



Date: February 18, 2004

To: Inter-Regional Partnership Members

From: IRP Staff

RE: Monitoring of the Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zones

Background

In January 2004, the Inter-Regional Partnership (IRP) entered into contract with the firm of Design, Community & Environment (DCE) to produce the Pilot Project evaluation report. The evaluation will consist of: 1) ongoing monitoring of the Zones; and, 2) a final evaluation of the Pilot Project.

The final evaluation is to be two-tiered. The first analysis will be from a policy/program perspective, with the second to be focused on the processes that the IRP undertook in implementing the project.

Discussion

IRP staff has had the opportunity to review and provide input into the draft of the Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone Annual Monitoring Report. This draft report is attached for the IRP Board's review.

Matthew Raimi, AICP, DCE Senior Associate and Sarah Pulleyblank, DCE Project Planner will be present at the February 18, 2004 IRP Board meeting to deliver the Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone Annual Monitoring Report and address any questions. A final draft of the Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone Annual Monitoring Report will be delivered for the IRP Board's review and consideration at the April 21, 2004 Board meeting.

Requested Action

1. Provide input on the Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone Annual Monitoring Report.