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GEORGIA'S 1ST DISTRICT

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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 1st District had approximately **1,326** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 1st District stands to benefit from **\$5.0 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$10.8 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$15.8 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **239 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **100 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.2 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$2.4 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 2nd District had approximately **1,011** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 2nd District stands to benefit from **\$4.1 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$8.9 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$13.0 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **261 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **83 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.2 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$2.6 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 3rd District had approximately **3,267** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 3rd District stands to benefit from **\$12.8 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$27.5 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$40.3 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **845 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **257 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.5 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$8.4 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 4th District had approximately **4,256** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 4th District stands to benefit from **\$16.1 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$34.9 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$51.0 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **478 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **325 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.6 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$4.8 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 5th District had approximately **3,927** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 5th District stands to benefit from **\$11.8 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$25.6 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$37.4 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **286 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **238 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.5 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$2.9 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 6th District had approximately **1,377** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 6th District stands to benefit from **\$6.1 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$13.2 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$19.3 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **128 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **123 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.2 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$1.3 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 7th District had approximately **3,464** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 7th District stands to benefit from **\$14.7 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$31.7 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$46.4 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **421 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **296 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.6 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$4.2 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 8th District had approximately **2,249** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 8th District stands to benefit from **\$8.8 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$18.9 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$27.7 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **291 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **176 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.3 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$2.9 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 9th District had approximately **1,780** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 9th District stands to benefit from **\$7.4 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$16.0 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$23.4 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **293 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **149 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.3 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$2.9 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 10th District had approximately **1,493** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 10th District stands to benefit from **\$5.9 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$12.8 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$18.7 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **211 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **120 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.2 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$2.1 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 11th District had approximately **3,118** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 11th District stands to benefit from **\$12.6 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$27.2 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$39.8 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **545 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **253 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.5 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$5.4 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 12th District had approximately **1,725** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 12th District stands to benefit from **\$6.5 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$14.0 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$20.5 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **324 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **131 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.3 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$3.2 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.



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As of the end of March 2008, Georgia's 13th District had approximately **5,420** properties in foreclosure. Recent research indicates that the negative effect of these foreclosures can be felt up to a half a mile away and can depress property values for as long as five years.

Under the Senate-passed formula, Georgia's 13th District stands to benefit from **\$20.6 million** in direct funds for neighborhood stabilization with a multiplier effect of an additional **\$44.4 million** as the grants are leveraged to create new jobs as houses are rehabilitated and returned to productive use. The estimated overall economic benefits of the neighborhood stabilization grants are **\$65.0 million** in direct, indirect and induced activity at the state level.

It is estimated that these funds would be used to restore **796 properties** to productive use, providing safe, affordable housing to its occupants. Rehabilitating those houses is anticipated to generate **414 new jobs**, most of which will be in construction, but will also stimulate jobs in retail, business services and the restaurant industry.

In addition, localities can expect to see a direct return of **\$0.8 million** in property taxes (since in many cases, banks will not pay taxes on properties they do not expect to sell) as well as a savings of **\$8.0 million** on trash collection, police, and fire services that they must otherwise expend on foreclosed and abandoned properties. This analysis does not include the property tax revenues that will be retained from properties no longer at risk of significant declines from being in close proximity to foreclosed and abandoned houses.