

Regional Update

A Monthly Report of Activities on the Eastern Shore of Virginia

March/April 2009

ESVHA On Track to Provide Eleven Families with Indoor Plumbing This Year

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Housing Alliance (ESVHA), formerly Accomack-Northampton Housing and Redevelopment Corporation, is on track to provide eleven Eastern Shore families with indoor plumbing. Using the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Indoor Plumbing Rehabilitation program, persons who own their property and who have no or limited indoor plumbing are able to receive a new or rehabilitated home with indoor plumbing. The ESVHA records a deed of trust on the property but the mortgage payment is determined by the owner's ability to pay and a certain portion can be forgiven once certain conditions are met.

Housing Counseling Program Available, Including Foreclosure Intervention

Since the beginning of 2008, fifty-two families have received housing counseling for mortgage delinquency and foreclosure intervention. Almost 70% of these families have been counseled in the last six months. The foreclosure prevention option most often used is the modification of the client's current mortgage. Families may also be assisted by forbearance plans if their situation is temporary. Another less used

option is a repayment plan where arrearages are added to the current payment, making mortgage payments higher for a period of time until the mortgage is brought current. Reverse mortgage inquiries have also been on the increase.

Individual counseling and Financial Literacy classes are available. For more information, contact Patricia Grove at (757)787-2936 x124

Two homes this year are already complete and a third is nearing completion. ESVHA staff have also put another three homes under contract for construction and another is being reviewed by DHCD before it will also be put under contract. Staff anticipate completing an additional four homes this year. For more information, contact John Simpkins at (757)787-2936 x.119

Homeless Point-In-Time Count shows Homelessness Increased over 2008

The annual Homeless Point-In-Time Count was held on January 29, 2009. Homeless person numbers increased in both sheltered and unsheltered categories. The total number of homeless person was 241 and increase of 166 persons over the count last year.

The count is collected on a single day and represents a snapshot of homeless. Numerous Eastern Shore organizations partner to cover the Eastern Shore and get the most accurate picture possible.



New Home with Indoor Plumbing

April Calendar of Events

April 8 - ESV Broadband Authority, 3:00 PM, AC Airport, Melfa
April 9 - ES Continuum of Care, 9:00 a.m. A-NPDC
April 20 - A-NPDC Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. A-NPDC
April 21 -ESV Groundwater Committee 10:30 a.m. A-NPDC
April 24 - Native Plant Sign Ceremony 3:00 p.m., Willis Wharf
April 28 Southern Rivers Meeting, 10:30 a.m, NC Old Courthouse
April 30 - Metompinkin Management Team, 6:00 p.m. A-NPDC



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