



MID SOUTH DELTA

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ADVANCING COMPREHENSIVE REVITALIZATION

Mid South Delta LISC provides training, technical assistance, loans, and grants to 56 distressed counties and parishes in the Delta region of Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Since 2008, Mid South Delta LISC has developed Quality-of-Life plans in three Delta communities as it adapts LISC's national *Building Sustainable Communities* strategy to the region. As the cornerstone of this work, project managers are working with local partners in each site to successfully implement the resident-led plans and to leverage investment into previously disinvested communities. LISC is working to make these distressed Delta communities better places to live, work, and raise children.

INVESTING IN THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT & HELPING LOW-INCOME FAMILIES BUILD WEALTH

Through the Delta Homeownership Initiative, Mid South Delta LISC supports asset building and financial literacy in low-income Delta communities. Mid South Delta LISC supported the development of 198 homes and provided financial literacy training, credit counseling, and home buyer education to 1,328 Delta families through the LISC supported housing and counseling network. As a result of this investment, 157 low-income families are now homeowners and over \$17.5 million was invested into distressed communities. In addition to the housing investment, this work lays the foundation for the development of three Financial Opportunity Centers in targeted neighborhoods of the Delta Sustainable Communities Initiative.

EXPANDING INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Arkansas and Mississippi are two of only 12 states nationwide that do not have public funds dedicated to the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing. As a result, Mid South Delta LISC's recent public policy efforts have included a multi-state strategy supporting the creation of affordable housing trust funds.

CAPACITY BUILDING & TRAINING

Through a recent grant from USDA Rural Development, Mid South Delta LISC will train rural CDCs in best practices in green development. Additionally, other nonprofit affordable housing clients working in the region will receive business planning support, board development training, and financial management training.

**By the numbers
 cumulative
 (LISC and affiliates),
 1995-2010**

TOTAL INVESTMENT
 \$54.8 million

DOLLARS LEVERAGED
 \$170.8 million

COMMERCIAL SPACE
 291,377 sq. ft.

**HOMES &
 APARTMENTS**
 2,323

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