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Neighborhood Preservation Coalition
of New York State, Inc.

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Coalition Seeks Board Nominations

The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State, Inc., is actively soliciting members to join the Board of Directors.

The board consists of representatives of NPCs and CHDOs throughout the state. Nominations will be presented and an election will be held during the membership meeting portion of the Coalition's Annual Af-

fordable Housing Conference and Membership Meeting October 18-19-20, 2009 at The Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany, NY. A brief biographical sketch of each board candidate will be presented at the conference.

The board meets bi-monthly in Albany and is responsible for the oversight of the corporation and determines Coalition policy. Most importantly, the board reviews state housing policies and programs and actively works with DHCR staff to provide feedback and input to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the state's housing programs.

There are position openings in all ten (10) of the Coalition's regions. Anyone interested in receiving more information about the board openings should contact Coalition Executive Director Joe Agostine, Jr. at (518) 432-6757.



HTFC Stops Accepting Funding Applications

The NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) recently announced that as of June 1, 2009, they will no longer accept applications for funding under the Small Projects Program or the Homes for Working Families Program.

The HTFC is taking this action in order to prevent applicants from expending time and resources preparing applications for these two programs which are currently oversubscribed. It is anticipated, subject to confirmation in a future Notice of Funding Availability, that the HTFC will resume accepting such funding applications in January of 2010.

It was noted that applications received prior to June 1, 2009, will continue to be reviewed by HTFC for a funding determination.

Organizations with questions regarding this action should contact their local Regional Office.

Beasley Elected President; NYC Slots Still Open

Gary Beasley, executive director of Neighbors of Watertown and long-time member of the Coalition's board of directors, was elected president of the board to replace Karen Mallam of Newburgh who resigned following her retirement. Beasley, who previously served as president for a 2-year term, currently held the position of vice president.

In addition, *John Denelsbeck* of GroWest, Inc., was elected vice president to replace Beasley.

The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition continues to seek a representative from Manhattan to serve on the board of directors.

The board meets bi-monthly and is charged with establishing policy, legislative advocacy, and fundraising to support the Coalition's varied technical assistance activities.

For any needed additional information, or to express your interest in serving, contact Joe Agostine, Jr. at (518) 432-6757.

**2009 Annual Conference & Membership Meeting
October 18-19-20, 2009**

The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center

Watch This Space For Details!

\$48 Million in DHCR Unified Funding Awards Announced

More than \$48 million was awarded in federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits and subsidies to help construct or rehabilitate 2,165 affordable housing units for working families, senior citizens, and people with disabilities statewide. The awards are expected to attract approximately \$285 million in private equity investment.

Applicant	County	Program	Award	Units
Albany Housing Authority	Albany	LIHC	\$946,000	43
Watervliet HDFC, Inc.	Albany	LIHC	\$1,315,852	80
Atlantic Development Group, LLC	Bronx	LIHC	\$1,320,000	60
Dunn Development Corp.	Bronx	SLIHC	\$750,000	65
East Burnside Associates LLC	Bronx	LIHC	\$1,430,000	76
New Destiny Housing Corporation	Bronx	SLIHC	\$1,408,000	41
Kirkwood II Housing Group, LP	Broome	LIHC	\$750,000	32
Evergreen Partners LLC	Columbia	LIHC	\$902,000	168
Pomeroy School Apartments, LP	Cortland	LIHC	\$536,990	33
Livingston Arms, LLC	Dutchess	HTF	\$1,822,229	34
The Kearney Realty & Development Group Inc.	Dutchess	LIHC	\$365,701	74
Community Action Organization of Erie County, Inc.	Dutchess	SLIHC	\$1,331,529	60
Delta Development of Western New York, Inc.	Erie	LIHC	\$267,525	35
Concern For Independent Living, Inc.	Erie	LIHC	\$1,320,000	90
Dewitt Supportive Housing, L.P.	Kings	LIHC	\$673,503	33
Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, Inc.	Kings	LIHC	\$1,572,994	64
UCP Housing Development Fund Corporation, Inc.	Kings	LIHC	\$715,428	73
Eastman Commons Community, Inc	Kings	SLIHC	\$1,408,000	80
Ibero-American Development Corporation	Monroe	HTF	\$740,000	25
Pathstone Development Corporation	Monroe	LIHC	\$2,162,000	20
Urban League of Rochester Economic Development Corp.	Monroe	LIHC	\$1,290,000	21
2081 Madison Avenue, L.P.	Monroe	LIHC	\$550,000	65
Bethel Manor, LLC	Monroe	LIHC	\$440,000	46
Monadnock Construction	Monroe	LIHC	\$202,994	49
Housing Visions Consultants, Inc.	New York	SLIHC	\$300,000	37
Christopher Community, Inc.	New York	LIHC	\$1,430,000	20
Southern Hills Preservation Corp.	New York	LIHC	\$929,374	60
Rural Housing Opportunities Corporation	New York	LIHC	\$1,078,000	30
HANAC, Inc.	Oneida	SLIHC	\$600,000	94
Troy Architectural Program, Inc.	Onondaga	LIHC	\$814,000	20
Rockland Housing Action Coalition, Inc.	Onondaga	LIHC	\$439,805	66
Clifton Park Senior Housing, LLC	Onondaga	LIHC	\$972,308	70
Interlaken Senior Housing, LLC	Orleans	LIHC	\$291,500	28
Better Housing For Tompkins County Inc.	Queens	LIHC	\$1,419,221	24
McGraw Housing Company, Inc	Rensselaer	HTF	\$1,709,098	95
Milton Harvest LLC	Rockland	LIHC	\$1,430,000	47
Warwick Properties, Inc.	Saratoga	LIHC	\$955,833	42
Ashburton Avenue I, LP	Seneca	LIHC	\$585,989	49
Housing Action Council, Inc.	Tompkins	HOME	\$2,242,702	73
Titus Investors LLC	Tompkins	RARP	\$200,000	43
	Tompkins	HTF	\$2,400,000	
	Ulster	LIHC	\$654,351	
	Ulster	SLIHC	\$87,119	
	Westchester	LIHC	\$644,743	
	Westchester	LIHC	\$1,078,000	
	Westchester	LIHC	\$1,427,857	
	Westchester	LIHC	\$899,676	

Public Comment Period Begins

The NYS Housing Finance Agency (HFA) has begun a 10-day public comment period to provide an opportunity for public participation in the development of a proposed Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) for New York State.

NSP2 provides grants to states, certain local communities and non-profits to purchase foreclosed or abandoned homes or other vacant properties and to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these properties in order to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes.

The public comment period will close on the end of business on Wednesday, July 8, 2009. The proposed NYS NSP2 Program may be viewed on and downloaded from the NYS HFA website at www.nyhomes.org.

Comments should be mailed to: NYS HFA, Attn: Jason Pearson, 641 Lexington Ave., NY, NY 10022 or emailed to NSP@nyhomes.org.

Free Service Available to Find/List Affordable and Accessible Housing

The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) recently announced a free on-line housing listing and locator service for affordable, special needs, and accessible housing throughout New York State. The new service will assist renters, property providers, housing professionals and social service providers with accessing real-time rental housing information throughout New York State.

DHCR created *NYHousingSearch.gov* in collaboration with the New York State Department of Health (DOH) and the New York Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD). Socialserve.com, a national not-for-profit provider of housing locator services, maintains the site and staffs a toll-free bilingual call center to assist individuals and agencies with listings and finding rental housing.

NYHousingSearch.gov offers property owners and managers a

place to advertise their properties at no cost. Residents looking for a place to live may access the site for free to search up-to-date vacancies and property contact information.

NYHousingSearch.gov is available online 24-hours a day or via our toll-free, bilingual call center at 1-877-428-8844 M-F from 9am-8pm.

Governor Paterson said, "At a time when a record number of New Yorkers are struggling with unemployment and our declining economy, the State must find new and affordable ways to provide additional resources to those most at risk. Working families and people with disabilities must have access to quality, affordable housing. By developing tools that connect people to available housing, we can help assure that more New Yorkers have a safe, decent place to live."

Deborah VanAmerongen, Commissioner of DHCR said, "*NYHousingSearch.gov* will be an invaluable tool for people looking for affordable places to live that meet their individual needs. People can search by a multitude of features including rent, number of bedrooms, location, amenities and accessibility features. This site puts all the information in one place and helps take the guesswork out of the search for an affordable place to live."

LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010

**Meeting At 11 A.M.
Hearing Room A
L.O.B., Albany, NY**

Save the date! Come to Albany to support the Coalition's Legislative Agenda!!

A Gentle Reminder . . .

The Coalition's 2009 Annual Membership Drive Has Begun!

Please pay your dues ASAP . . . Your financial support helps to keep our Legislative Advocacy on target, strong and united!

Thank You!

The Luis Arce Success Award

Call for Nominations

The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State, Inc., calls for nominations for the *Luis Arce Success Award*. This award is given in memory of Luis Arce who passed away on June 23, 1994. Luis exemplified the best in all of us. He unselfishly gave to his family, his community, and all human kind. Luis was a strong community advocate and dedicated his work life to neighborhood revitalization efforts and providing safe, decent and accessible housing for persons with special needs such as developmental disabilities and persons with AIDS.

Luis touched many lives through his work. He was Director of the Manhattan Valley Management Company from 1984 to 1992 and also served as a member of the Board of Manhattan Valley Development Corporation. Through his many years of volunteer work at Sinergia, a non-profit human service and housing organization, Luis championed the integration of persons with disabilities and their families into mainstream housing in the community. Luis also worked at Community Service Society and Solidaridad Humana (Human Solidarity) - an alternative educational institute on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Luis was a founding board member and remained active in the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State.

While Luis's life was cut short, his courage and commitment made a difference in his community, in New York State and in the lives of all who knew him.

Success

“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.”

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

The *Luis Arce Success Award* is presented to an individual who is committed to improving their neighborhood and the lives of others. In addition, candidates for the *Luis Arce Success Award* must:

- Be affiliated with a member organization of the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition;
- Not be a member of the Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition;
- Have worked on a community level in the community development field.

Candidates may be nominated by an organization or an individual (other than themselves) by filling out and completing the application form on Page 5.

Luis Arce Success Award Application

Name of Candidate: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Nominated By: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

In the space below, describe how the candidate is committed to improving their neighborhood and the lives of others:

Candidates' years of service to his/her community: _____

Candidates' areas of expertise: _____

Completed applications should be mailed to:

Luis Arce Success Award
Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of NYS
40 Colvin Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

For more information call the Coalition at (518) 432-6757

The Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Preservation Coalition will review nominations and select the awardee. An award presentation will be made at the Coalition's annual conference at The Desmond Hotel & Conference Center, Albany, NY, October 18-19-20.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

OUR MISSION

The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition will unify, educate, empower, and strengthen community organizations in their provision of affordable housing and community revitalization activities.

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• Gary Beasley, *Acting President*

- Joseph G. Barden
- Delaine Cook-Greene
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OF THE
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*Celebrating Our
20th Anniversary!*

Coalition Joins SEFA Campaign

The Neighborhood Preservation Coalition is a part of the State Employees Federal Appeal (SEFA), allowing people to donate funds to the Coalition through work-place giving. The Coalition requests that members and friends with connections to state employees encourage those workers to designate the Coalition for their planned work-place giving.