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## Federal Housing Officials Visit Cambridge Harbor Redevelopment Site



Cambridge, Maryland — Senior officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), along with representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), visited Cambridge on February 17 for a briefing and tour of the Cambridge Harbor redevelopment project.

The visit, hosted by Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (CWDI), began at the Richardson Maritime Museum and included a walking tour of the waterfront redevelopment area.

Federal, state, and local officials reviewed the progress of the long-planned project and discussed how federal development programs could support the effort as it moves from planning toward implementation.

The Cambridge Harbor project is a multi-decade initiative led by the City of Cambridge and its partners to transform roughly 35 acres of former industrial waterfront into a mixed-use district that includes public waterfront access, housing, hospitality, maritime uses, and new economic opportunities.



Federal participants included Joe DeFelice, Assistant Deputy Secretary and Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator for HUD’s Office of Field Policy and Management, along with local and regional HUD leadership and representatives from USDA Rural Development and the SBA.

Local officials participating in the visit included Cambridge Mayor Lajan Cephas Bey, City Manager Glenn Steckman, members of the Dorchester County Council, and leadership from CWDI.

During the briefing, CWDI leaders outlined the project’s governance structure, land assembly process, and phased infrastructure strategy. The group also toured the waterfront promenade, marina basin, and nearby properties planned for future mixed-use development.

“Under the leadership of President Trump and Secretary [Scott] Turner, HUD is driving strategic investments that deliver measurable economic impact nationwide,” said Assistant Deputy Secretary and Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator for HUD’s Office of Field Policy and Management, Joe DeFelice. “By aligning federal resources—such as workforce development, housing programs, and Opportunity Zones—with local innovation, we can expand opportunity, strengthen regional economies, and create jobs that support families and businesses.”

“Cambridge Harbor represents decades of vision and partnership to reconnect our community with its waterfront,” said Angie Hengst, President of the Board of CWDI. “We were honored to welcome federal leaders to Cambridge and share the progress that has been made.”

The redevelopment area is located within a federally designated Opportunity Zone, which may help attract private investment as the project advances. Federal officials also discussed development tools that could support projects of this scale, including HUD’s Section 108 Loan Program and potential USDA and SBA resources related to infrastructure, marina development, and small business growth.

CWDI leaders said the visit provided an opportunity for federal agencies to learn more about the project and explore ways federal programs could support rural waterfront revitalization efforts.



**About Cambridge Waterfront Development, Inc. (CWDI)**

CWDI is a nonprofit development organization created to guide the long-term redevelopment of the Cambridge Harbor waterfront. Working in partnership with the City of Cambridge and community stakeholders, CWDI coordinates planning and implementation of the waterfront's transformation into a publicly accessible mixed-use district that supports economic growth while preserving Cambridge's maritime heritage.

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