Working to expand housing opportunities by increasing the supply of affordable, quality rental housing in Maryland through advocacy, education and collaboration.

DHCD Announces 2018 Rental Housing Awards

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development announced the results of the most recent application round for federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and state Rental Housing Funds last week. Twenty-one projects will receive awards for the new construction and rehabilitation of approximately 1,147 affordable rental units, including 167 units to be specifically set aside for individuals with disabilities. The

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Brown Bag Lunch
16 October 2018, 12 - 2 PM
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projects awarded will receive $18,640,000 in state Rental Housing Funds and $30,217,029 of 9% LIHTC, and $1,000,000 in Partnership Rental Housing Program (PRHP) funds. Allocations focused on enhancing the Baltimore region’s total affordable housing stock.

Congratulations to all our MAHC Members who received awards in the round! For a full list of awardees, click here.

Brown Bag Lunch Series is Back!

On September 6, 2018, from 12 to 2 p.m., MAHC held the first brown bag lunch of the fall in Ellicott City to discuss how legislative advocacy makes a difference in the affordable housing industry and how best to reach legislators. Panelists included State Delegate Steve Lafferty, former State Delegate Justin Ross, and Anne Arundel County Councilman Jerry Walker (pictured below) who all discussed ways advocates and constituents could be most effective when approaching an elected official to support an affordable housing project. They also shared personal stories on how advocates have garnered their support for an issue, and how they have to do their homework before voting on issues and rely on advocates to supply them with facts and information to help them reach an informed decision. The best takeaway from the session is to meet with your legislator early in the development process, provide them with as much information about your project as possible, and stay in touch with them and keep them informed so that when they receive calls from constituents they can then share clear and factual information.

SAVE THE DATE!
MAHC Annual Meeting
5 November 2018, 8 AM - 12 PM
Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel
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Join us next month at Ballard Spahr’s Baltimore office on October 16, 2018, from 12 to 2 p.m. for an introduction to the concepts and programs commonly used to develop affordable housing. Firm Associates Courtney Hunter and Amber Mohr will present their "Affordable Housing 101" program for MAHC Members and provide an overview of the common definitions and acronyms, key players, financing tools and key HUD programs used to create affordable housing. This session is perfect for new developers or non-developers who want a better understanding of affordable housing finance.

More information and registration available here.

MEMBER NEWS

Baltimore Receives $30 Million Federal Grant to Redevelop Perkins Homes

Baltimore City was recently awarded a $30 million federal grant through HUD’s Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, which seeks to support struggling neighborhoods with public housing by working with local leaders to create comprehensive approaches to revitalization. Baltimore will use the grant money to support the city’s PSO Transformation Plan, which will revitalize the 75-year-old Perkins Homes in East Baltimore.

The grant is one of five being awarded to cities across the country. Congratulations to Baltimore on the award of this very competitive grant money!

Read the full Baltimore Sun article here.

Towns at Woodfield Grand Opening

Congratulations to MAHC members Osprey Property Company and J. Kirby Development on the grand opening of their newest property, Towns at Woodfield in Baltimore, MD!

THE LATEST ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Baltimore Agrees to Historic Funding of Affordable Housing

Baltimore City officials have agreed to fund the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which commits $20 million a year to create, rehabilitate and preserve more than 4,100
affordable housing units in the next decade. The Fund will fill a critical need in the city to provide housing for low-income residents struggling to find decent homes or apartments to rent or buy.

Read Jean Marbella’s full article in the Baltimore Sun here.

**Public Housing Preservation Efforts in Annapolis**

Annapolis-based Homes for America's co-founder and chairman Trudy McFall recently shared her thoughts on Annapolis’s redevelopment efforts in an op-ed published in the Capital Gazette. Read the full article here.

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**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**Now Open: Nominations for 2019 Maryland Sustainable Growth Awards**

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Maryland Sustainable Growth Awards, presented by the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission. The award celebrates significant achievement by individuals, businesses, organizations and local governments to support the 12 planning visions adopted by the Maryland General Assembly.

Nominations are due on September 21, 2018. Application available here.

**Richard Rothstein Speaks at University of Baltimore**


Rothstein’s talk will be followed by a panel discussion with:

- Tony Fugett, NAACP Baltimore County Branch
- Carolyn Johnson, Homeless Person's Representation Project
- Danise Jones-Dorsey, North East Housing Initiative and Baltimore Housing Roundtable
- Antero Pietila, author of “Not In My Neighborhood, How Bigotry Shaped a Great American City”
Destiny Watford, South Baltimore Community Land Trust and Baltimore Housing Roundtable

The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required because seating is limited. Register here.

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**WHAT’S GOING ON AT MARYLAND DHCD**

In late August, DHCD announced Strategic Demolition Fund awards for FY19. $3,285,000 will be awarded to 13 projects in nine Maryland counties. More information on the awards is available here.

DHCD also recently awarded more than $9.1 million in grants through DHCD’s new Homelessness Solutions Program. The newly streamlined state program will provide services to 15,000 Marylanders experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

In late July, DHCD co-hosted the Maryland Opportunity Zone Conference in College Park with the Department of Commerce. More than 500 people attended to learn about opportunity zones, which is a new program that will provide federal tax incentives for investment in economically distressed and underserved communities. Read more here.

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**PROJECT SPOTLIGHT**

**Bowman Place & Homes at Monument, Annapolis, MD**

Homes for America (HFA) recently completed extensive renovations to the Bowman Place and Homes at Monument, formerly known as Timothy House and Gardens. The property was the last of the remaining deteriorating privately-owned Section 8 housing complexes in Annapolis. Bowman Place has 60 one-bedroom units that primarily serve seniors and disabled persons, while Homes at Monument offers 21 three-bedroom family townhouses. All residents in both communities receive rental assistance.

Bowman Place was renamed to honor the late Reverend LeRoy Bowman, a longtime Annapolis civil rights leader who was the pastor of the adjacent First Baptist Church for 60 years.
Bowman Place and Homes at Monument is managed by Humphrey Management; construction was completed by Whiting Turner Contracting and RPH Architecture provided architectural services to the development.

More information available [here](#).