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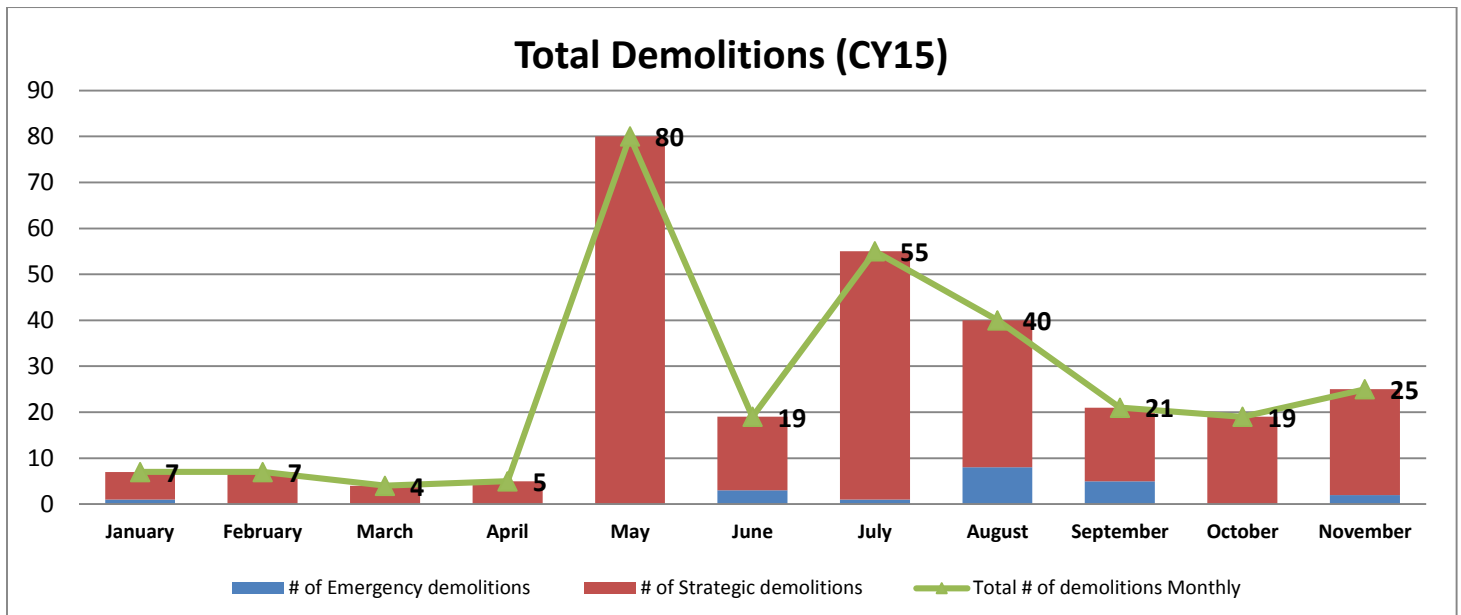
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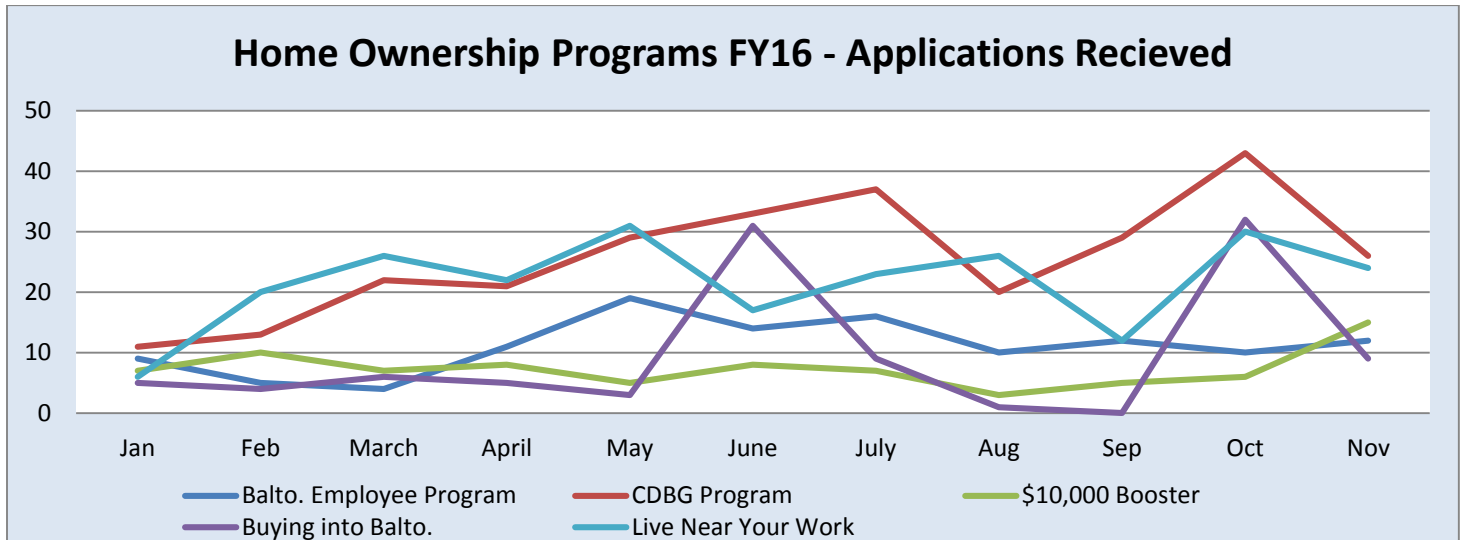
• **Making Progress**

- **Blight Elimination.** Over the next 4 years, the State of Maryland has pledged \$75 million to go towards strategic demolitions, allowing for programmatic enhancements to the \$10 million per year that Baltimore City has been investing over the past several years. The Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will work with the Maryland Stadium Authority to execute the projects.
- Below is a general snapshot of the current state of demolitions done by DHCD. We are on track to exceed the total demolitions conducted in 2014.



• **Needs Improvement**

- **Buying Into Baltimore Program.** Participation in homeownership incentive programs decreased in the last CitiStat reporting period. The biggest drop off was in the Buying into Baltimore Program, with 60% decreased participation. In order to improve the numbers, better marketing to local realtors and improved targeting strategies are necessary. HCD has committed additional staff to support the incentive programs going forward, with the hope that the increased staff will result in a higher volume of participation.



- **Weatherization.** The Weatherization Program provides energy efficient home improvements to low-income residents of Baltimore City. Servicing homes to be more energy efficient conserves energy, reduces utility bills, and makes homes healthier, cleaner and more stable. The following chart displays totals for each month (not cumulative). The department is exploring the idea of expanding contractor capacity to weatherize units at a greater amount per month.
- CitiStat has begun the framework of an inter-agency workgroup for specific people whose weatherization applications are denied. Once fully developed, the work group will meet as needed or as specific cases need assistance.

