

**REPORT OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Progress Report of the Department
of Housing and Community
Development on Efforts to Attain
Agency Goals and Objectives
during FY 2005**

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Item 109 F. of the 2005 Appropriations Act included a requirement for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to report to the General Assembly on its efforts to achieve certain goals and objectives originally set out in Items 109 A. through E. of the 2004 Appropriations Act. These goals and objectives addressed five specific program areas:

1. Targeting job creation and retention within economically distressed areas of the Commonwealth while stimulating new private investment,
2. Improving critical infrastructure by increasing access by households to safe drinking water and approved wastewater disposal systems,
3. Increasing building and fire safety through annual building inspections and the attainment of higher rates of compliance with the Statewide Fire Prevention Code,
4. Increasing availability of decent, safe, and affordable housing for lower income individuals and households, and
5. Reducing the number of families and households experiencing homelessness and increasing the number of formerly homeless attaining permanent housing.

The 2004 Act established one or more specific, quantifiable goals within each program area. This special progress report compares the efforts and achievements reported by DHCD during the first year of the biennium with the ten goals included in the budget. The table found in the next section includes a description of the numeric goal and the results for the comparable category.

| Strategic Area | Specific Goal | FY 2005 Results |
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| Targeted Economic Development | Create or retain 4,500 jobs annually | 4,760 jobs created or retained |
| | Stimulate \$110 million in private investment annually | \$137,735,851 in private investment |
| Improved Infrastructure | Providing new water/wastewater services to 1,500 households annually | Safe Drinking Water 1,974 units Wastewater systems <u>210</u> units Total 2,184 units |
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| Increased Building and Fire Safety | Inspect 4,000 buildings annually | 3,364 buildings inspected |
| | Bring 95 percent of the buildings into compliance with the Statewide Fire Prevention code | 99.6 percent of buildings brought into compliance |
| Increased Availability of Housing to Individuals at or Below 60 Percent of Area Median Income | Produce 100 units of new affordable rental housing | 392 units |
| | Improve 2,950 substandard housing units | 3,569,units |
| | Provide homeownership opportunities for 400 households annually | 331 households |
| Reduced Levels of Homelessness | Prevent 2,400 households from becoming homeless annually | 1,827 households |
| | Move 5,000 homeless individuals and families into permanent housing annually | 5,340 individuals and families |

The Department met or exceeded-sometimes by a substantial degree--the target established in seven of the ten specific goal areas. In two cases, building inspections and new homeownership opportunities, the Department exceeded 80 percent of the target. In the third, relating to homelessness prevention, DHCD exceeded 75 percent of the goal.