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League of Cities and Towns Convention to Highlight KeepSpace

Exhibit will provide information about revolutionary initiative Warwick, RI (Jan. 24, 2008) – In January, the KeepSpace Communities initiative will be featured at the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns 2008 Convention. The convention will be held on January 31 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick.

KeepSpace is a groundbreaking approach to building neighborhoods that include safe, affordable homes; match the character of each community; and incorporate jobs, culture and a cleaner environment. As the founding partner of KeepSpace, Rhode Island Housing is reaching out to new partners for a comprehensive and collaborative effort to create thriving communities.

Through these unique partnerships, particularly among those who focus on jobs, environment, real estate and local government, KeepSpace will combine expertise, rather than work on isolated parts of land development and preservation. The result: strong, healthy, prosperous communities that use integrated solutions to many of the development and environmental challenges facing Rhode Islanders and their state.

KeepSpace recognizes that Rhode Island has tremendous economic and social potential, but also little margin for error in how its communities grow and develop. The goal of this initiative is to create models for development that use land and buildings more efficiently, and in turn foster a more vibrant and prosperous state.

Sixteen proposals that were received by the November 16, 2007 deadline are now being reviewed by Rhode Island Housing and the KeepSpace Advisory Committee, which is made up of experts from a wide variety of state and local agencies. They include Grow Smart RI, Rhode Island LISC, RI Department of Health, RI Department of Environmental Management, RI Division of Planning and the RI Builders Association.

Rhode Island Housing representatives will be manning a KeepSpace exhibit booth at the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns 2008 Convention and will be on hand to answer questions about this exciting new initiative. Informational material will also be available for those interested in becoming a KeepSpace partner. For more information on the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns 2008 Convention visit www.rileague.com.

For more information on KeepSpace, visit www.KeepSpace.org.

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