



City of Elmira FY 2013- 2014 CAPER

A Report on Elmira's Housing and Community Development Accomplishments

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) details the City's accomplishments during the Program Year beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. It compares the actual performance measures with those expected in the Annual Action Plan. The CAPER reports on activities funded through the federal HOME Partnership and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. A total of **\$1,640,055** was expended during the Program Year.

This summary demonstrates some of the City's overall housing, community development, economic development, and public service accomplishments and activities.

\$430,537 in Federal Funds Expended for Low to Moderate Income Housing Activities

Improving the condition of the City's housing stock for low to moderate income individuals and families continue to be a key priority for the City of Elmira. During the Program Year, **43** owner-occupied housing units were rehabbed using **\$318,406** in CDBG and HOME funds. The City continued to utilize a \$600,000 grant received from the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation. CDBG and HOME funds leveraged a total of **\$381,122** in NYS AHC funds during the program year.

10 new First-Time Homebuyers benefited from a total of **\$100,000** in down payment and closing cost assistance and pre-counseling through the First-Time Homebuyer Program. 2014 marked the 20th Anniversary of this program which has assisted **421** families since 1994. Within the City, **222 households** received Housing Counseling services from Catholic Charities and **30 households** received Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Services. The Near Westside Neighborhood Association through their "One House at a Time Program" sold 256 West Henry Street to a first-time homebuyer.



Park Improvements

Community Development continued to invest in the City's parks during the Program Year using CDBG funds, Creating Healthy Places funds, and private foundation funds. New playground equipment was installed at Hathorn, Gaines St., Frank A. Rhode, and Cypress (swing sets) parks utilizing CDBG, Creating Healthy Places, Community Foundation, and Anderson Foundation funds. The public tennis court project at Miller's Pond was completed. A total of **\$107,303** in CDBG funds were expended during the Program Year and **\$38,883** was leveraged. Community Development worked closely with Buildings & Grounds to make these projects a reality.

Funds for Public Services and Non-Profits

A total of **\$94,225** was provided to assist **5** non-profit organizations to provide services, programs, and projects aimed at benefiting low to moderate income Elmira residents. Services provided included funding for community centers, CASA, housing counseling services, homeless prevention, and downtown streetscape enhancements. These services benefit more than 1,200 City of Elmira households.

