

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Mayor Menino, HUD celebrate new homes

HOPE VI Washington Beech redevelopment completed



Above: HUD Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Sandra Henriquez and HUD New England Regional Administrator Barbara Fields joined Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, local officials and residents for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the HOPE VI redevelopment process at Washington-Beech.

The project was funded by a \$100 million private/public partnership, utilizing funds from a HOPE VI grant, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, as well private investments.

Completed months earlier than the initial July 2012 projection, Washington-Beech now provides 206 decent, energy-efficient, and affordable units of housing for this jubilant community.

Springfield welcomes new homeowners

Right: 176 Quincy Street is one of several homes in Springfield's Old Hill Neighborhood being revitalized through a joint federal, state and local partnership effort.

Peter Gagliardi (left), HAP Housing; joins Barbara Fields (right) in welcoming Francisco Ramos and Johanna Sepulveda into their new Quincy Street home rehabilitated with HUD Neighborhood Stabilization funds.

