March 2018 - HUDLines, HUD’s Region III e-News Brief provides you with a snapshot of what’s new in the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development’s Mid-Atlantic region. You’ll find monthly updates on HUD activities in Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. So, read on to find the latest stories, research and announcements on housing and community development initiatives throughout the region.

Featured Story

NEW! HUDLines e-News Brief & Me!

In case we have not met, I’d like to take this opportunity to introduce myself—I’m Joe DeFelice, HUD’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator (I’m on the right). And to those who I have the pleasure of meeting, thank you for the warm welcome! As I have made my way around the region these past nine months, I have heard time and time again how much you appreciate your partnership with our agency—and that you enjoy receiving timely news about HUD, including grant and other opportunities. I have also heard that you have missed receiving our newsletter—so I am pleased to say we’re back! I look forward to sharing good news about the good work we are doing together!

In Delaware:

Living Lead Free in Lincoln

The grandson of Lincoln resident Anita Bermundez used to call her home the bug house. Today, it is bug free, lead free, safer and more energy efficient. First State Community Action Agency used HUD’s Lead-Based Hazard Control grant program to identify and remediate lead-based paint hazards in Bermundez’s home. First State’s Bernice Edwards says the monies funded the replacement of Bermundez’s windows in her kitchen and in her laundry room. The removal of the lead-based paint eliminates the associated health dangers. Lead is a highly toxic metal that the body can absorb and can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs, like the kidneys, nerves and blood, especially in young children.

Local Research:

HUD PD&R Regional Reports Region 3: Mid-Atlantic

By Joseph Shinn | 4th quarter 2017

Economic conditions in the Mid-Atlantic region strengthened during the fourth quarter of 2017, continuing a trend that began in the second quarter of 2010. Job increases in the region accelerated during the fourth quarter of 2017 relative to gains during the same period a year earlier, led by the payroll growth rate doubling in Maryland. The unemployment rate decreased in the region and in four states.

HUD PD&R Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis for Salisbury, Maryland-Delaware

By Matthew Tieff | October 2017

The Salisbury Housing Market Area (HMA), coterminous with the Salisbury, MD-DE Metropolitan Statistical Area, is in southern

In Maryland:

RAD in Baltimore: A Story of Change & Dignity

HUD’s Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) is designed to preserve and improve affordable housing so that residents can live in stable, healthy and safe environments. While sometimes our work seems focused on making sure properties are improved, a new series highlights the quality-of-life impact of RAD on residents. After all, the success of RAD isn’t measured in dollars but in people. The first of these photo essays is about the newly-renovated Lakeview Tower in Baltimore, Maryland. Through pictures and the residents’ own words, you’ll learn how RAD has had a positive impact on their community and their homes.

Join me on my Journey

As I have traveled throughout Region III over the last nine months, one theme resonates—HUD needs to understand the issues that local communities face. Every locality is different, and understanding individual communities’ challenges and dealing with them on a more personal basis, will make it easier for both our partners and HUD to thrive. So, my main priority—since all services are delivered in the field—is to visit at least 50 percent of the Mid-Atlantic’s counties by the end of my first term. While this may seem an aggressive undertaking, I believe that it is extremely important for me, as your Regional Administrator, to be present and visible outside of housing conferences and our offices. HUD does great work supporting our community partners, and it is up to me to champion that work. I hope you will follow me on my journey @JoeDeFeliceHUD.
Maryland and Delaware and is part of the region known as the Delmarva Peninsula that also includes the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The HMA includes the counties of Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester in Maryland and Sussex in Delaware. The HMA is a popular tourist and retirement destination due to its beaches and golf courses and its proximity to the Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas.

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