2021 Program Report

Families Move Into Glen Brook Way!

Phase I, of this 92-unit development in Medway, completed construction in late 2021 and our first families were able to move in for the holidays. Phase II is expected to begin construction in early summer 2022.

Housing Stabilization Assistance Continues and Expands

Many of the Emergency Rental Assistance programs started by local communities in 2020 continued into 2021. A new program was launched in Westborough and the City of Newton extended its program by adding ARPA funds to the effort. In partnership with WATCH CDC, Metro West CD won a $1.9 million grant from Newton Wellesley Hospital to support low-income households facing housing emergencies.

Hudson RFP Victory

Early in 2021 the Town of Hudson issued a Request for Proposals to redevelop its former police station located on Packard Street. Metro West CD was selected from the competitive pool with a proposal to build 40 units of multi-family rental housing on the site. A comprehensive permit was granted in December 2021 and now the effort to raise all of the money needed begins. Construction start target is Fall 2023.

Newton RFP Victory

Also in 2021 the City of Newton issued a Request for Proposals to redevelop its former Armory located on Washington Street. Metro West CD was selected from the very competitive pool with a proposal to build 43 units of multi-family rental housing on the site. The Armory was offered to the City by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for $1 if they agreed to redevelop the building for affordable housing. After considerable local discussion, the City agreed and began the developer selection process. Next up, the permitting process will get underway in 2022

FHLB Housing Competition Victory

Metro West CD won its third (in a row!) Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston / CHAP Affordable Housing Competition in 2021 with a tremendous submission envisioning the redevelopment of the long empty Lancaster Industrial School for Girls in Lancaster.

Executive Director Transition

2021 marks the 30th Anniversary of Metro West CD. It also marks the departure of long-time Executive Director Jennifer Van Campen who is retiring from community development to pursue a career in health care. The Board is pleased to announce that the new Executive Director is Caitlin Madden who has served as Metro West CD's Deputy Director since June of this year.