

NPU INSIDER

Neighborhood Programs Unit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM “DISTRICTS” TO “NEIGHBORHOODS”:

NPU will no longer be referring to NPP areas as “districts”. We’re returning to the former practice of calling them “NPP Neighborhoods”.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS UNIT HAS GROWN!

NPU was fortunate to bring on new staff this summer, including 3 bright, young college interns who have stayed on part-time. This newsletter and our map of NPP Neighborhoods are summer intern projects.

From left to right: Brad Harrington, Chris Hibbs, April Shadell, Arham Barbhuiya, Shyniece McDonald, Edwin Sanders, Susan Catlett, Diamond Glosson, Charlie Baker, Xander Petroski, Sandy Sleiman, Suvi Shah and Shahadat Hossain.



NPU In Your Neighborhood

History is Made in East Camden

On July 16th, 2024, in the sweltering summer heat, Susan, Diamond, and Shyniece attended the “History Mural” ribbon cutting ceremony in East Camden. The mural site, the Bush Refrigeration building located at 1900 Admiral Wilson Blvd. now reflects Camden’s rich history and resilient spirit through a collage of historical figures and places created by the We Live Here Artists Collective. NJDCA Assistant Commissioner Janel Winter, Camden Mayor Victor G. Carstarphen and other dignitaries were on hand to offer remarks about the work of art that not only beautifies Admiral Wilson Blvd. but instills pride in the residents of this Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit (NRTC) program neighborhood.

This NRTC project was sponsored by Saint Joseph’s Carpenter Society in partnership with Camden Community Partnership, and Al Bush, the building owner.



Revitalization Effort Creates Groundbreaking Joy in New Brunswick



In the heart of New Brunswick, the Esperanza neighborhood shines as a beacon of hope for many Latino families dreaming of a brighter future. On June 12, 2024, this sense of hope was celebrated with a groundbreaking ceremony at 54 Drift St. The event, hosted by Charles Bergman of New Brunswick Tomorrow, brought together community leaders, residents and other stakeholders. New Brunswick Tomorrow President Jaymie Santiago, representatives from investment partners, and the residents of Esperanza gathered to mark the beginning of a project that promises a brighter tomorrow in New Brunswick.

Susan and Shahadat attended the ceremony graced by NBT Housing Manager Diana Diaz Tapia, New Brunswick Mayor James M. Cahill and others who highlighted the community’s collective effort to bring affordable housing to life. Funded by the Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program and the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the project will see the creation of three housing units: a single-family house at 54 Drift St. and a two-family unit at 270 Powers St. These homes, part of Esperanza Homes Phase 1, are set to offer affordable homeownership opportunities and open the door to generational wealth to three families. The project name hints there may be future celebrations that NPU looks forward to attending in Esperanza.

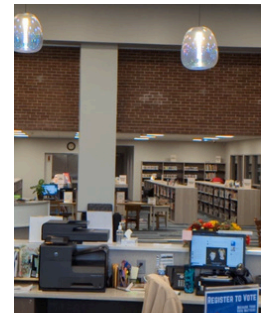


NPU Gives Millville a “Lift”

The Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) provided funds for the installation of an elevator in the Millville Public Library. The elevator is part of a renovation project that created a bright, open, beautiful new space for the youngest readers in Millville.

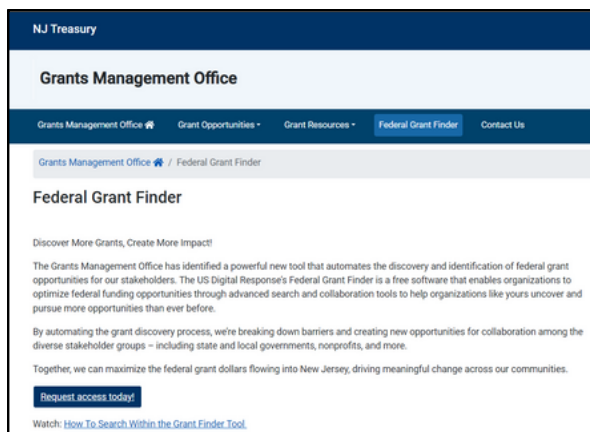
The renovation was unveiled in conjunction with the Millville Public Library’s 160th anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 28th. Brad and Susan were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, along with Senator Michael Testa, Jr., Benjamin Romanik, mayor of the City of Millville, Holly City Development Corporation’s Executive Director, Heather Santoro, NPP Coordinator Kyle Ruffin and many others.

It was as especially lovely early autumn afternoon; a robust crowd gathered around the entrance as the ribbon was cut with scissors fit for giants. The ribbon-cutting was followed by a choral performance of patriotic standards by the Millville Women’s Club Chorus and heart-felt remarks about this renovation project that was years in the making. The Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit Program also administered by NPU, funded part of the renovation project.



Resource Round Up

Federal Grant Finder



Click [HERE](#) to access Federal Grant Finder website

Jacahri Smith, Senior Program Specialist with the NJ Department of the Treasury’s Grants Management Office presented a new tool that automates the discovery and identification of federal grant opportunities at the NPP Coordinators Quarterly Meeting on October 23rd, 2024. Formerly a member of the NPU team, Jacahri recently moved on to the Department of the Treasury to work with this powerful new tool. NPP Coordinators learned how to access and use the system designed to help navigate the sea of available federal grant opportunities and were encouraged to share this information with their others in their municipalities.

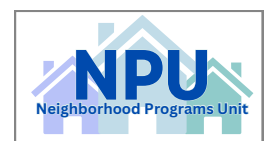
NPP Webpage Updates

The NPP web page on the NJDCA website is being updated to include grant management resources such as reference guides and standardized forms. Our latest updates: Grantee Events Guide video is posted under Grantee Events and About Advances, requesting changes to the grant agreement and the Neighborhood Boundary Change Request Form are posted under Grantee Resources. To access the NPP website, you can click [HERE](#) and follow the link attached.

Submissions to NPU Insider

The NPU Insider Submission form is on the NPP web page, under the NPU Insider accordion. Use it for:

- Events, Meetings, Announcements
- Resources to share or request
- Neighborhood stories
- Feedback about NPU Insider



NPP Neighborhoods

