

**CEDS Project Proposal – INITIAL PROJECT BRIEF -- 2004**

**Project Sponsors:** Complete and return this form by Friday, May 21, 2004 by MAIL, FAX, or E-MAIL:

**To:** Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, 1 Fenn St., Suite 201, Pittsfield, MA 01201

**Fax: 413-442-1523 Attn.: Peter Falcier; E-MAIL: pfalcier@berkshireplanning.org**

*This INITIAL PROJECT BRIEF is intended to provide an introduction to the project or project idea, and will be followed up by other requests for more detailed information, as necessary. Fill in or check off, as indicated.*

**PROJECT NAME:** Hillside Ave. Affordable Housing

**Community:** Great Barrington

Project Sponsors: CDC of South Berkhsire

Project Sponsor(s) Contact Person: Tim Geller

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Municipality Sponsor (Contact): Burke LaClaire, Great Barrington

Phone:

E-Mail:

Location of Project (Street Address): Hillside Ave., Great Barrington

<b>TYPE OF PROJECT:</b> (Check boxes to specify type in rows below)		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Physical:</b>	Building <input type="checkbox"/>	Site <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public &amp; Private Institutions &amp; Programs:</b>	Workforce <input type="checkbox"/>	Business Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public Sector Policy</b>		

**PROVIDE A BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION OR STATEMENT OF THE PROPOSED CONCEPT:**

this is a proposed new development of 10 rental affordable housing units on town-owned land. Off-site infrastructure improvement is required for the increased housing density: upgrading town water and sewer, drainage and sidewalks, as well as extensive on-site work for sidewalks and parking due to site constraints.

**CURRENT PROJECT STATUS: READINESS TO PROCEED** (check as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ready for Construction</b>	Site Control: check:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Planning Stages</b>	Completed	Underway	Needed	
Feasibility or Planning Studies:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Preliminary engineering plans:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial & Cost estimates:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marketing study:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Permitting:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Organizational/Management Plan:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Partners and project sponsors:	<input type="checkbox"/> Identified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committed		
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Concept or Early planning stages</b>				

**COMMENT ABOUT PROJECT STATUS:**

Briefly summarize what's been done (actions taken; studies completed) and what the next steps are:

- This site was voted in 2002 by the Town of Great Barrington to be used for affordable housing.
- November 2003, the CDC of South Berkshire was appointed Designated Developer for the site
- Preliminary Design and and cost estimating is complete
- Permitting (40-B) will commence in June 2004
- Development funding will be sought in September 2004
- ground breaking is expected to be summer 2005.

**TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST:**

Required local/regional funding match identified:

YES  NO

Funding partners:

Amount: Total Project: \$2 million

Amount: special infrastructure costs:

off-site: \$37,000

road and walkways: \$42,000;

site improvements: \$43,000

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGE EFFECTS:**

Number of full-time (FTE) (non-construction)      Jobs created:

Jobs retained:

Skills or education level required for new jobs created:

Labor Force expected to be drawn primarily from: (list below)

Communities:

Number:

Sub-Regions (North, Central, South)

Number:

Wage levels (range):

**PROJECT BENEFITS:**

Explain how this project will create or retain jobs, improve the economic conditions of the region, or meet a goal of the regional economic strategy.

The project will provide affordable housing for 10 working families in south Berkshire County.

Please briefly describe factors which make this project of regional significance (a regional priority?), and other project benefits not previously discussed.

Great Barrington is the primary economic engine for south Berkshire County: The project will allow workers to remain in the area.

**Will this project meet Massachusetts Sustainable Development Principles?**

(See enclosed/attached sheet from the Office for Commonwealth Development).

**Name/Signature of Applicant: Tim Geller**

**Date: 5/21/04**