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State of Metropolitan Housing Report 2013



Since 2006, CEPM has produced the State of Metropolitan Housing Report for the [Metropolitan Housing Coalition](#). This year's report focused on the state of the rental market and the demographics of renters in the Louisville MSA. Findings include:

--Approximately 36 percent of the Jefferson County population lives in residential rental housing units. This represents a dramatic one-year increase of 5 percent (33 percent in 2011) and the highest rate of persons in rental units since 2000.

--The 2012 homeownership rate for the Louisville MSA was 63 percent, up slightly from 2011, but still 7 percent lower than when MHC began tracking the figure in the 2003 State of Metropolitan Housing Report.

--The living wage in Louisville for an adult with one child is \$17.27; for an adult with two children it is \$21.59. Though these wages are sufficient to afford a two- or three-bedroom rental unit, the typical hourly

rate for 68 percent of all workers is below \$17.27 and only 20 percent of the employed workforce makes more than \$21.59.

Read the full report [here](#).

Is there a study or report that would help your organization better serve your constituents? Contact us to learn more about how **CEPM** can help.

HUD Sustainable Communities Capacity Building Grant

As part of the HUD Sustainable Communities Capacity Building Grant, CEPM has worked with the Environmental Finance Center Network to produce the **Green Infrastructure Resource Packet**.

Beginning in 2014, we will continue under Phase II of this program to lead the EFCN Water Infrastructure Capacity Building Team and will include assistance to grantees in the area of brownfields redevelopment. For more information, visit the **Sustainable Communities Learning Network**.

Black Leaf Chemical Site Public Meeting

A public meeting for residents living near the former Black Leaf Chemical site in Louisville, Kentucky, has been scheduled for Saturday, January 11, from 10 am to 11:30 am. Councilman David James will be joined by Dr. Matthew Cave of the University of Louisville School of Medicine and Lark Reynolds, University of Louisville Research Coordinator. Dr. Lauren Heberle from the Center for Environmental Policy and Management at UofL will serve as the facilitator of this meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the overall results of the medical testing performed on residents who may have been affected by the former Black Leaf Chemical Site. For further information, contact Councilman James at 574-1106.



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EPA Small Water Systems Grant

As a part of the EPA Environmental Finance Center, CEPM has partnered with other EFCs to host workshops for small water systems on a range of topics including leadership, rate-setting, and asset management. The most recent workshops took place in Birmingham, AL, Tampa, FL, Macon, GA, and Jackson, MI. For a listing of

upcoming workshops, visit the [EFC Network webpage](#).

EPA's Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grant

The EPA is accepting proposal submissions for its **Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grant**. This grant is intended to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. These grants include:

Brownfields Assessment Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years; coalitions are funded up to \$600,000 over three years), Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) and Brownfields Cleanup Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years). Follow this [link](#) to learn more or apply. Proposal submissions are due January 22, 2014.

EPA 2014 National Training Conference on the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and Environmental Conditions in Communities

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and Dillard University's Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ) are the co-sponsors of the 2014 National Training Conference on the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and Environmental Conditions in Communities. The Training Conference will be held May 7-9, 2014, in Arlington, Virginia at the Hilton Crystal City.

The Training Conference serves as the main public outreach and training event for US EPA's flagship community right-to-know regulatory program – the Toxics Release Inventory, the goal of which is to provide communities with information about toxic chemical releases and waste management activities. The conference augments existing online training provided throughout the year and fosters the exchange of information between US EPA, localities, states, tribes, federal agencies, industry, community groups, researchers, and non-governmental organizations. We invite you to submit abstracts for oral presentations, posters, and exhibit booths. Abstracts will be accepted through December 13, 2013. Learn more about the conference [here](#).

EPA Environmental Education Grants

The EPA is offering grants to support environmental education projects that increase the public's awareness about environmental issues. The grant is also intended to help the public develop the skills they need to take responsible action to protect the environment. For more

information and to apply, visit the [EPA's website](#).

Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative

The Nature Conservancy has a [new video](#) describing the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative as administered by the [UDSA's Natural Resources Conservation Services](#). Through this new Initiative, NRCS and its partners will help producers in selected watersheds in the Mississippi River Basin voluntarily implement conservation practices that avoid, control, and trap nutrient runoff; improve wildlife habitat; and maintain agricultural productivity.

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The University of Louisville Center for Environmental Policy and Management (CEPM) seeks to provide research and technical

assistance to local, state, and tribal governments, businesses and non-profit organizations regarding sustainable environmental policy and program development and evaluation. The CEPM houses the UofL Environmental Finance Center serving EPA Region 4. The EFC@UofL is a member of the Environmental Finance Center Network (EFCN) which allows us to access environmental experts from across the country from 10 different academic institutions. Feel free to contact us at louisville.edu/cepm or at (502) 852-3869. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#).

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