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### **Bristol Development Authority Adds Veteran Staff Professional**

(June 21, 2017) – The Bristol Development Authority (BDA) has added a new member to its staff to coordinate the City of Bristol’s Residential Housing Rehabilitation Program and other community projects. David Sgro has been named as Housing and Project Specialist, replacing John Neveu who transferred to the City’s Building Department.

Sgro’s main duty is to implement the Residential Housing and Rehabilitation Program in accordance with Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. His specific duties include planning, design, coordination, and administration of community development projects and programs. He reports to Debbie Shapiro, BDA Community Development Coordinator.

“We are really lucky to have David on our team because he has a wealth of experience in this area – especially understanding the ‘hands on’ aspects of renovation projects,” said Shapiro. “Besides working in the private sector in Connecticut on these types of projects, he fully understands the regulations, procedures, and qualifications for residents to participate in one of the City’s most successful programs.”

The 58-year old Connecticut native comes to the BDA after serving six years at the Waterbury-based L. Wagner & Associates as a housing rehabilitation project manager. He attended Capital Community Technical College and Northwest Community College where he earned nine certifications in building and codes construction management. Sgro is based in the BDA office located on the second floor of Bristol’s City Hall located at 111 N. Main Street.

The City of Bristol, through the BDA, offers the Residential Housing Rehabilitation program to fund necessary home and energy improvements that benefit low- and moderate-income Bristol homeowners. Grants are available to reimburse up to 50 percent of approved costs for improvements made to owner-occupied homes. The program’s financial support comes from the federally-funded Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

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***About the Bristol Development Authority.** The Bristol Development Authority (BDA) works to improve the physical, economic, and social environment of the Bristol community by serving as the primary governmental organization dedicated to promoting commercial development, to preserving and improving the City's housing stock, and to securing and administering the resources required to carry out these goals. The BDA is overseen by an appointed nine-member Board of Commissioners which governs economic and community development policies for the City. For more information, log onto [www.bristolallheart.com](http://www.bristolallheart.com) or by email to [bda@bristolct.gov](mailto:bda@bristolct.gov).*