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### Neighborhood Stabilization Program in Gloucester County has First Home Buyer

Gloucester County recently welcomed its first home buyer through their Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Triad Associates has been assisting the County with this program, which is designed to purchase foreclosed or abandoned properties and rehab them for income-eligible buyers. Last May the NJ Department of Community Affairs awarded the County \$2.5 million to incorporate NSP into several municipalities within Gloucester County.



"The program helps keep neighborhoods free from blight", said Lisa Morina, head of the county's department of economic development. Ms. Morina further added, "We're hoping that by having more home ownership in the area, we can stabilize the area and make it more family-friendly."

April 22, 2010 commemorates the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. In 1969 Senator Gaylord Nelson from Wisconsin proposed that date to be a day for Americans to speak out about the environmental crises they faced. On April 22, 1970, over 20 million people participated and now more than 500 million people worldwide celebrate Earth Day. This Earth Day, EPA is reaching out to people of every age, race, and economic status to commit to environmental protection as one of your top priorities. For more information on how you can "Take Action", visit EPA's [website](#).

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## HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program

On June 16, 2009, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) aligned to form the Partnership for Sustainable Communities. Guided by six (6) specific livability principles, this unparalleled partnership agreement directs these agencies to prioritize housing, transportation, and infrastructure investments that advance regionalized efforts to protect the environment, promote equitable development and

The new owner, Keith Williams, was previously renting at a boarding house in the City of Camden. After saving for four years and through the assistance of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, Mr. Williams was able to become a homeowner. "I would not have been able to buy a house in that neighborhood without this program", said Williams.

## Respond Grand Opening

Respond, Inc., a non-profit organization located in Camden, celebrated the Grand Official Opening of its Automotive Technology Department with representatives from the US Economic Development Administration and Triad Associates. With the help of Triad, Respond received a grant from USEDA for \$1.2 million for its New Worker Training Center in North Camden.



The Automotive Technology Department is a state-of-the-art facility with four teaching bays, two classrooms, and a student study lounge. The inaugural class has an enrollment of 20 adult students and a waiting list for a second class to start in September of this year.

The Training Center also provides instruction in the Culinary Arts for a variety of populations, including young men from the New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission. A Culinary Arts class for men from the Camden County Correctional Facility recently held its first graduation exercise, with students from that class currently interviewing for jobs. Further, the Center provides an after-school "Cooking With Teens" class, an adult education/GED class, and a six-classroom early care and education child care center.

To learn more about Respond and how they are working with the citizens of North Camden visit their [website](#).

## Assistance to Firefighters Grants Update

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Office has stated that the FY 2010 application period will open shortly. They also stated that FY 2009 turndown notices are currently being processed and are forthcoming. If you submitted an AFG application in 2009 that did not get funded, you will have time after you receive the notice to strengthen and resubmit your application. Any community that is interested in submitting an application for FY 2010 should start their planning process now. If you need assistance or would like more information regarding AFG please contact Tammy Wetzel at 856-690-9590.

address the challenges of climate change.

This Partnership also encouraged the Sustainable Communities Initiative, which was funded by the FY2010 HUD appropriations bill. The appropriations bill provided \$150,000,000 via the Community Development Fund to create the Sustainable Communities Planning Program. This program seeks to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing, environmental and transportation decisions.

*To read the rest of this article go to the [NJ League of Municipalities website](#).*

## Funding Opportunities

### Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has grant funds available for eligible entities to facilitate community involvement in area-wide planning approaches to brownfields assessment, cleanup, and subsequent reuse. Area-wide planning grant funding and technical assistance will be directed to brownfields-impacted areas, such as a neighborhood, district, city block or corridor. The program will focus on predominantly underserved and economically disadvantaged communities.

The resulting area-wide plan will:

- facilitate the assessment and cleanup of individual brownfields properties
- connect assessment, cleanup, and decisions for subsequent reuse of these parcels to neighborhood and city-wide contexts
- promote area-wide revitalization.

Proposals are due by June 1st. Applicants can apply for up to \$175,000 and the total estimated EPA assistance is \$3.5 million.

For more information go to the EPA's web site [here](#).

### Intellectual Property Enforcement Program

The Intellectual Property Enforcement Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), is designed to provide national support and improve the capacity of state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems to address criminal intellectual property enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance. Research has shown that intellectual property crimes are closely related to and support other crimes, including violent crime. A report by the Rand Corporation found that "Counterfeiting is widely used to generate cash for diverse criminal organizations. In the case of DVD film piracy, criminal groups are moving to control the entire supply chain, from manufacture to distribution to street sales, consolidating power over this lucrative black market and building substantial wealth and influence in virtually every region of the globe. Counterfeiting is a threat not only to the global information economy, but also to public safety and national security.

The specific focus of this program is criminal investigation, prosecution, prevention, and education as it relates to intellectual property enforcement. Specifically, this program will fund efforts to:

- Assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in enforcing criminal intellectual property laws, including the reimbursement of expenses incurred in performing criminal enforcement operations, such as overtime payments and

storage fees for seized evidence.

- Assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in educating the public to prevent, deter, and identify criminal violations of intellectual property laws.
- Establish task forces to include state, local law, or tribal enforcement entities, or both, exclusively to conduct investigations and forensic analyses of evidence and prosecutions in matters involving criminal intellectual property laws.
- Assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers and prosecutors in acquiring computer and other equipment to conduct investigations and forensic analyses of evidence in matters involving criminal intellectual property laws.

Multiple grants of up to \$200,000 are anticipated through this program and a total of \$2 million is available. The deadline is May 18, 2010.

More information can be found [here](#).

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## **2010 Annual Planning Conference Call for Sessions**

Please take note that the American Planning Association - New Jersey (APA-NJ) Chapter has announced its Call For Sessions for the 2010 Annual APA-NJ Planning Conference. All session proposals are due by Friday, May 28, 2010.

All session proposals must include:

1. Session Title
2. Brief Description of the Session
3. Intended Day (Workshop or Session)
4. List of Proposed Speakers and Moderators
5. Session Moderator Biographical Paragraph (150 words)
5. Session Moderator/Coordinator Contact Information

All session proposals must be submitted online at [www.njapa.org/session\\_form.html](http://www.njapa.org/session_form.html).

Not adhering to the specified requirements will lead to rejected proposals.

### *Types of Sessions:*

APA-NJ will be offering sessions on both days (Thursday and Friday) of the conference. The format will be different for each of the days. When submitting your session proposal, please specify if you are submitting your session for Thursday or Friday, as provided below.

### *Thursday, November 4th:*

On Thursday we will have a very limited number of three-hour sessions in the afternoon. These sessions should be hands-on

workshop sessions, including workshops, design charrettes, hands-on training (such as GIS classes or drawing classes), and very local (in the \*immediate\* New Brunswick area) walking tours.

*Friday, November 5th:*

The Friday sessions will be 90 minutes long and there will be three time slots throughout the day (two before lunch, and one after lunch). There are no limitations as to type or topic.

The 2010 Annual Planning Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel New Brunswick, New Jersey on November 4th and 5th, 2010.

All Questions and Concerns can be directed to Lorissa Whitaker, AICP/PP at 856.690.9590 or via email at [APANJ2010@gmail.com](mailto:APANJ2010@gmail.com).