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**Community Housing Trust Steering Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**  
**June 14, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Conference Room**

Dear Community Housing Trust Steering Committee Member,

This letter is to inform you of the second meeting of the Community Housing Trust Steering Committee. This meeting will focus on addressing the issues raised by Committee members at the last meeting, review and discussion of the Burlington Community Land Trust Study and comments submitted to the Committee from representatives of the Community Land Trust of the Southern Berkshires. Please take time to review the background materials which listed as attachments below, and be prepared to discuss these items. As discussed all materials are available on BRPC's Community Housing Trust webpage ([www.berkshireplanning.org](http://www.berkshireplanning.org)), or the material can be sent via conventional mail if requested. The agenda for the next meeting is provided below. The duration of the meeting is anticipated to be approximately 2 hours.

Agenda

- I. Introductions of new members (5 minutes)
- II. Approval of minutes from May 3, 2005 meeting (5 minutes)
- III. Review and Discussion of Burlington CLT study findings (15 minutes)
- IV. Review and Discussion of comments provided by CLT of the Southern Berkshires (30 minutes)
  - Non-tax exempt status vs. other structure
  - Should recipients of CLT housing be limited to low-moderate income (LMI) households?
  - If a new regional CLT is formed by the committee should it primarily play an advocacy role in building partnerships between existing organizations?

- Banks and towns/cities need to be educated about home ownership on leased land.
  - Community driven solutions vs. government driven solutions
- V. Other issues raised by Committee Members at last meeting (45 minutes)
- Which services will the CLT provide?
  - Will the CLT partner with existing affordable housing development organizations rather than attempt to create additional capacity for development? How would a new organization function and be staffed?
  - What is the role of the preservation land trusts in this effort?
  - How will the concern of local control/decision-making be addressed?
- VI. Next Steps (10 minutes)
- Priorities for next meeting
  - Set date for future meeting

#### Attachments/Background Materials

- Minutes from May 3, 2005 Meeting
- *Homes and Hands; An Introduction to the Community Land Trust Model*
- *Does the Community Land Trust Deliver on its Promises?* ( Burlington CLT Study)
- Comments submitted by the Community Land Trust of the Southern Berkshires on May 2, 2005