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**RE:** Semi- Annual Update

Since our last update to you in April 2012, we have continued to follow planned housing developments with an eye on including Affordable Housing components. Housing Vermont and Cathedral Square were both interested in securing land for affordable housing in back of Kinney Drugs as part of future development. Ultimately they were unable to work out a successful plan with the developer. They will continue to watch further large developments in Hinesburg to see if a project is feasible. We met with Tinker Palmer and Len Duffy about a future expansion of affordable elderly housing at Kelley's Field. We also are following the Norris proposal for housing across from Buck Hill Rd West.

Our biggest project has been a survey of possible energy improvements in mobile homes. Our group was approached by a representative from Efficiency Vermont to see if we would be interested in developing a proposal to apply for grant funding. We elected to work with Mountain View Mobile Home Park manager HFI, they were very interested in developing a pilot project. We also were fortunate to work with UVM faculty Dan Baker and Kelly Hamshaw and their students in Applied Economics and Community Development as this project progressed. We decided to survey park residents before submitting a proposal for funding and held a meeting with a group of residents to determine their interest and what questions to ask on the survey. With the help of the UVM students the survey took place at the end of September; we were able to complete surveys with 27 of the possible 47 residents of the park. Just last Saturday we hosted an Energy Fair where local contractor Chuck Reiss demonstrated at two homes how a full energy audit complete with blower door testing is performed. We also completed 6 other "Mini-Evaluations"; not quite energy audits but an initial look at consumption and building construction. The next step in this project is to evaluate all the data and apply for a grant from Efficiency Vermont. While some folks surveyed would qualify for the free Weatherization Program, many are just a tad over the income guidelines.