

Suburbs Told Again They Must Help the Core City

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GLASTONBURY — The suburbs, including this town, have a responsibility to help Hartford with its problems of housing and education, according to Roger A. Moody, who ended his 5-week internship in Glastonbury this week.

Moody, a municipal service coordinator for the Department of Community Affairs, noted that many of the problems are locked into the core city because of discriminatory housing patterns.

"The towns can change this," he said, though a more open attitude toward construction of low and moderate income housing.

"I fear Glastonbury could help, but I wouldn't want to see a massive development here," Moody said.

He said he feels that single family residences or other low density housing is more suitable to this town and would also help solve some of the social and personal problems of the former city dweller.

"There is sometimes a social stigma and loss of pride attached to living in a large low income project," he said.

Moody said it is more difficult to provide the needed social services and recreational opportunities to people living in one of these large-scale housing developments.

The 26-year-old East Hartford resident also feels that towns such as Glastonbury should be concerned with housing for moderate income families.

"Residents are finding that their grown children can't afford to buy houses in their hometowns," he said.

Under the guidance of Anthony Stokus, assistant town manager, Moody has been working in each of the town departments in order to bring a better insight into local government back to his job with the state department.

During his first week here, he interviewed each department head to get an overview of their functions and the remaining seven weeks were spent on smaller projects.

Among these projects were the revision of the town's Youth Services Bureau ap-

plication, assistance in budget preparation for the Highway Department and updating housing statistics. He has also made a comparison of the town's building code and the new state code which will go into effect in October.

Moody has also tried to attend at least one meeting of every town board and commission. He found this to be particularly valuable because "so much is handled by citizens groups," he said.

In appraising the town, Moody had kind words to say about the efficiency of the government.

"The town seems to run smoothly and this speaks well for the town manager, the staff and the citizens," he said.

He was one of five interns who have completed their eight-week programs for the state department this week. The others were stationed in Wethersfield, Manchester, Meriden and Norwich.

When they return to the de-

partment assigned to various programs which will require them to spend a great deal of time in the field talking to local government officials. The department handles the Community Action Development programs, housing programs, industrial and business programs and is the channel for federal anti-poverty funds.

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ROGER A. MOODY POINTS TO WHAT'S AHEAD FOR TOWN GOVERNMENT. With him is Anthony Stokus, Glastonbury assistant town manager.

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