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**RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY AT DANBURY APARTMENTS**

The Beaver Street Apartment community in Danbury recently celebrated the completion of the first phase of a \$750,000 renovation plan. Newly elected U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy and Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton were on site to help mark this milestone.

The Phase I work totaled \$750,000. Renovations to the 70-unit development included replacement of rear courtyard fences; and a number of energy efficient improvements to the building and individual units that will result in energy cost savings.



*Senator Christopher Murphy joins HUD Acting Field Office Director Suzanne Piacentini and other partners as they cut the ribbon on Phase 1.*

**HUD OFFICIALS JOIN VOLUNTEERS FOR ANNUAL POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT**

Acting Connecticut Field Office Director, Suzanne Piacentini and volunteers from HUD's Hartford field office took part in the annual Point in Time Homeless Count.



Cities across America undertake this annual count to help understand just how many people are living in shelters and on our streets

Click [HERE](#) to read more from the Hartford Courant

*Cecelia Pepper-Johnson (HUD Homeless Representative) & Jose Vega - Homeless Coordinator at McKinney Shelter in Hartford*

## MAINE

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### HUD FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR JOINS PORTLAND MAYOR FOR ANNUAL POINT IN TIME HOMELESS COUNT

Maine Field Office Director, Bill Burney joined Portland Mayor Michael Brennan on Wednesday, January 30th for the Portland homeless survey.

Below are the links to the various media coverage the event received:

[WMTW-TV](#)

[WLBZ-TV](#)

[Portland Press Herald](#)

[Associated Press](#)

## MASSACHUSETTS

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### FORMER PAPER MILL BECOMES HOUSING FOR FAMILIES

Public officials, lenders, project sponsors and residents gathered recently to celebrate the completion of Water Mill Apartments in Leominster.

The former paper mill (known as the “Whitney Building”) originally constructed in 1893 and closed since 1961, now includes affordable housing, community space, and a play area.

Financing for the \$15 million project included a mix of private, federal and state sources.



### TRANSFORMING SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD

Boston’s Old Colony Public Housing is undergoing a remarkable transfor-



mation thanks to a Federal, State and local partnership that is improving the lives of residents in this development and in surrounding neighborhood. This fall, the Boston Housing Authority broke ground on the second phase of the Old Colony redevelopment project.

View the full blog post and video [HERE](#)

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## CATHEDRAL AND BROMLEY-HEATH DEVELOPMENTS AWARDED LEED CERTIFICATION

The United States Green Building Council recently announced that the renovation projects at the Cathedral and Bromley-Heath developments in Boston have received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum and Gold awards respectively. LEED for Homes is a green home certification program that rewards homes designed and built to be energy and resource efficient and more healthy and durable for the occupants.

*Photovoltaic panels on 33 Monsignor*

*Reynolds Way*

The renovations were started in 2010 as part of a HUD-funded grant

through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

This allowed the Boston Housing Authority the opportunity to renovate 56 apartments across three severely distressed buildings.



*Left: Building basement before*

*Right: Renovated basement with insulated walls at Cathedral*

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

### SNHS RECEIVES 'BRINGING YOU HOME' AWARD

Southern New Hampshire Services was recently presented the 2012 'Bringing You Home' award from New Hampshire Housing for its work on Hallsville Court Senior Housing, a project that added much-needed affordable senior housing and services to the Manchester community. Southern New Hampshire Services was recognized for its collaborative work with community members to preserve the



neighborhood's character. The project design incorporated renewable energy technologies, including solar panels.

## RHODE ISLAND

### CITIZENS BANK GRANT SUPPORTS HUD CHOICE NEIGHBORHOOD



Providence, Rhode Island's Olneyville neighborhood received a \$120,000 grant from the Citizens Bank Foundation to expand its Growing Communities initiative. This is the first investment of this initiative in Rhode Island, and only the second in New England.

*Pictured (left to right): Jeanne Cola, RI LISC; Ned Handy, Citizens Bank; Providence Mayor Angel Taveras*

The Citizens Foundation will partner with the RI Local Initiatives Support Cooperation (LISC) to invest \$60,000 into current neighborhood programs

and to award \$60,000 in grants for projects that contribute to the resiliency of the Olneyville neighborhood by fostering growth.

### HOUSING NETWORK RECEIVES MAJOR FORECLOSURE PREVENTION GRANT

Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Kilmartin recently announced a \$375,000 foreclosure prevention award to the Housing Network of Rhode Island.

The award is part of the \$173 million share that Rhode Island received from the National Mortgage Settlement. HUD's RI Field Office Director, Nancy-Smith Greer was on hand for the announcement.



*Above: Attorney General Peter Kilmartin*

## VERMONT

### HUD OFFICIAL RECOGNIZED FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE

The Brattleboro Housing Authority (BHA) recently awarded the Tom Yahn Housing Leadership Award to Michael McNamara, HUD Vermont Field Office Director and Jennifer Hollar, Deputy Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Economic, Housing and Community Development (DEHCD). Both have been instrumental in bringing HUD, FEMA and state resources to Windham County in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene and to the housing authority in particular.



The Tom Yahn Housing Leadership Award is given each year by either the Windham-Windsor Housing Trust or the Brattleboro Housing Authority. The two agencies created the Award in 2007 to recognize community members who demonstrates a lifelong

commitment to affordable housing and those who live in it.

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

- [HUD Launches groundbreaking Rental Assistance Demonstration - CT and MA included in first round](#)
- [HUD awards \\$26M to convert apartments into assisted living or service-enriched senior housing – Funding received in CT and MA](#)
- [HUD reports slight decline in homelessness in 2012](#)
- [Latest issue of Federal Home Loan Bank's Results magazine – Interview with HUD New England Regional Administrator Fields](#)
- [Neighborhood's blight gives way to promise](#)

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### FIRST-EVER SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE A HUGE SUCCESS IN REGION 1



From left to right: Barbara Fields, HUD New England Regional Administrator talks with City of Fitchburg Mayor Lisa Wong and Marc Dreisen, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Executive Director, during the first sustainability regional conference sponsored by the New England Federal partnership and the Funders Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities. The two-day conference was attended by more than 60 Sustainable Communities and Choice grantees from across New England. Mayor Wong delivered the keynote

address on the first day speaking to grantees about social equity and the importance of building communities from the bottom up. The conference was designed to assist grantees in sharing sustainable community strategies and tools.