



LARGE BANK

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**Community Reinvestment Act
Performance Evaluation**

**Amboy National Bank
Charter Number: 3878**

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NOTE: This document is an evaluation of this institution's record of meeting the credit needs of its entire community, including low- and moderate-income neighborhoods, consistent with safe and sound operation of the institution. This evaluation is not, and should not be construed as, an assessment of the financial condition of this institution. The rating assigned to this institution does not represent an analysis, conclusion, or opinion of the federal financial supervisory agency concerning the safety and soundness of this financial institution.

Overall CRA Rating

Institution’s CRA Rating: This institution is rated **Outstanding**.

The following table indicates the performance level of **Amboy National Bank** with respect to the Lending, Investment, and Service Tests:

Performance Levels	Amboy National Bank Performance Tests		
	Lending Test*	Investment Test	Service Test
Outstanding	X		X
High Satisfactory		X	
Low Satisfactory			
Needs to Improve			
Substantial Noncompliance			

* The lending test is weighted more heavily than the investment and service tests when arriving at an overall rating.

The major factors that support this rating include:

- Amboy’s lending activity is excellent in its assessment area (AA);
- A substantial majority of Amboy’s loans were originated in its AA;
- Overall, geographic distribution of loans is excellent;
- Overall, borrower distribution of loans is excellent;
- Amboy has made a high level of community development loans, which address identified community credit needs;
- Amboy offers flexible lending products in order to serve the identified credit needs of the community;
- Amboy has made a good level of qualified investments that are innovative and responsive to the identified needs of the community;
- Amboy’s service delivery systems are accessible to geographies and individuals of different income levels; and
- Amboy provides a high level of community development services.

We noted the following CD investments made in the broader geographical area for the evaluation period:

- a \$500 thousand investment to a regional community development foundation, whose objective is to reduce crime in senior housing facilities, and to provide ongoing, effective crime prevention programs that promote safe, secure, and high quality of life environments for senior housing residents (innovative);
- a \$500 thousand investment in a statewide capital financing program that provides construction and permanent financing to community and economic development projects (innovative);
- a \$790 thousand contribution to the Amboy Foundation, whose mission is to support organizations located in the bank's AAs that have community development as the primary purpose.
- three \$125 thousand annual investments to a statewide nonprofit community loan fund, whose objective is to lend and provide technical assistance to nonprofit community-based organizations for the production of affordable housing, and also provide economic development opportunities for the benefit of low- and moderate-income individuals;
- a \$100 thousand investment in a regional community reinvestment fund, whose objective is to provide capital and technical expertise to build wealth, and to create economic opportunities for low wealth communities and low- and moderate-income individuals; and
- three annual contributions to the Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program, which totaled \$198 thousand.

In addition, qualified grants and donations, totaling \$25 thousand, were made at the broader geographical level. These grants and donations made during the evaluation period were to local non-profit organizations for various CD initiatives. Amboy's prior period investment of \$855 thousand represents a Federal National Mortgage Association mortgage-backed security. All of the mortgages supporting this investment were made to low- and moderate-income individuals in the broader geographic area.

Conclusions for Area Receiving Limited-Scope Reviews

Based on limited-scope reviews, the bank's performance under the Investment Test in the Mercer—Somerset AA and Woodbridge AA is weaker than the bank's overall performance. Refer to Table 14 in Appendix C for the facts and data that support these conclusions. Again, the bank's limited presence and heavy competition in those areas are the reasons for the weaker performance. This had no impact on the overall rating for the Investment Test.