

BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC /DE/  
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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2012**

OR

.. TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number **0-13649**

**Berkshire Bancorp Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**94-2563513**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**160 Broadway, New York, New York 10038**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 791-5362**

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
<b>Common Stock, par value \$10 per share</b>	<b>The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (The NASDAQ Global Market)</b>

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  
Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  Smaller reporting company   
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes  No

Aggregate market value of voting and non-voting common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant as of June 29, 2012: \$37,209,207.

Number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of March 25, 2013: 14,416,198.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:** None

**Forward-Looking Statements.** *Statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K that are not based on historical fact may be "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "believe", "may", "will", "expect", "estimate", "anticipate", "continue" or similar terms identify forward-looking statements. A wide variety of factors could cause the actual results and experiences of Berkshire Bancorp Inc. (the "Company") to differ materially from the results expressed or implied by the Company's forward-looking statements. Some of the risks and uncertainties that may affect operations, performance, results of the Company's business, the interest rate sensitivity of its assets and liabilities, and the adequacy of its loan loss allowance, include, but are not limited to: (i) deterioration in local, regional, national or global economic conditions which could result, among other things, in an increase in loan delinquencies, a decrease in property values, or a change in the housing turnover rate; (ii) changes in market interest rates or changes in the speed at which market interest rates change; (iii) changes in laws and regulations affecting the financial services industry; (iv) changes in competition; (v) changes in consumer preferences, (vi) changes in banking technology; (vii) ability to maintain key members of management, (viii) possible disruptions in the Company's operations at its banking facilities, (ix) cost of compliance with new corporate governance requirements, rules and regulations, (x) the potential impact on our operations and customers resulting from natural or man-made disasters, including the potential impact of Hurricane Sandy, and other factors referred to in the sections of this Annual Report entitled "Business", "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."*

*Certain information customarily disclosed by financial institutions, such as estimates of interest rate sensitivity and the adequacy of the loan loss allowance, are inherently forward-looking statements because, by their nature, they represent attempts to estimate what will occur in the future.*

*The Company cautions readers not to place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statement contained in this Annual Report. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they were made and the Company assumes no obligation to update or revise any such statements upon any change in applicable circumstances.*

## **PART I**

### **ITEM 1. Business.**

**General.** Berkshire Bancorp Inc., a Delaware corporation, is a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. References herein to "Berkshire", the "Company" or "we" and similar pronouns shall be deemed to refer to Berkshire Bancorp Inc. and its wholly-owned consolidated subsidiaries unless the context otherwise requires. Berkshire's principal activity is the ownership and management of its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, The Berkshire Bank (the "Bank"), a New York State chartered commercial bank. The Bank is owned through Berkshire's wholly-owned subsidiary, Greater American Finance Group, Inc. ("GAFG").

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). You may read and copy our reports or other filings made with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room, located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You can also access information that we file electronically on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

We do not presently have a website. However, as soon as practicable after filing with or furnishing to the SEC, upon request we will provide at no cost, paper or electronic copies of our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports. Requests should be directed to:

Berkshire Bancorp Inc.

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New York, NY 10038

**Business of the Bank - General.** The Bank's principal business consists of gathering deposits from the general public and investing those deposits primarily in loans, debt obligations issued by the U.S. Government and its agencies, debt obligations of business corporations, and mortgage-backed securities. The Bank currently operates from seven deposit-taking offices in New York City, four deposit-taking offices in Orange and Sullivan Counties, New York and one deposit taking office in Teaneck, NJ.

**Branch Locations of The Berkshire Bank**

**December 31, 2012**

4 East 39th Street	2 South Church Street
New York, NY	Goshen, NY
5 Broadway	214 Harriman Drive
New York, NY	Goshen, NY
5010 13th Avenue	80 Route 17M
Brooklyn, NY	Harriman, NY
1421 Kings Highway	60 Main Street
Brooklyn, NY	Bloomington, NY
4917 16th Avenue	1119 Avenue J
Brooklyn, NY	Brooklyn, NY
517 Cedar Lane	210 Pinehurst Avenue

Teaneck, NJ

New York, NY

**Principal Loan Types.** The Bank's principal loan types are residential and commercial mortgage loans and commercial non-mortgage loans, both unsecured and secured by personal property. The Bank's revenues come principally from interest on loans and investment securities. The Bank's primary sources of funds are deposits, borrowings and proceeds from principal and interest payments on loans and investment securities.

**Operating Plan.** The Bank's operating plan concentrates on obtaining deposits from a variety of businesses, professionals and retail customers and investing those funds in conservatively underwritten loans. Although we remain committed to offering traditional retail deposit products and residential mortgage loans, we have been developing strategies to grow other loan categories to diversify earning assets and to increase low cost savings, money market and NOW and demand deposits, or core deposits.

These strategies include continued reliance on our multi-family and commercial real estate mortgage lending operations and, over time, significantly expanding our business banking operations.

Our business banking initiative includes focusing on small and mid-sized businesses, with an emphasis on attracting clients from larger competitors.

**Market Area.** The Bank draws its customers principally from the New York City metropolitan area and the Villages of Goshen and Harriman, New York and their surrounding communities, representing most of Orange County, New York. The Bank also has a branch in Bloomingburg, New York, just over the border between Orange and Sullivan Counties. Predominantly rural with numerous small towns, many residents of Orange and Sullivan Counties work in New York City. Consequently, the health of the economy in the New York City metropolitan area has, and will continue to have a direct effect on the economic well being of residents and businesses in these counties. From time to time, the Bank may make loans or accept deposits from outside these areas, but such transactions generally represent extensions of existing local customer relationships.

**Competition.** The Bank's principal competitors for deposits are other commercial banks, savings banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions in the Bank's market areas, as well as money market mutual funds, insurance companies, securities brokerage firms and other financial institutions, many of which are substantially larger in size than the Bank. The Bank's competition for loans comes principally from commercial banks, savings banks, savings and loan associations, mortgage bankers, finance companies and other institutional lenders. Many of the institutions which compete with the Bank have much greater financial and marketing resources than the Bank. The Bank's principal methods of competition include loan and deposit pricing, maintaining close ties with its local communities, the quality of the personal service it provides, the types of business services it provides, and other marketing programs.

**Operations of the Bank.** Reference is made to the information set forth in Item 7 herein ("Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations") for information as to various aspects of the Bank's operations, activities and conditions.

**Subsidiary Activities.** The Bank is permitted under New York State law and federal law to own subsidiaries for certain limited purposes, generally to engage in activities which are permissible for a subsidiary of a national bank. The Bank has two operating subsidiaries, Berkshire Agency, Inc., a company engaged in the title insurance agency business, and Berkshire 1031 Exchange, LLC, a company that acts as a qualified intermediary in connection with tax free exchanges under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code").



**Regulation.** The Company is a bank holding company under federal law and registered as such with the Federal Reserve. The Bank is a commercial bank chartered under the laws of New York State. It is subject to regulation at the state level by the Superintendent of Financial Services of the New York State Department of Financial Services, and the New York Banking Board, while at the federal level its primary regulator is the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC").

Both the Company and the Bank are subject to extensive state and federal regulation of their activities. The following discussion summarizes certain banking laws and regulations that affect Berkshire and the Bank. Proposals to change these laws and regulations are frequently submitted in Congress, in the New York State legislature, and before state and federal bank regulatory agencies. The likelihood and timing of any changes and the impact such changes might have on the Company are impossible to determine with any certainty. A change in applicable laws or regulations, or a change in the way such laws or regulations are interpreted by regulatory agencies or courts, may have a material impact on the business, operations and earnings of the Company, the nature and effect of which cannot be predicted.

### **The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010**

On July 21, 2010, President Obama signed into law the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act"). The Dodd-Frank Act has and will continue to have a broad impact on the financial services industry, including significant regulatory and compliance changes including, among other things, (i) enhanced resolution authority of troubled and failing banks and their holding companies; (ii) increased capital and liquidity requirements; (iii) increased regulatory examination fees; (iv) changes to assessments to be paid to the FDIC for federal deposit insurance; and (v) numerous other provisions designed to improve supervision and oversight of, and strengthening safety and soundness for, the financial services sector.

Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act established a new framework for systemic risk oversight within the financial system to be distributed among new and existing federal regulatory agencies, including the Financial Stability Oversight Council, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Federal Reserve, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC. A summary of certain provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act is set forth below.

Source of Strength. According to Federal Reserve policy, bank holding companies are expected to act as a source of financial strength to each subsidiary bank and to commit resources to support each such subsidiary. The Dodd-Frank Act codifies the source-of-strength doctrine and expands upon the Federal Reserve policy, defining "source of \*strength" to mean the "ability of a company that directly or indirectly controls an insured depository institution to provide financial assistance to such insured depository institution in the event of the financial distress of the insured depository institution." As of January 2013, implementing regulations of the Dodd-Frank Act source of strength provision have not yet been promulgated.

Increased Capital Standards and Enhanced Supervision. The federal banking agencies are required to establish minimum leverage and risk-based capital requirements for banks and bank holding companies. These new standards will be no lower than current regulatory capital and leverage standards applicable to insured depository institutions \*and may, in fact, be higher when established by the agencies. In June of 2012, the FDIC and other federal banking \*agencies proposed such new standards revising the regulatory capital requirement; the proposed rules are summarized under "Proposed Changes to Regulatory Capital Requirements" below. The Dodd-Frank Act also requires capital requirements to be countercyclical such that the required amount of capital increases in times of economic expansion and decreases in times of economic contraction consistent with safety and soundness.



The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ("Bureau"). The Dodd-Frank Act created the Bureau within the Federal Reserve. The Bureau is tasked with establishing and implementing rules and regulations under certain federal consumer protection laws with respect to the conduct of providers of certain consumer financial products and \*services. The Bureau has rulemaking authority over many of the statutes governing products and services offered to bank consumers. In addition, the Dodd-Frank Act permits states to adopt consumer protection laws and regulations that are more stringent than those regulations promulgated by the Bureau and state attorneys general are permitted to enforce consumer protection rules adopted by the Bureau against state-chartered institutions.

Debit Card Interchange Fees. The Dodd-Frank Act requires that the amount of any interchange fee charged by a debit card issuer with respect to a debit card transaction be reasonable and proportional to the cost incurred by the \*issuer with respect to the transaction. While the restrictions on interchange fees do not apply to banks that, together with their affiliates, have assets of less than \$10 billion, the rule could affect the competitiveness of debit cards issued by smaller banks.

Deposit Insurance. The Dodd-Frank Act increased the maximum deposit insurance amount to \$250,000 for insured deposits. Amendments to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act also revise the assessment base against which an insured depository institution's deposit insurance premiums paid to the Deposit Insurance Fund ("DIF") are calculated. Under the amendments, the assessment base is no longer the institution's deposit base, but rather its average \*consolidated total assets less its average tangible equity during the assessment period. Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act made changes to the minimum designated reserve ratio of the DIF by increasing the minimum from 1.15 percent to 1.35 percent of the estimated amount of total insured deposits by 2020 and eliminating the requirement that the FDIC pay dividends to depository institutions when the reserve ratio exceeds certain thresholds. In December 2010, the FDIC increased the reserve ratio to 2.0 percent. Additionally, effective July 21, 2011, the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits was repealed.

Transactions with Affiliates. Under federal law, we are subject to restrictions that limit certain types of transactions between Berkshire and its non-bank affiliates. In general, we are subject to quantitative and qualitative limits on extensions of credit, purchases of assets and certain other transactions involving us and our non-bank affiliates. \*Transactions between Berkshire and its non-bank affiliates are required to be on arms length terms. The Dodd-Frank Act enhanced the requirements for certain transactions with affiliates under Section 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act, including expanding the definition of "covered transactions" and "affiliates," as well as increasing the amount of time for which collateral requirements regarding covered transactions must be maintained.

Transactions with Insiders. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, insider transaction limitations are expanded through the strengthening of loan restrictions to insiders and the expansion of the types of transactions subject to the various \*limits, including derivative transactions, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending or borrowing transactions. Restrictions have also been placed on certain asset sales to and from an insider to an institution, including requirements that such sales be on market terms and, if representing more than 10% of capital, approved by the institution's board of directors.

Enhanced Lending Limits. The Dodd-Frank Act strengthened the existing limits on a depository institution's credit exposure to one borrower. Previously, banking law limited a depository institution's ability to extend credit to one \*person (or group of related persons) in an amount exceeding certain thresholds. The Dodd-Frank Act expanded the scope of such restrictions to include credit exposure arising from derivative transactions, repurchase agreements, and securities lending and borrowing transactions.

Compensation Practices. The Dodd-Frank Act provides that the appropriate federal regulators must establish standards prohibiting as an unsafe and unsound practice any compensation plan of a bank holding company or other "covered financial institution" that provides an insider or other employee with "excessive compensation" or could \*lead to a material financial loss to such firm. In June 2010, prior to the Dodd-Frank Act, the bank regulatory agencies promulgated the Interagency Guidance on Sound Incentive Compensation Policies, which requires that financial institutions establish metrics for measuring the impact of activities to achieve incentive compensation with the related risk to the financial institution of such behavior. Together, the Dodd-Frank Act and the recent guidance on compensation may impact the current compensation policies at the Company.

Holding Company Capital Levels. The Dodd-Frank Act requires bank regulators to establish minimum capital levels for holding companies that are at least as stringent as those applicable to depository institutions. All trust preferred securities, or TRUPS, issued by bank holding companies will be excluded from Tier 1 Capital unless such securities \*were issued prior to May 19, 2010, by a bank holding company with less than \$15 billion in assets as of December 31, 2009. TRUPS issued before May 19, 2010, by a bank holding company with at least \$15 billion in assets as of December 31, 2009, continued to qualify as Tier 1 capital until January 2013. Beginning in January 2013 the treatment of TRUPS as Tier 1 capital phased out over a 3 year period, which will end in January, 2016. As of December 31, 2012, there were no longer any outstanding TRUPS issued by the Company.

We expect that many of the requirements called for in the Dodd-Frank Act will be implemented over time, and most will be subject to implementing regulations over the course of several years. Given the uncertainty associated with the manner in which the provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act will be implemented by the various regulatory agencies and through regulations, the full extent of the impact such requirements will have on financial institutions' operations is unclear. The changes resulting from the Dodd-Frank Act may impact the profitability of our business activities, require changes to certain of our business practices, impose upon us more stringent capital, liquidity and leverage ratio requirements or otherwise adversely affect our business. These changes may also require us to invest significant management attention and resources to evaluate and make necessary changes in order to comply with new statutory and regulatory requirements.

**Supervisory Actions.** The Bank is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can prompt certain mandatory, and possibly additional discretionary, actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on the Company's financial statements. Under capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action, the Bank must meet specific capital guidelines that involve quantitative measures of the Bank's assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. The Bank's capital amounts and classification are also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators involving factors such as the risk weights assigned to assets and what items may be counted as capital. Regulators also have broad discretion to require any institution to maintain higher capital levels than otherwise required by statute or regulation, even institutions that are considered "well-capitalized" under applicable regulations.

**Bank Holding Company Regulation.** The Federal Reserve is authorized to make regular examinations of the Company and its nonbank subsidiaries. Under federal law and Federal Reserve regulations, the activities in which the Company and its nonbank subsidiaries may engage are limited. The Company may not acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares of any company, including a bank, without the prior approval of the Federal Reserve, except as specifically authorized under federal law and Federal Reserve regulations. The Company, subject to the approval of the Federal Reserve, may acquire more than 5% of the voting shares of non-banking corporations if those corporations engage in activities which the Federal Reserve deems to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto. These limitations also apply to activities in which the Company engages directly rather than through a subsidiary.

The Federal Reserve has enforcement powers over the Company and its non-bank subsidiaries. This allows the Federal Reserve, among other things, to stop activities that represent unsafe or unsound practices or constitute violations of law, rules, regulations, administrative orders or written agreements with a federal bank regulator. These powers may be exercised through the issuance of cease-and-desist orders, the imposition of civil money penalties or other actions.

**Federal Reserve Capital Requirements.** The Federal Reserve requires that the Company, as a bank holding company, must maintain certain minimum ratios of capital to assets. The Federal Reserve's regulations divide capital into two categories. Primary capital includes common equity, surplus, undivided profits, perpetual preferred stock, mandatory convertible instruments, the allowance for loan and lease losses, contingency and other capital reserves, and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries. Secondary capital includes limited-life preferred stock, subordinated notes and debentures and certain unsecured long term debt.

The Federal Reserve requires that bank holding companies maintain a minimum ratio of primary capital to total assets of 5.5% and a minimum level of total capital (primary plus secondary capital) equal to 6% of total assets. In calculating capital ratios, the allowance for loan losses, which is a component of primary capital, is added back in determining total assets. Certain capital components, such as debt and perpetual preferred stock, are includable as capital only if they satisfy certain definitional tests.



The Company must also meet a risk-based capital standard. Capital, for the risk-based capital requirement, is divided into Tier I capital and Supplementary capital, determined as discussed below in connection with the FDIC capital requirements imposed on the Bank. The Federal Reserve requires that the Bank maintain a ratio of total capital (defined as Tier I plus Supplementary capital) to risk-weighted assets of at least 8%, of which at least 4% must be Tier I capital. Risk weighted assets are also determined in a manner comparable to the determination of risk-weighted assets under FDIC regulations as discussed below.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company met the definition of a "well capitalized" bank holding company.

**Proposed Changes to Regulatory Capital Requirements.** In June 2012, the FDIC and other federal banking agencies issued a series of proposed rules to conform U.S. regulatory capital rules with the international regulatory standards agreed to by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in the international accord referred to as "Basel III". The proposed revisions, if adopted, would establish new higher capital ratio requirements, narrow the definitions of capital, impose new operating restrictions on banking organizations with insufficient capital buffers and increase the risk weighting of certain assets. The proposed new requirements would apply to all banks and savings associations, bank holding companies with more than \$500 million in assets and all savings and loan holding companies regardless of size. The comment period for the notices of proposed rulemakings ended on October 22, 2012. Under the proposed rules, Basel III would be implemented beginning January 1, 2013 and fully phased in by January 1, 2019.

Under the proposed rules, if adopted, a new capital measure would be established, "Common Equity Tier I Capital," consisting of common stock and related surplus, retained earnings, accumulated other comprehensive income and, subject to certain adjustments, minority common equity interests in subsidiaries. Depository institutions and their holding companies would be required to maintain Common Equity Tier I Capital equal to 4.5% of risk-weighted assets by 2015. The proposed rules, if adopted, would also increase the Tier I capital ratio to 6% from 4% and impose a minimum Tier 1 leverage ratio of 4% for all institutions. Trust preferred securities and cumulative perpetual preferred securities generally would not qualify for inclusion in Tier 1 Capital. The minimum required ratio of total capital would remain at 8%. The proposed rules, if adopted, would also implement a capital buffer of at least 2.5% which would be phased in beginning on January 1, 2016 through January 1, 2019. If the capital level of an institution were to fall below the buffer amount, the institution would be subject to progressively more stringent limitations on the percentage of earnings that can be paid out in dividends, used in share repurchases and used in the payment of discretionary bonuses to executive officers. The proposed rules, if adopted, would also revise the prompt corrective action framework discussed below by incorporating the new regulatory capital minimums and updating the definition of tangible common equity and would change the risk weightings of assets used to determine required capital ratios. The U.S. federal banking agencies announced on November 9, 2012 that they did not expect the proposed rules to become effective on January 1, 2013, as it was previously announced, and did not indicate the likely new effective date.

**Inter-state Banking.** Bank holding companies may generally acquire banks in any state. Federal law also permits a bank to merge with an out-of-state bank and convert any offices into branches of the resulting bank if both states have



not opted out of interstate branching; permits a bank to acquire branches from an out-of-state bank if the law of the state where the branches are located permits the interstate branch acquisition; and permits banks to establish and operate new interstate branches whenever the host state opts-in to that authority. Bank holding companies and banks that want to engage in such activities must be adequately capitalized and managed.

The New York Banking Law generally authorizes interstate branching in New York as a result of a merger, purchase of assets or similar transaction. An out-of-state bank may not first enter New York by opening a new branch in New York, but once a branch is acquired as described in the preceding sentence, additional new branches may be opened state wide.

**Regulation of the Bank.** In general, the powers of the Bank are limited to the express powers described in the New York Banking Law and powers incidental to the exercise of those express powers. The Bank is generally authorized to accept deposits and make loans on terms and conditions determined to be acceptable to the Bank. Loans may be unsecured, secured by real estate, or secured by personal property. The Bank may also invest assets in bonds, notes or other debt securities which are not in default and certain limited classes of equity securities including certain publicly traded equity securities in an amount aggregating not more than 2% of assets or 20% of capital. The Bank may also engage in a variety of other traditional activities for commercial banks, such as the issuance of letters of credit.

The exercise of these state-authorized powers is limited by FDIC regulations and other federal laws and regulations. In particular, FDIC regulations limit the investment activities of state-chartered, FDIC-insured banks such as the Bank.

Under FDIC regulations, the Bank generally may not directly or indirectly acquire or retain any equity investment that is not permissible for a national bank. In addition, the Bank may not directly or indirectly through a subsidiary, engage as "principal" in any activity that is not permissible for a national bank unless the FDIC has determined that such activities would pose no risk to the applicable FDIC insurance fund and the Bank is in compliance with applicable regulatory capital requirements. FDIC regulations permit real estate investments under certain circumstances. The Bank does not engage in real estate investing activity.

In May 2009, in connection with the Bank's examination by the FDIC, the Bank received a Joint Memorandum of Understanding (as modified January 31, 2013, the "MOU") from the FDIC and the New York State Department of Financial Services (the "NYSDFS"), formerly called the New York State Banking Department, which the Bank executed. The MOU sets forth an informal understanding among the Bank, the FDIC and the NYSDFS addressing asset quality, loan review, underwriting and administration and certain other concerns identified in the examination. The Bank's board of directors appointed a committee comprised of three directors to monitor the Bank's compliance with the MOU. Compliance with the MOU has not had a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. As set forth in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Capital" and Note N to the Company's consolidated financial statements, the Bank met the definition of well capitalized for regulatory purposes as of December 31, 2012 and 2011.

**Loans to One Borrower.** The Bank's lending limit generally restricts extensions of credit to one borrower to 15% of the Bank's capital stock, surplus fund and undivided profits, but allow such extensions of credit to one borrower of up to 25% of the Bank's capital stock, surplus fund and undivided profits, if the additional 10% is secured by collateral

that can be adequately valued. This means that as of December 31, 2012, the Bank could lend \$18.5 million to one borrower, and this amount may be increased up to \$30.9 million, if the loan is secured by collateral that can be adequately valued.

**FDIC Capital Requirements.** The FDIC requires that the Bank maintain certain minimum ratios of capital to assets. The FDIC's regulations divide capital into two tiers. The first tier ("Tier I") includes common equity, retained earnings, certain non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock (excluding auction rate issues) and minority interests in equity accounts of consolidated subsidiaries, minus goodwill and other intangible assets (except mortgage servicing rights and purchased credit card relationships subject to certain limitations). Supplementary ("Tier II") capital includes, among other items, cumulative perpetual and long-term limited-life preferred stock, mandatorily convertible securities, certain hybrid capital instruments, term subordinated debt and the allowance for loan losses, subject to certain limitations, less required deductions.

The FDIC requires that the highest rated banks maintain a Tier I leverage ratio (Tier I capital to adjusted total assets) of at least 3.0%. All other banks subject to FDIC capital requirements must maintain a Tier I leverage ratio of 4.0% to 5.0% or more. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Bank's Tier I leverage capital ratio was 14.5% and 15.9%, respectively.

The Bank must also meet a risk-based capital standard. The risk-based standard requires the Bank to maintain total capital (defined as Tier I and Tier II capital) to risk-weighted assets of at least 8%, of which at least 4% must be Tier I capital. In determining the amount of risk-weighted assets, all assets, plus certain off-balance sheet assets, are multiplied by a risk-weight of 0% to 100%, based on the risks the FDIC believes are inherent in the type of asset. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Bank maintained a 32.7% and 34.8% Tier I risk-based capital ratio and a 34.0% and 36.1% total risk-based capital ratio, respectively.

In addition to the foregoing regulatory capital requirements, the FDIC Improvements Act of 1991 created a "prompt corrective action" framework, under which decreases in a depository institution's capital category trigger various supervisory actions. Pursuant to implementing regulations adopted by the FDIC, for purposes of the prompt corrective action provisions, a state-chartered, nonmember bank, such as the Bank, is deemed to be well capitalized if it has: a total risk-based capital ratio of 10% or greater; a Tier I risk-based capital ratio of 6% or greater; and a leverage ratio of 5% or greater. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Bank met the definition of a "well capitalized" financial institution.

**Community Reinvestment Act.** The Bank must, under federal law, meet the credit needs of its community, including low and moderate income segments of its community. The FDIC is required, in connection with its examination of the Bank, to assess whether the Bank has satisfied this requirement. Failure to satisfy this requirement could adversely affect certain applications which the Bank may make, such as branch applications, merger applications, and applications for permission to purchase branches. In the case of the Company, the Federal Reserve will assess the record of each subsidiary bank in considering certain applications made by the Company. The New York Banking Law contains similar provisions applicable to the Bank. As of the most recent Community Reinvestment Act examinations by the FDIC and the NYSDFS, the Bank received "satisfactory" ratings.



**Dividends From the Bank to the Company.** One source of funds for the Company to pay dividends to its stockholders is dividends from the Bank to the Company. Under the New York Banking Law, the Bank may pay dividends to the Company, without regulatory approval, equal to its net profits for the year in which the payment is made, plus retained net profits for the two previous years, subject to certain limits not generally relevant. The Bank's retained net income in 2012 was \$13.5 million and retained net income in fiscal 2011 was \$51.6 million, resulting in an aggregate retained net income of \$65.1 million. Therefore, the Bank may be able to pay dividends to the Company during fiscal 2013.

Under federal law, the Bank may not make any capital distribution to the Company, including any dividend or repurchase of the Bank's stock, if, after making such distribution, the Bank fails to meet the required minimum capital ratio requirements discussed above. The FDIC may prohibit the Bank from paying dividends if, in its opinion, the payment of dividends would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice.

**Transactions With Related Parties.** The Company, its direct non-banking subsidiaries, the stockholders who control the Company and other companies controlled by stockholders who control the Company are affiliates, within the meaning of the Federal Reserve Act, of the Bank and its subsidiaries. The Bank's authority to engage in transactions with its "affiliates" is limited by Sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act. Section 23A limits the aggregate amount of transactions with any individual affiliate to 10% of the capital and surplus of the Bank and also limits the aggregate amount of transactions with all affiliates to 20% of the Bank's capital and surplus. Extensions of credit to affiliates must be secured by certain specified collateral, and the purchase of low quality assets from affiliates is generally prohibited. Section 23B provides that certain transactions with affiliates, including loans and asset purchases, must be on terms and under circumstances, including credit standards, that are at least as favorable to the Bank as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with non-affiliated companies. In the absence of comparable transactions, such transactions may only occur under terms and circumstances, including credit standards, that in good faith would be offered to or would apply to non-affiliated companies.

In accordance with banking regulations, the Bank may make loans to its and the Company's directors, executive officers, and 10% stockholders, as well as to entities controlled by them, subject to specific federal and state limits. Among other things, these loans must (a) be made on terms that are substantially the same as, and follow credit underwriting procedures that are not less stringent than, those prevailing for comparable transactions with unaffiliated persons and that do not involve more than the normal risk of repayment or present other unfavorable features and (b) not exceed certain limitations on the amount of credit extended to such persons, individually and in the aggregate, which limits are based, in part, on the amount of the Bank's capital. In addition, extensions of credit in excess of certain limits must be approved by the Bank's Board of Directors. However, the Bank may make loans to executive officers, directors and principal stockholders on preferential terms, provided the extension of credit is made pursuant to a benefit or compensation program of the Bank that is widely available to employees of the Bank or its affiliates and does not give preference to any insider over other employees of the Bank or affiliates. The Bank has no such benefit or compensation programs.

**Enforcement.** The FDIC and the NYSDFS have enforcement authority over the Bank. The Superintendent of Financial Services of the NYSDFS (the "Superintendent") may order the Bank to appear and explain an apparent violation of law, to discontinue unauthorized or unsafe practices and to keep prescribed books and accounts. If any director or officer of the Bank has violated any law, or has continued unauthorized or unsafe practices in conducting the business of the Bank after having been notified by the Superintendent to discontinue such practices, the Superintendent may remove the individual from office after notice and an opportunity to be heard. The Superintendent also may take over control of the Bank under specified statutory criteria.

The FDIC's enforcement authority includes, among other things, the ability to assess civil money penalties, to issue cease and desist orders and to remove directors and officers. As indicated above, the FDIC is required to take prompt action to correct deficiencies in banks which do not satisfy specified FDIC capital ratio requirements. Dividends, other capital distributions or the payment of management fees to any controlling person are prohibited if, following such distribution or payment, a bank would be undercapitalized. An undercapitalized bank must file a plan to restore its capital within 45 days after being notified that it is undercapitalized. Undercapitalized, significantly undercapitalized and critically undercapitalized institutions are subject to increasing prohibitions on permitted activities, and increasing levels of regulatory supervision, based upon the severity of their capital problems. The FDIC is required to monitor closely the condition of an undercapitalized bank. The FDIC is also required to appoint a conservator or receiver if a bank becomes critically undercapitalized.

**Insurance of Accounts.** Deposit insurance premiums payable to the FDIC are based upon the perceived risk of the institution to the FDIC insurance fund. The FDIC assigns an institution to one of three capital categories: (a) well capitalized, (b) adequately capitalized or (c) undercapitalized. The FDIC also assigns an institution to one of three supervisory categories based on an evaluation by the institution's primary federal regulator and information that the FDIC considers relevant to the institution's financial condition and the risk posed to the deposit insurance funds ("DIF"). At present, the Bank pays no deposit insurance premium based upon its risk-based categorization.

The FDIC has raised insurance premiums to cover substantial losses incurred by the DIF due to the bank failures beginning in 2008. As a result, we expect deposit insurance premiums may be higher for the foreseeable future than they have been in the recent past. The Bank's FDIC assessments totaled \$1.2 million in fiscal 2012 and \$1.25 million in fiscal 2011.

In November 2009, the FDIC adopted a final rule imposing a 13 quarter prepayment of FDIC premiums. The Bank's original prepayment amount totaled \$5.59 million which was paid in December 2009. At December 31, 2012, the FDIC prepayment totaled \$1.8 million. This was an estimated prepayment for the fourth quarter of 2009 through the fourth quarter of 2012.

**Reserve Requirements.** The Bank must maintain non-interest-earning reserves against its transaction accounts (primarily NOW and regular checking accounts). The Bank is generally able to satisfy reserve requirements with cash

on hand and other non-interest bearing deposits which it maintains for other purposes, so the reserve requirements do not impose a material financial burden on the Bank.



**Governmental Policies.** Our earnings are significantly affected by the monetary and fiscal policies of governmental authorities, including the Federal Reserve. Among the instruments of monetary policy used by the Federal Reserve to implement these objectives are open-market operations in U.S. Government securities and Federal funds, changes in the discount rate on member bank borrowings and changes in reserve requirements against member bank deposits. These instruments of monetary policy are used in varying combinations to influence the overall level of bank loans, investments and deposits, and the interest rates charged on loans and paid for deposits. The Federal Reserve frequently uses these instruments of monetary policy, especially its open-market operations and the discount rate, to influence the level of interest rates and to affect the strength of the economy, the level of inflation or the price of the dollar in foreign exchange markets. The monetary policies of the Federal Reserve have had a significant effect on the operating results of banking institutions in the past and are expected to continue to do so in the future. It is not possible to predict the nature of future changes in monetary and fiscal policies, or the effect which they may have on our business and earnings.

**Personal Holding Company Status.** For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company was deemed to be a Personal Holding Company (a "PHC"), as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. As a PHC, we may be required to pay an additional income tax or issue a dividend to our stockholders in an amount based upon the PHC Internal Revenue Code formulas, which is primarily based upon net income. No such dividend was required to be paid in fiscal 2012 or 2011. (See "Dividends" in Item 5).

**Employees.** On March 25, 2013, the Company employed 1 full time and 1 part time employee and the Bank employed 109 full time and 4 part time employees. The Bank's employees are not represented by a collective bargaining unit, and the Bank considers its relationship with its employees to be good.

**ITEM 1A. Risk  
Factors.**

Our business faces significant risks. These risks include those described below and may include additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial. Our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks, and the trading price of our common stock could decline.

**Our future success depends on our ability to compete effectively in a highly competitive market and geographic area.**

Our ability to maintain profitability may depend in part on our ability to expand our scope of available financial services as needed to meet the needs and demands of our customers. Our business model focuses on using superior customer service to provide traditional banking services to a growing customer base. However, we face substantial competition in all phases of our operations from a variety of different competitors. We encounter competition from other commercial banks, savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks, credit unions and other financial institutions. Our competitors, including credit unions, consumer finance companies, factors, insurance companies and money market mutual funds, compete with lending and deposit-gathering services offered by us. In addition, our competitors now include securities dealers, brokers, mortgage bankers, investment advisors and finance and insurance companies who seek to offer one-stop financial services to their customers that may include services that they have not been able or allowed to offer to our customers in the past. This increasingly competitive environment is primarily a result of changes in regulation, changes in technology and product delivery systems and the accelerating pace of consolidation among financial services providers. There is very strong competition for financial services in the New York and New Jersey state areas in which we currently conduct our business. This geographic area includes offices of many of the largest financial institutions in the world. Many of those competing institutions have much greater financial and marketing resources than we have. Due to their size, many competitors can achieve larger economies of scale and as a result may offer a broader range of products and services than we do. If we are unable to offer competitive products and services, our earnings may be negatively affected. Some of the financial services organizations with which we compete are not subject to the same degree of regulation as is imposed on bank holding companies like ourselves and on federally insured financial institutions like our banking subsidiary, The Berkshire Bank. As a result, these nonbank competitors have certain advantages over us in accessing funding and in providing various services. The banking business in our current primary market area is very competitive, and the level of competition we face may increase further, which may limit our asset growth and profitability.

**Economic conditions either nationally or locally in areas in which our operations are concentrated may be less favorable than expected.**

Deterioration in local, regional, national or global economic conditions could result in, among other things, an increase in loan delinquencies, a decrease in property values, a change in housing turnover rate or a reduction in the level of bank deposits. Particularly, a weakening of the real estate or employment market in our primary market areas could result in an increase in the number of borrowers who default on their loans and a reduction in the value of the collateral securing their loans, which in turn could have an adverse effect on our profitability. Substantially all of our real estate loans are collateralized by properties located in these market areas, and substantially all of our loans are made to borrowers who live in and conduct business in these market areas. Any material economic deterioration in these market areas could have an adverse impact on our profitability.

Much of the Bank's lending is in New York City and upstate New York. As a result of this geographic concentration, a significant broad-based deterioration in economic conditions in the New York City metropolitan area and upstate New

York could have a material adverse impact on the quality of the Bank's loan portfolio, and accordingly, our results of operations. Such a decline in economic conditions could restrict borrowers' ability to pay outstanding principal and interest on loans when due, and, consequently, adversely affect the cash flows of our business.

**Negative developments in the financial services industry and U.S. and global credit markets may adversely impact our operations and results.**

Negative developments in the capital markets during 2008 and 2009 resulted in uncertainty in the financial markets. Although conditions improved somewhat during 2011 and 2012, loan portfolio performances have deteriorated at many institutions, resulting from, among other factors, high unemployment and a decline in the value of the collateral supporting their loans. The competition for our deposits has increased significantly due to liquidity concerns at many of these same institutions. Stock prices of bank holding companies like ours have been negatively affected by the current condition of the financial markets, as has our ability, if needed, to raise capital or borrow in the debt markets compared to recent years. New federal laws such as the Dodd-Frank Act, or new state laws and regulations regarding lending and funding practices and liquidity standards may negatively affect our business. Financial institution regulatory agencies are expected to be very aggressive in responding to concerns and trends identified in examinations. Negative developments in the financial services industry and the impact of new legislation in response to those developments could negatively impact our operations by restricting our business operations, including our ability to originate or sell loans, and adversely impact our financial performance. See the Section of this Report entitled "Business - The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010."

**Changes in interest rates could reduce our income and cash flows.**

Our income and cash flow and the value of our assets and liabilities depend to a great extent on the difference between the interest rates earned on interest-earning assets such as loans and investment securities, and the interest rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities such as deposits and borrowings. These rates are highly sensitive to many factors which are beyond our control, including general economic conditions and policies of various governmental and regulatory agencies, in particular, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Changes in monetary policy, including changes in interest rates, will influence the origination of loans, the returns on our portfolio of investment securities and the amounts paid on deposits. If the rate of interest we pay on deposits and other borrowings increases more than the rate of interest we earn on loans and other investments, our net interest income, and therefore our earnings, could be adversely affected. In addition, there is a risk that certain deposits would not be renewed. Our earnings could also be adversely affected if the rates on our loans and other investments fall more quickly than those on our deposits and other borrowings. During 2012, interest rates continued at historic lows, a situation which has negatively affected and continues to negatively affect the yield we achieve on interest-earning assets.

**Due to the recent downturn in the market, certain of the marketable securities we own may take longer to auction than initially anticipated, if at all.**

Since 2008, our portfolio of investment securities includes auction rate securities which have failed to auction due to sell orders exceeding buy orders. Unless we hold these securities to maturity, these funds will not be available to us until a successful auction occurs or a buyer is found outside the auction process.

**Declines in value may adversely impact the investment portfolio.**

As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, we had approximately \$356 million and \$415.5 million in available for sale and held to maturity investment securities, respectively. We may be required to record other-than-temporarily impaired (“OTTI”) charges on our investment securities if they suffer a decline in value that is related to the credit quality of the issue. Numerous factors, including lack of liquidity for re-sales of certain investment securities, absence of reliable pricing information for investment securities, adverse changes in business climate, adverse actions by regulators, or unanticipated changes in the competitive environment, could have a negative effect on our investment portfolio in future periods. While no OTTI charges were recorded in 2012, there can be no assurances that additional OTTI charges will not be necessary in the future.

**We have identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting. If we are unable to remediate these material weaknesses, our business and investors' confidence in us could be materially affected.**

As a public company, we are required to comply with Sections 302 and 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, pursuant to which our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting. We have dedicated, and expect to continue to dedicate, significant management, financial and other resources in connection with our compliance with Sections 302 and 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. However, as described in Part II, Item 9A "Controls and Procedures" of this Form 10-K, we identified material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting, as of December 31, 2012, in controls related to income tax computations, financial statement closing process, and allowance for loan losses. Due to these material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, management concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of December 31, 2012.

Although we are in the process of implementing changes to our internal control over financial reporting to remediate our existing material weaknesses, there can be no assurance that such remediation efforts will be successful or that our internal control over financial reporting will be effective as a result of these efforts. If we fail to remediate the material weaknesses and maintain an effective system of disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, we may not be able to prepare reliable financial reports and comply with our reporting obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 on a timely basis. Any such delays in the preparation of financial reports and the filing of our periodic reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission may result in the loss of public confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which, in turn, could materially adversely affect our business and the market value of our common stock and could expose us to costly litigation and regulatory proceedings.

**We operate in a highly regulated environment; changes in laws and regulations and accounting principles may adversely affect us.**

We are subject to extensive state and federal regulation, supervision, and legislation which govern almost all aspects of our operations. These laws may change from time to time and are primarily intended for the protection of customers, depositors, and the deposit insurance funds. The impact of any changes to these laws may negatively impact our ability to expand our services and to increase the value of our business. Regulatory authorities have extensive discretion in the exercise of their supervisory and enforcement powers. They may, among other things, impose restrictions on the operation of a banking institution, the classification of assets by such institution and such institution's allowance for loan losses. Regulatory and law enforcement authorities also have wide discretion and extensive enforcement powers under various consumer protection, civil rights and other laws, including the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, the Truth-in-Lending Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Housing Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act. These laws also permit private individual and class action lawsuits and provide for the recovery of attorneys fees in certain instances. Any changes to these laws or any applicable accounting principles may negatively impact our results of operations and financial condition.



In May 2009, in connection with the Bank's examination by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") the Bank received a Joint Memorandum of Understanding (as modified January 31, 2013, the "MOU") from the FDIC and the New York State Department of Financial Services (the "NYSDFS"), formerly called the New York State Banking Department, which the Bank executed. The MOU sets forth an informal understanding among the Bank, the FDIC and the NYSDFS addressing asset quality, loan review, underwriting and administration and certain other concerns identified in the examination. The Bank's board of directors appointed a committee comprised of three directors to monitor the Bank's compliance. Compliance with the MOU has not had a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition and we do not believe it will have a material adverse effect in the future. As set forth in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Capital Adequacy" and Note N to the Company's consolidated financial statements, the Bank met the definition of well capitalized for regulatory purposes as of December 31, 2012.

**The Dodd-Frank Act may adversely impact our results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.**

The Dodd-Frank Act represents a comprehensive overhaul of the financial services industry within the United States, establishes a new federal Bureau, and requires the Bureau and other federal agencies to implement many new and significant rules and regulations. At this time it is difficult to predict the extent to which the Dodd-Frank Act or the resulting rules and regulations will impact our business. Compliance with these new laws and regulations will likely result in additional costs, and may adversely impact our results of operations, financial condition or liquidity. See the Section of this Report entitled "Business - The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010."

**We are required to maintain an allowance for loan losses. These reserves are based on management's judgment and may have to be adjusted in the future. Any adjustment to the allowance for loan losses, whether due to regulatory changes, economic conditions or other factors, may affect our financial condition and earnings.**

We maintain an allowance for loan losses at a level believed adequate by management to absorb losses specifically identifiable and inherent in the loan portfolio. Our loan customers may fail to repay their loans according to the terms, and the collateral securing the payment of these loans may be insufficient to assure repayment. Such loan losses could have a material adverse effect on our operating results. We make various assumptions, estimates and judgments about the collectibility of our loan portfolio, including the creditworthiness of our borrowers and the value of the real estate and other assets serving as collateral for the repayment of many of our loans. In determining the amount of the allowance for loan losses, we rely on a number of factors, including our own experience and our evaluation of economic conditions. If our assumptions prove to be incorrect, our current allowance for loan losses may not be sufficient to cover losses inherent in our loan portfolio, and adjustments may be necessary that would have a material adverse effect on our operating results.



**We may be adversely affected by the soundness of other financial institutions.**

Financial services institutions are interrelated as a result of trading, clearing, counterparty, or other relationships. We have exposure to many different industries and counterparties, and routinely execute transactions with counterparties in the financial service industry, including the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York (the "FHLB-NY"), commercial banks, brokers and dealers, investment banks, and other institutional clients. Many of these transactions expose us to credit risk in the event of a default by a counterparty or client. In addition, our credit risk may be exacerbated when the collateral held by us cannot be realized or is liquidated at prices not sufficient to recover the full amount due to us. Any such losses could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

**A failure in or breach of our operational or security systems or infrastructure, or those of our third party vendors and other service providers, including as a result of cyber attacks, could disrupt our businesses, result in the disclosure or misuse of confidential or proprietary information, damage our reputation, increase our costs and cause losses.**

We depend upon our ability to process, record, and monitor our client transactions on a continuous basis. As client, public, and regulatory expectations regarding operational and information security have increased, our operational systems and infrastructure must continue to be safeguarded and monitored for potential failures, disruptions, and breakdowns. Our business, financial, accounting and data processing systems, or other operating systems and facilities may stop operating properly or become disabled or damaged as a result of a number of factors including events that are wholly or partially beyond our control. For example, there could be electrical or telecommunications outages; natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes; disease pandemics; events arising from local or larger scale political or social matters, including terrorist acts; and, as described below, cyber attacks. Although we have business continuity plans and other safeguards in place, our business operations may be adversely affected by significant and widespread disruption to our physical infrastructure or operating systems that support our businesses and clients.

Information security risks for financial institutions such as ours have generally increased in recent years in part because of the proliferation of new technologies, the use of the internet and telecommunications technologies to conduct financial transactions, and the increased sophistication and activities of organized crime, hackers, terrorists, activists, and other external parties. As noted above, our operations rely on the secure processing, transmission, and storage of confidential information in our computer systems and networks. Our business relies on our digital technologies, computer and email systems, software, and networks to conduct its operations. In addition, to access our products and services, our clients may use personal smartphones, tablet PC's, personal computers, and other mobile devices that are beyond our control systems. Although we have information security procedures and controls in place, our technologies, systems, networks, and our clients' devices may become the target of cyber attacks or information security breaches that could result in the unauthorized release, gathering, monitoring, misuse, loss or destruction of our or our clients' confidential, proprietary and other information, or otherwise disrupt our or our clients' or other third parties' business operations.



Third parties with whom we do business or that facilitate our business activities, including financial intermediaries, or vendors that provide services or security solutions for our operations, could also be sources of operational and information security risk to us, including from breakdowns or failures of their own systems or capacity constraints.

Although to date we have not experienced any material losses relating to cyber attacks or other information security breaches, there can be no assurance that we will not suffer such losses in the future. Our risk and exposure to these matters remains heightened because of the evolving nature of these threats. As a result, cybersecurity and the continued development and enhancement of our controls, processes and practices designed to protect our systems, computers, software, data and networks from attack, damage or unauthorized access remain a focus for us. As threats continue to evolve, we may be required to expend additional resources to continue to modify or enhance our protective measures or to investigate and remediate information security vulnerabilities.

Disruptions or failures in the physical infrastructure or operating systems that support our businesses and clients, or cyber attacks or security breaches of the networks, systems or devices that our clients use to access our products and services could result in client attrition, regulatory fines, penalties or intervention, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, and/or additional compliance costs, any of which could materially adversely affect our results of operations or financial condition.

**The Company is authorized to issue "Blank Check" Preferred Stock; It may be difficult for a third party to acquire us and this could depress our common stock price.**

Under our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, we have authorized 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock, all of which may be issued by the board of directors with terms, rights, preferences and designations as the board of directors may determine and without any vote of the stockholders, unless otherwise required by law. Issuing the preferred stock, depending upon the rights, preferences and designations set by the board of directors, may adversely affect the rights of holders of common stock.

In addition, federal and state banking laws may restrict the ability of the stockholders to approve a merger or business combination or obtain control of the Company. Moreover, one individual owns or controls more than 50% of our outstanding shares. These factors may tend to make it more difficult for stockholders to replace existing management or may prevent stockholders from receiving a premium for their shares of our common stock.

**Thin market for our Common Stock and other factors could depress our Common Stock price.**

We have authorized 25,000,000 shares of common stock of which 14,416,198 shares were issued and outstanding at December 31, 2012. The price of our common stock may be volatile at times since our common stock is thinly traded and less than 30% of our outstanding shares are owned by non-affiliates. It may be difficult for a stockholder to sell a significant number of shares at a chosen time and/or price or for a third party to purchase sufficient shares on the open market to cause a change in control of the Company, all of which could depress the price of the Company's common stock.

**Our stock is not insured by any governmental agency and, therefore, investment in it involves risk.**

Our securities are not deposit accounts or other obligation of any bank, and are not insured by the FDIC, or any other governmental agency, and are subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire investment.

**The financial sector is experiencing an economic downturn. An increase in the number of non-performing loans will have an adverse effect on our operations.**

Virtually all of our real estate loans are secured by real estate in New York. At December 31, 2012, loans secured by real estate, including home equity loans and lines of credit, represented 95% of our total loans. Both nationally and in the States of New York and New Jersey, we are experiencing an economic downturn that is having a significant impact on the prices of real estate and related assets. The residential and commercial real estate sectors have been adversely affected by weakening economic conditions and may negatively impact our loan portfolio. While we believe that our total non-performing loans as a percentage of total assets are relatively low by industry standards, if loans that are currently performing become non-performing, we may need to increase our allowance for loan losses, which would have an adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations. We decreased the allowance for loan losses by approximately \$6.7 million during 2012 and increased the allowance for loan losses by approximately \$1.6 million during 2011.

**Our FDIC premium could be substantially higher in the future, which would have an adverse effect on our future earnings.**

Our FDIC insurance assessment was \$1.2 million for 2012 compared to \$1.3 million for 2011. See "Business - Insurance of Accounts."

**ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 2. Properties.**

The following are Berkshire's and the Bank's principal facilities as of March 25, 2013:

Location	Operations	Approximate Floor Area (Sq. Ft.)	Approximate Annual Lease Rent	Expiration
New York, NY	Executive Offices	1,500	\$ 18,000	(1)(3)
New York, NY	Main Bank Office and Bank Branch	9,729	Owned(4)	March 2018
Brooklyn, NY	Bank Branch	4,500	\$ 219,000	March 2016
Brooklyn, NY	Bank Branch	2,866	\$ 99,600	March 2016
Brooklyn, NY	Bank Branch	2,592	\$ 133,100	December 2022
Brooklyn, NY	Bank Branch	1,640	\$ 92,900	June 2015
New York, NY	Bank Branch	9,924	\$ 418,100	June 2016 (2)(3)
New York, NY	Bank Branch	3,300	\$ 76,600	November 2016 (2)(3)
Goshen, NY	Bank Branch	10,680	Owned	
Harriman, NY	Bank Branch	1,623	Owned	
Bloomington, NY	Bank Branch	1,530	\$ 36,600	December 2016
Teaneck, NJ	Bank Branch	2,200	\$ 44,000	June 2014

- (1) Rented on a month to month basis from a company affiliated with Mr. Moses Marx, a director of the Company.
- (2) Leased from a company affiliated with Mr. Marx, a director of the Company.
- (3) Management believes the annual rent paid is comparable to the annual rent that would be paid to non-affiliated parties in a similar commercial transaction for similar commercial space.
- (4) Leased from a subsidiary of the Company

### **ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings.**

In the ordinary course of operations, the Bank is a party to routine litigation involving claims incidental to its banking business. Management believes that no current litigation, threatened or pending, to which we or our assets are a party, poses a substantial likelihood of potential loss or exposure which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of our operations.

### **ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not Applicable

## **PART II**

### **ITEM 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.**

The Company's Common Stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol BERK. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices for the Company's Common Stock as reported by NASDAQ.

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011	High	Low
January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011	\$8.00	\$5.35
April 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011	7.16	5.17
July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011	7.39	5.98
October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011	7.98	6.22

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012	High	Low
January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012	\$7.74	\$6.58

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April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012	9.17	6.29
July 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012	9.20	7.66
October 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012	8.64	7.60

As of the close of business on March 26, 2013, there were 694 holders of record of the Company's Common Stock.



## **Dividends**

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company was deemed to be a PHC, as defined above. As a PHC, we may be required to pay an additional income tax or issue a dividend to our stockholders in an amount based upon applicable Internal Revenue Code formulas, which is primarily based upon net income. No such dividend was required to be paid in fiscal 2012 and 2011.

The Board of Directors did not declare or pay cash dividends during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. On November 28, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend in respect of the common stock of the Company in the amount of \$.08 per share. Such dividend was paid on December 20, 2012 to the holders of record of its common stock as of the close of business on December 10, 2012. This was the first dividend payment since the Company announced in March 2009 that it would temporarily suspend its stated policy of paying a regular cash dividend on its common stock. The declaration, payment and amount of dividends in the future are within the discretion of the Board of Directors and will depend upon our earnings, capital requirements, financial condition and other relevant factors including possibly requiring regulatory approval.

On May 15, 2003, the Company's Board of Directors authorized the purchase of up to 450,000 shares of its Common Stock in the open market, from time to time, depending upon prevailing market conditions, thereby increasing the maximum number of shares which may be purchased by the Company from 1,950,000 shares of Common Stock to 2,400,000 shares of Common Stock. From 1990 through December 31, 2012, the Company has purchased a total of 1,898,909 shares of its Common Stock. During fiscal years 2011 and 2012, we did not purchase any shares, and at December 31, 2012, there were 501,091 shares of Common Stock which may yet be purchased under our stock repurchase plan.

## **Equity Compensation Plans**

See Part III, Item 12 for information concerning the Company's equity compensation plans.

## **ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data**

Not Applicable

## **ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

The following discussion and analysis is intended to provide a better understanding of the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of Berkshire Bancorp Inc. and subsidiaries for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. The discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes (Located in Item 8 herein). Reference is also made to Part I, Item 1 "Business" herein.

## **Segments**

Management has determined that the Company through its wholly-owned bank subsidiary, the Bank, operates in one business segment, community banking. The Bank's principal business activity consists of gathering deposits from the general public and investing those deposits in residential and commercial mortgage loans and commercial non-mortgage loans, both unsecured and secured by personal property. In addition, the Bank invests those deposits in debt obligations issued by the U.S. Government, its agencies, business corporations and mortgage-backed securities.

## **Critical Accounting Policies, Judgments and Estimates**

The accounting and reporting policies of the Company conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") and general practices within the financial services industry. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company considers that the determination of the allowance for loan losses involves a higher degree of judgment and complexity than any of its other significant accounting estimates. The allowance for loan losses is calculated with the objective of maintaining a reserve level believed by management to be sufficient to absorb estimated credit losses. Management's determination of the adequacy of the allowance is based on periodic evaluations of the loan portfolio and other relevant factors. However, this evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires material estimates, including, among others, expected default probabilities, loss given default, the amounts and timing of expected future cash flows on impaired loans, mortgages, and general amounts for historical loss experience. The process also considers economic conditions, uncertainties in estimating losses and inherent risks in the loan portfolio. All of these factors may be susceptible to significant change. To the extent actual outcomes differ from management estimates, additional provisions for loan losses may be required that would adversely impact earnings in future periods. See further discussion of the allowance for loan losses in "Provision for Loan Losses."

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax effects of temporary differences, net operating loss carryforwards and tax credits. Deferred tax assets are subject to management's judgment based upon available evidence that future realization is more likely than not. If management determines that the Company may be unable to realize all or part of net deferred tax assets in the future, a direct charge to income tax expense may be required to reduce the recorded value of the net deferred tax asset to the expected realizable amount.

The Company conducts a periodic review and evaluation of its securities portfolio, taking into account the severity and duration of each unrealized loss, as well as management's intent and ability to hold the security until the unrealized loss is substantially eliminated, in order to determine if a decline in market value of any security below its carrying value is either temporary or other than temporary. Unrealized losses on held-to-maturity securities that are deemed temporary are disclosed but not recognized. Unrealized losses on debt or equity securities available-for-sale that are deemed temporary are excluded from net income and reported net of deferred taxes as other comprehensive income or loss. All unrealized losses that are deemed other than temporary on either available-for-sale or held-to-maturity securities are recognized immediately as a reduction of the carrying amount of the security, with a charge recorded in the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

The Company is required to disclose the estimated fair value of its assets and liabilities considered to be financial instruments. For the Company, as for most financial institutions, the majority of its assets and liabilities are considered financial instruments. The Company values those financial assets and financial liabilities in accordance with ASC Topic 820 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures." ASC Topic 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurement.

## Discussion of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011.** Net income allocated to common stockholders, after the provision for income taxes, for the year ended December 31, 2012 was \$12.4 million, or \$0.86 per common share, compared to net income, after the provision for income taxes and before dividends on our Series A Preferred Stock, of \$49.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, and net income allocated to common stockholders of \$45.8 million, or \$5.51 per common share, for the year ended December 31, 2011.

The following table sets forth certain balance sheet, income statement and bank branch information as of December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	As of and for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31,		
	2012	2011	% Inc/(Dec)
	(In millions, except per share data and percentages and bank branch information)		
Total Assets	\$ 828.0	\$ 862.1	(4 )%
Loans, net	284.2	299.3	(5 )%
Investment Securities	356.3	415.5	(14 )%
Total Liabilities	693.7	746.6	(7 )%
Deposits	642.5	658.9	(2 )%
Borrowings, securities sold under agreements to repurchase and subordinated debt	46.5	78.8	(41 )%
Stockholders' Equity	134.3	115.5	16 %
Total Income	30.2	79.4	(62 )%
Interest Income	28.8	34.5	(17 )%
Total Expense	16.7	27.7	(40 )%
Interest Expense	6.8	8.8	(23 )%

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Net Interest Income	22.0	25.7	(14 )%
Net Income (Loss) Allocated to Common Stockholders	12.4	45.8	
Income (Loss) Per Common Share	0.86	5.51	
Bank Branches	12	12	

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The Company's average balances, interest, and average yields are set forth on the following table (in thousands, except percentages):

	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2012			Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011			Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2010		
	<b>Average Balance</b>	<b>Interest and Dividends</b>	<b>Average Yield/Rate</b>	<b>Average Balance</b>	<b>Interest and Dividends</b>	<b>Average Yield/Rate</b>	<b>Average Balance</b>	<b>Interest and Dividends</b>	<b>Average Yield/Rate</b>
<b>INTEREST-EARNING ASSETS:</b>									
Loans (1)	\$313,615	\$18,953	6.04 %	\$339,766	\$21,764	6.41 %	\$390,253	\$25,559	6.55 %
Investment securities	403,307	9,467	2.35	394,279	12,530	3.18	360,022	14,174	3.94
Other (2)(5)	114,907	331	0.29	98,076	241	0.25	69,252	262	0.38
Total interest-earning assets	831,829	28,751	3.46	832,121	34,535	4.15	819,527	39,995	4.88
Noninterest-earning assets	28,058			30,649			58,617		
Total Assets	\$859,887			\$862,770			\$878,144		
<b>INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES:</b>									
Interest bearing deposits	228,795	778	0.34	217,004	864	0.40	222,872	1,490	0.67
Time deposits	357,706	4,119	1.15	379,860	5,076	1.34	400,586	6,089	1.52
Other borrowings	66,683	1,883	2.82	80,995	2,907	3.59	90,981	3,508	3.86
Total interest-bearing liabilities	653,184	6,780	1.04	677,859	8,847	1.31	714,439	11,087	1.55
Demand deposits	74,632			76,900			69,963		
Noninterest-bearing liabilities	4,591			5,786			7,508		
Stockholders' equity (5)	127,480			102,225			86,234		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$859,887			\$862,770			\$878,114		
Net interest income		\$21,971			\$25,688			\$28,908	
Interest-rate spread (3)			2.42 %			2.84 %			3.33 %
Net interest margin (4)			2.64 %			3.09 %			3.53 %
Ratio of average interest-earning assets	1.27			1.23			1.15		

to average interest  
bearing liabilities

- (1) Includes nonaccrual loans.
- (2) Includes interest-bearing deposits, federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell.
- (3) Interest-rate spread represents the difference between the average yield on interest-earning assets and the average cost of interest bearing liabilities.
- (4) Net interest margin is net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.
- (5) Average balances for Berkshire Bancorp Inc. (parent only) have been calculated on a monthly basis.

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Changes in net interest income may be analyzed by segregating the volume and rate components of interest income and interest expense. The following tables set forth certain information regarding changes in interest income and interest expense of the Company for the years indicated. For each category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, information is provided on changes attributable to (1) changes in rate (change in rate multiplied by prior volume), (2) changes in volume (changes in volume multiplied by prior rate) and (3) changes in rate-volume (change in rate multiplied by change in volume) (in thousands):

	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2012 Compared to Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011 Increase (Decrease) Due To		
	Rate	Volume	Total
Interest-earning assets:			
Loans	\$(1,257)	\$(1,553)	\$(2,810)
Investment securities	(3,273)	210	(3,063)
Other	(245 )	335	90
Total	(4,775)	(1,008)	(5,783)
Interest-bearing liabilities:			
Deposit accounts:			
Interest bearing deposits	(130 )	43	(87 )
Time deposits	(722 )	(235 )	(957 )
Other borrowings	(624 )	(399 )	(1,023)
Total	(1,475)	(591 )	(2,067)
Net interest income	\$(3,300)	\$(417 )	\$(3,716)

	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011 Compared to Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2010 Increase (Decrease) Due To		
	Rate	Volume	Total
Interest-earning assets:			
Loans	\$(546 )	\$(3,249)	\$(3,795)
Investment securities	(2,736)	1,092	(1,644)
Other	(90 )	69	(21 )
Total	(3,372)	(2,088)	(5,460)
Interest-bearing liabilities:			



Deposit accounts:

Interest bearing deposits	(602 )	(24 )	(626 )
Time deposits	(721 )	(292 )	(1,013)
Other borrowings	(246 )	(355 )	(601 )
Total	(1,569)	(671 )	(2,240)

Net interest income            \$(1,803) \$(1,417) \$(3,220)

### **Provision for Loan Losses.**

The allowance for loan losses is the estimated amount considered necessary to cover credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. The allowance is established through the provision for loan losses that is charged against income. In determining the allowance for loan losses, management makes significant estimates which involve a high degree of judgment, subjectivity of the assumptions utilized, and potential for changes in the economic environment that could result in changes to the amount of the recorded allowance for loan losses.

The allowance for loan losses has been determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, principally FASB ASC 450, "Contingencies", ("ASC 450") and FASB ASC 310, "Receivables", ("ASC 310"). Under the above accounting principles, we are required to maintain an allowance for probable losses at the balance sheet date. We are responsible for the timely and periodic determination of the amount of the allowance required. Management believes that the allowance for loan losses is adequate to cover specifically identifiable losses, as well as estimated losses inherent in our portfolio for which certain losses are probable but not specifically identifiable.

Management performs a quarterly evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. The analysis of the allowance for loan losses has two components: specific and general reserves. Specific reserves are made for loans determined to be impaired. Impairment is measured by determining the present value of expected future cash flows or, as a practical expedient for collateral-dependent loans, the fair value of the collateral adjusted for market conditions and selling expenses. Except for loans identified as troubled debt restructurings ("TDRs"), the Bank considers its investment in one-to-four family real estate loans and consumer loans to be smaller balance homogeneous loans and therefore excluded from separate identification for evaluation of impairment. These homogeneous loan groups are evaluated for impairment on a collective basis under ASC 310.

The general reserve is determined by segregating the remaining loans by type of loan, risk weighting (if applicable) and payment history. Management also analyzes historical loss experience, delinquency trends, general economic conditions, geographic concentrations, and industry and peer comparisons. This analysis establishes factors that are applied to the loan segments to determine the amount of the general reserves. This evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires material estimates that may be susceptible to significant revisions based upon changes in economic and real estate market conditions. Actual loan losses may be significantly more than the allowance for loan losses management has established which could have a material negative effect on the Company's financial results.

On a quarterly basis, the Bank's management committee reviews the current status of various loan assets in order to evaluate the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. In this evaluation process, specific loans are analyzed to determine their potential risk of loss. This process includes all loans, concentrating on non-accrual and classified loans. Each non-accrual or classified loan is evaluated for potential loss exposure. Any shortfall results in a recommendation of a specific allowance if the likelihood of loss is evaluated as probable. To determine the adequacy of collateral on a particular loan, an estimate of the fair market value of the collateral is based on the most current appraised value available. This appraised value is then reduced to reflect estimated liquidation expenses.

As a substantial amount of our loan portfolio is collateralized by real estate, appraisals of the underlying value of property securing loans are critical in determining the amount of the allowance required for specific loans. Assumptions for appraisal valuations are instrumental in determining the value of properties. Overly optimistic assumptions or negative changes to assumptions could significantly impact the valuation of a property securing a loan and the related allowance determined. The assumptions supporting such appraisals are carefully reviewed by management to determine that the resulting values reasonably reflect amounts realizable on the related loans. Based on the composition of our loan portfolio, management believes the primary risks are increases in interest rates, a decline in the economy, generally, and a decline in real estate market values in the New York metropolitan area. Any one or combination of these events may adversely affect our loan portfolio resulting in increased delinquencies, loan losses and future levels of loan loss provisions. Management believes the allowance for loan losses reflects the inherent credit risk in our portfolio, the level of our non-performing loans and our charge-off experience.

A loan is considered nonperforming when it becomes delinquent ninety days or when other adverse factors become known to us. We generally order updated appraisals from independent third party licensed appraisers at the time the loan is identified as nonperforming. Depending upon the property type, we receive appraisals within thirty to ninety days from the date the appraisals are ordered. Upon receipt of the appraisal, which is discounted by us to take account of estimated selling and other holding costs, we compare the adjusted appraisal amount to the carrying amount of the real estate dependent loan and record any impairment through the allowance for loan loss at that time.

The majority of our real estate dependent loans are concentrated in the New York City metropolitan area. We do not make adjustments to the appraisals for this concentration. We do not increase the appraised value of any property. Any adjustments we make to the appraisals are to decrease the appraised value due to selling and other holding costs.

Although management believes that we have established and maintained the allowance for loan losses at adequate levels, additions may be necessary if future economic and other conditions differ substantially from the current operating environment. Although management uses what it believes is the best information available, the level of the allowance for loan losses remains an estimate that is subject to significant judgment and short-term change. In addition, the FDIC, NYSDFS, and other regulatory bodies, as an integral part of their examination process, will periodically review our allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require us to recognize adjustments to the allowance based on its judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.



During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, the Bank, upon consultation with experts in the field and in view of its historical experience of defaults in its portfolio and the current loan and housing environment, reduced its loan loss reserve by \$6.7 million.

**Results of Operations - Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2012 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011.**

**Net Income Allocated to Common Stockholders.** Net income allocated to common stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 was \$12.4 million, or \$0.86 per common share, as compared to net income allocated to common stockholders of \$45.8 million, or \$5.51 per common share, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

The net income allocated to common stockholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011 was significantly affected by a settlement agreement we entered into in May 2011 with the selling financial institution of the auction rate securities in the Bank's investment portfolio. In January 2009, the Bank filed an arbitration proceeding with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority against the selling financial institution of the auction rate securities in our investment portfolio. Pursuant to the agreement, in settlement of all claims made by the Bank, the institution paid to the Bank the sum of \$42.5 million, or \$5.11 per common share.

The Company's net income is largely dependent on interest rate levels, the demand for the Company's loan and deposit products and the strategies employed to manage the interest rate and other risks inherent in the banking business.

**Interest Income.** Total interest income for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 decreased by \$5.9 million to \$28.7 million from \$34.5 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease in total interest income in fiscal year 2012 was primarily due to the decrease in the average yields earned on interest-earning assets to 3.45% in fiscal year 2012 from 4.15% in fiscal year 2011, and the decrease in the average amount of interest-earning assets to \$831.8 million in fiscal year 2012 from \$832.1 million in fiscal year 2011.

The following table presents the composition of interest income for the indicated periods:

Fiscal 2012		Fiscal 2011	
Interest	% of	Interest	% of
Income	Total	Income	Total
(In thousands, except percentages)			

Loans	\$18,953	65.92 %	\$21,764	63.02 %
Investment Securities	9,467	32.93	12,530	36.28
Other	331	1.15	241	0.70
Total Interest Income	\$28,751	100.00%	\$34,535	100.00%

Loans, which are inherently risky and therefore command a higher return than our portfolio of investment securities and other interest-earning assets, decreased to 37.7% of total average interest-earning assets during fiscal 2012 from 40.8% of total interest-earning assets during fiscal 2011. The average amounts of investment securities increased to 48.5% of total average interest-earning assets during fiscal 2012 from 47.4% of total interest-earning assets during fiscal 2011. While we actively seek to originate new loans with qualified borrowers who meet the Bank's underwriting standards, our strategy has been to maintain those standards, sacrificing some current income to avoid possible large future losses in the loan portfolio.

At December 31, 2012, our portfolio of investment securities included approximately \$56.0 million at cost of auction rate securities. The fair value of these securities, presently \$48.2 million, could be negatively impacted in the future. Were this to occur, we may be required to reflect a write down of these securities in future periods as a charge to earnings if any of these securities are deemed to be other than temporarily impaired. Such impairment charge could be material to our results of operations.

As required by FASB ASC 320, "Investments-Debt and Equity Securities", securities are classified into three categories: trading, held-to-maturity and available-for-sale. Securities that are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term are classified as trading securities and are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in trading account activities in the statement of income. Securities that the Bank has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity and reported at amortized cost. All other securities are classified as available-for-sale. Available-for-sale securities are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included, on an after-tax basis, as a separate component of stockholders' equity. The Company does not have a trading securities portfolio and has no current plans to maintain such a portfolio in the future. The Company generally classifies all newly purchased debt securities as available for sale in order to maintain the flexibility to sell those securities if the need arises. The Bank has a limited portfolio of securities classified as held to maturity, represented principally by securities purchased a number of years ago.

The following table presents the composition of average interest-earning assets for the indicated periods:

	Fiscal 2012		Fiscal 2011	
	Average Amount	% of Total	Average Amount	% of Total
(In thousands, except percentages)				
Loans	\$313,615	37.70 %	\$339,766	40.83 %
Investment Securities	403,307	48.49	394,279	47.38
Other	114,907	13.81	98,076	11.79
Total Interest-Earning Assets	\$831,829	100.00 %	\$832,121	100.00 %

**Interest Expense.** Total interest expense for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 decreased by \$2.0 million to \$6.8 million from \$8.8 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease in total interest expense was due to the \$24.7 million decrease in the average amounts of interest-bearing liabilities to \$653.2 million during fiscal 2012 from \$677.8 million during fiscal 2011 and the decrease in the average rates paid on such liabilities to 1.04% from 1.31% during fiscal years 2012 and 2011, respectively.



The following table presents the composition of interest expense for the indicated periods:

	Fiscal 2012		Fiscal 2011	
	Interest Expense	% of Total	Interest Expense	% of Total
	(In thousands, except percentages)			
Interest-Bearing Deposits	\$778	11.47 %	\$864	9.76 %
Time Deposits	4,119	60.75	5,076	57.38
Other Borrowings	1,883	27.78	2,907	32.86
Total Interest Expense	\$6,780	100.00 %	\$8,847	100.00 %

The following table presents the composition of average interest-bearing liabilities for the indicated periods:

	Fiscal 2012		Fiscal 2011	
	Average Amount	% of Total	Average Amount	% of Total
	(In thousands, except percentages)			
Interest-Bearing Deposits	\$228,795	35.03 %	\$217,004	32.01 %
Time Deposits	357,706	54.76	379,860	56.04
Other Borrowings	66,683	10.21	80,995	11.95
Total Interest-Bearing Liabilities	\$653,184	100.00 %	\$677,859	100.00 %

**Net Interest Income.** The Company's primary source of revenue is net interest income, or the difference between interest income earned on interest-earning assets, such as loans and investment securities, and interest expense on interest-bearing liabilities such as deposits and borrowings. The amount of interest income is dependent upon many factors including: (i) the amount of interest-earning assets that the Company can maintain based upon its funding sources; (ii) the relative amounts of interest-earning assets versus interest-bearing liabilities; and (iii) the difference between the yields earned on those assets and the rates paid on those liabilities. Non-performing loans adversely affect net interest income because they must still be funded by interest-bearing liabilities, but they do not provide interest income. Furthermore, when we designate an asset as non-performing, all interest which has been accrued but not actually received is deducted from current period income, further reducing net interest income.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, net interest income decreased by \$3.7 million to \$22.0 million from \$25.7 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease in net interest income in fiscal 2012 was due to the decrease in interest income discussed above, partially offset by the decrease in the average amount of interest-bearing liabilities, the decrease in interest expense and the decrease in the average rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities as discussed above. The Company's interest-rate spread, the difference between the average yield on interest-earning assets and the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities, decreased to 2.40% during fiscal

2012 from 2.84% during fiscal 2011.

**Net Interest Margin.** Net interest margin, or net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets, decreased to 2.64% during fiscal 2012 from 3.09% during fiscal 2011. We seek to secure and retain customer deposits with competitive products and rates, while making strategic use of the prevailing interest rate environment to borrow funds at what we believe to be attractive rates. We invest such deposits and borrowed funds in what we believe to be a prudent mix of fixed and adjustable rate loans, investment securities and short-term interest-earning assets. The decrease in net interest margin during fiscal 2012 was primarily due to the decrease in the average yields earned on interest-earning assets, partially offset by the decrease in the average rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities.

**Non-Interest Income.** Non-interest income consists primarily of realized gains on sales of marketable securities and service fee income. In May 2011, we entered into a settlement agreement with the selling financial institution of the auction rate securities in the Bank's investment portfolio. Pursuant to the agreement, the institution paid to the Bank the sum of \$42.5 million which is included in other non-interest income. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, total non-interest income decreased by \$43.4 million to \$1.5 million from \$44.9 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease was primarily due to the non-recurring nature of the item described above for fiscal 2011.

The following table presents the composition of non-interest income for the indicated periods:

	Fiscal 2012		Fiscal 2011	
	Non-Interest	% of	Non-Interest	% of
	Income Total	Income Total	Income Total	Income Total
	(In thousands, except percentages)			
Service Charges on Deposits	\$450	30.38 %	\$479	1.07 %
Investment Securities Gains	447	30.18	1,079	2.40
Other	584	39.44	43,335	96.53
Total Non-Interest Income	\$1,481	100.00 %	\$44,893	100.00 %

**Non-Interest Expense.** Non-interest expense includes salaries and employee benefits, occupancy and equipment expenses, legal and professional fees and other operating expenses associated with the day-to-day operations of the Company. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, non-interest expense decreased by \$0.7 million to \$16.6 million from \$17.3 million for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011.

The following table presents the composition of non-interest expense for the indicated periods.

	Fiscal 2012		Fiscal 2011	
	Non-Interest	% of	Non-Interest	% of
	Expense	Total	Expense	Total
	(In thousands, except percentages)			
Salaries and Employee Benefits	\$9,795	58.86 %	\$9,517	55.03 %
Net Occupancy Expense	2,401	14.43	2,545	14.72
Equipment Expense	342	2.06	330	1.91
FDIC Assessment	1,200	7.21	1,252	7.24
Data Processing Expense	445	2.67	447	2.58
Other	2,457	14.77	3,203	18.52
Total Non-Interest Expense	\$16,640	100.00 %	\$17,294	100.00 %

**Provision for Income Tax.** For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$1.1 million. The provision for income taxes relates to the income before taxes and the decrease in the valuation allowance.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$1.9 million. The provision for income taxes relates to the income before taxes and the decrease in the valuation allowance.

### Investment Activities

**General.** The investment policy of the Bank is designed primarily to provide satisfactory yields while maintaining adequate liquidity, a balance of high quality, diversified investments, and minimal risk. Generally, the Bank does not invest in equity securities. However, the Company has invested in some equity securities. The largest component of the Bank's investments, representing more than 50% of total investment securities, are debt securities issued by U.S. Government agencies including Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae or the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"). The remainder of the Bank's debt securities investments are primarily short term debt securities issued by the United States or its agencies. We have no exposure to the sovereign debt of any foreign country. The Bank maintains a portfolio of high-yield corporate debt securities. Recognizing the higher credit risks of these securities, the Bank underwrites these securities in a manner similar to its loan underwriting procedures.

The following is a summary of held-to-maturity investment securities:

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	Gross	Gross		Fair
Amortized	Amortized	Unrealized		value
	gains	losses		
	(In thousands)			

U.S. Government Agencies	\$275	\$ 8	\$	— \$283
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December 31, 2011  
 Amortized Cost    Gross unrealized gains  
    Gross unrealized losses  
    Fair value  
 (In thousands)

U.S. Government Agencies    \$298    \$ 1    \$ (6    )    \$293

December 31, 2010  
 Amortized Cost    Gross unrealized gains  
    Gross unrealized losses  
    Fair value  
 (In thousands)

U.S. Government Agencies    \$319    \$ 1    \$ (4    )    \$316

The following is a summary of available-for-sale investment securities:

	December 31, 2012			
	Amortized Cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Fair value
	(In thousands)			
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$24,868	\$19	\$ (37	) \$24,850
U.S. Government Agencies	141,653	367	(151	) 141,869
Mortgage-backed securities	127,508	2,343	(255	) 129,594
Corporate notes	10,386	106	(3	) 10,489
Municipal securities	—	—	—	—
Auction rate securities	56,000	—	(7,815	) 48,185
Marketable equity securities and other	126	—	—	126
Totals	\$360,541	\$2,835	\$ (8,261	) \$355,114

	December 31, 2011			
	Amortized Cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$80,072	\$141	\$—	\$80,213
U.S. Government Agencies	130,389	510	(33)	130,866
Mortgage-backed securities	140,049	2,750	(440)	142,359
Corporate notes	12,949	103	(49)	13,003
Municipal securities	2,682	—	(687)	1,995
Auction rate securities	65,700	—	(21,205)	44,495
Marketable equity securities and other	1,178	—	(45)	1,133
Totals	\$433,019	\$3,504	\$(22,459)	\$414,064

	December 31, 2010			
	Amortized Cost	Gross unrealized gains	Gross unrealized losses	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$50,015	\$61	\$—	\$50,076
U.S. Government Agencies	88,469	591	(1,533)	87,527
Mortgage-backed securities	117,724	4,099	(686)	121,137
Corporate notes	13,773	44	(639)	13,178
Single Issuer Trust Preferred CDO	1,023	271	—	1,294
Pooled Trust Preferred CDO	6,459	—	(6,000)	459
Municipal securities	2,632	102	(46)	2,688
Auction rate securities	73,993	397	(12,311)	62,079
Marketable equity securities and other	2,810	316	—	3,126
Totals	\$356,898	\$5,881	\$(21,215)	\$341,564

Management uses a multi-factor approach to determine whether each investment security in an unrealized loss position is other-than-temporarily impaired ("OTTI"). An unrealized loss position exists when the current fair value of an investment is less than its amortized cost basis. The valuation factors utilized by management incorporate the ideas and concepts outlined in relevant accounting guidance. These include such factors as:

\*The length of time and the extent to which the market value has been less than cost;

\*The financial condition of the issuer of the security as well as the near and long-term prospect for the issuer;

\*The rating of the security by a national rating agency;

\*Historical volatility and movement in the fair market value of the security; and

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\*Adverse conditions relative to the security, issuer or industry.

The following table shows the outstanding auction rate securities aggregated by type of underlying collateral at December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	2012		2011	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Preferred Shares of Money Center Banks	\$56,000	\$ 48,185	\$63,700	\$ 42,495
Public Utility Debt and Equity Securities	—	—	2,000	2,000
Totals	\$56,000	\$ 48,185	\$65,700	\$ 44,495

In accordance with ASC 320-10, Investment - Debt and Equity Securities, management's impairment analysis for the corporate and auction rate securities that were in a loss position as of December 31, 2012 began with management's determination that it had the intent to hold these securities for sufficient time to recover the cost basis. Management also concluded that it was unlikely that it would be required to sell any of the securities before recovery of the cost basis.

The fair value of the auction rate securities is determined by management by valuing the underlying security and a discounted cash flow analysis is performed in order to test for OTTI. The auction rate securities allow for conversion to the underlying preferred security after two failed auctions. As of December 31, 2012, there have been more than two failed auctions for all outstanding auction rate securities. Because of the lack of liquidity in the market for the auction rate securities as compared to the market for the underlying preferred shares and as there is a possibility of an orderly transaction and market for the underlying preferred shares without significant adjustment to their carrying value, we considered the market value of the underlying preferred shares to be more objective and relevant. For the public utility debt and equity securities, the security is collateralized by a mutual fund in which the majority of the investments are public utility debt and equity securities. As this fund, as well as other mutual funds for public utilities, has not been severely impacted by the market dislocation, these funds, and consequently our auction rate securities, have continued to perform.

In determining whether there is OTTI, management considers the factors noted above. The financial performance indicators we review include, but are not limited to, net earnings, change in liquidity, and change in cash from operating activities, and, for money center banks, the regulatory capital ratios and the allowance for loan losses to the nonperforming loans. Through December 31, 2012, the auction rate securities have continued to pay interest at the highest rate as stipulated in the original prospectus.



In addition to valuing the auction rate securities (ARS) by valuing the collateral, we completed discounted cash flow analyses to test for OTTI. In determining the appropriate cash flow analysis for our auction rate securities, the Company reviewed multiple factors and prepared multiple discounted cash flow analyses. The four main factors affecting our cash flow analysis for each ARS were: the expected future interest rate of the ARS, the expected holding period, the expected principal to be received at the end of the holding period, and an assumed discount rate.

In determining the expected future interest rate, we used the current ARS rate at December 31, 2012 and kept the rate constant for future cash flow estimates. The current rates being paid on the majority of these securities are the maximum penalty rate and we believe that these rates will not change significantly in the future. In addition, if the rates do increase or decrease in future periods, we believe that this would increase or decrease the risk profile of these securities which would cause a corresponding change in the discount rate assumption so the discounted cash flow analysis would not be significantly affected by interest rate changes.

In determining the expected holding period of each security using discounted cash flow analysis, we ran several scenarios. These scenarios included holding the security until the trust dissolution date (maturity date), and a five year scenario, inasmuch as we believe five years from December 31, 2012 would be the earliest that the ARS market may resume the normal auction process.

The expected principal that we would receive in the discounted cash flow analysis was based upon two scenarios. These scenarios included receiving par at the maturity date and at the five-year assumed recovery date and receiving the market value of the underlying preferred shares at the maturity date and at the five-year assumed recovery date. Under the terms of the ARS agreements, we would receive the assets of the trust at the trust dissolution date which would constitute a conversion to the underlying preferred shares.

Finally, in determining the discount rate, we reviewed numerous industry rates and determined a separate discount rate for each ARS as follows: We obtained the 10 year credit default swap spread for each of the underlying issuers (we believed that this was the most readily available information that would most closely represent an equivalent yield). We then adjusted this rate by 50 - 100 basis points depending on how far out the actual maturity date was in excess of 10 years (maturity dates range from approximately 15 years to 25 years). We then added the 10-year swap rate at December 31, 2012, and finally added 50 or 100 basis points for the illiquidity and other market risks. The liquidity factor applied to these securities was based on the credit rating of the security (25 basis points for securities above investment grade and 50 basis points for securities slightly below investment grade). The final discount rates ranged from 2.3% - 5.0%.

Based on these analyses, the discounted cash flows ranged from a total of approximately \$55.8 million to \$60.0 million. We believe that of these scenarios, the most likely scenario as of December 31, 2012 is that we will hold these securities to the maturity based on the high interest rates and will receive par. However, we also verified the reasonableness of the value by analyzing receipt of the par value of the underlying preferred securities at maturity.

The calculated fair values using the par value approach was \$55.8 million as compared to \$48.2 million using the underlying preferred securities. The current fair value that the Bank has recorded for the ARS portfolio based on the value of the underlying securities is approximately \$48.2 million. As our current fair value falls below the range of the discounted cash flows analyses performed and lower than the most likely scenarios, we believe that our current fair value is a conservative representation of what a willing market participant would pay for these securities and is an accurate estimate of our ARS fair value at December 31, 2012.

Based upon our methodology for determining the fair value of the auction rate securities, we recorded no OTTI charge in 2012 or 2011. We concluded that, as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, the unrealized loss for the remainder of the auction rate securities is due to the market interest volatility, the continued illiquidity of the auction rate markets, and uncertainty in the financial markets as there has not been a deterioration in the credit quality of the issuer of the auction rate securities or a downgrade of the auction rate security from investment grade. It is not more likely than not that the Company would be required to sell the auction rate securities prior to recovery of the unrealized loss, nor does the Company intend to sell the security at the present time.

At December 31, 2012, we had six auction rate securities totaling \$30.6 million which were below investment grade. At December 31, 2011, we had four auction rate securities totaling \$15.3 million which were below investment grade.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, \$2.0 million of auction rate securities were redeemed, there was no such activity for 2011. During fiscal 2012, \$5.7 million of auction rate securities were converted to the underlying preferred securities and sold with a loss of \$760,000. Additionally in 2012, \$2.0 million of auction rate securities were sold and a loss of \$187,000 was recognized on the sale. During fiscal 2011, \$8.3 million of auction rate securities were sold at auction with a net gain of \$2.8 million recognized on the sale.

Based upon the discounted cash flow analysis performed, there was no credit related OTTI for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

The table below reflects the amount of single issue debt securities below investment grade and the lowest rating by security type at December 31, 2012 and 2011 (in thousands):

	December 31, 2012			
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Lowest Credit Rating
Auction Rate Securities:				
Money Center Banks	\$37,000	\$30,570	\$ (6,430 )	Ba3

	December 31, 2011			
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Lowest Credit Rating
Auction Rate Securities:				
Money Center Banks	\$26,000	\$15,293	\$ (10,707 )	Ba3

The below investment grade auction rate securities collateralized by preferred shares of money center banks consists of six securities, from three original issuers.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, all other single issuer debt securities had a credit rating of investment grade.

At December 31, 2012, the Company did not own preferred stocks. At December 31, 2011, the Company owned \$83,000, at cost, of preferred stocks with a fair market value of \$38,000. The fair market value was determined by quoted market prices. In order to determine whether an OTTI charge should be recognized, we evaluate the length of time and the extent to which the fair value is below cost, the financial condition and near term prospects of the issuer, and the Company's intent and ability to retain the equity security to allow for recovery. Accordingly, no OTTI was recognized on the unrealized loss of \$45,000.

The table below details certain information related to the equity securities as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 (in thousands):

		December 31, 2012		
Industry	Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	
Preferred Airline	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	—
Other	—	—	—	—

		December 31, 2011		
Industry	Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	
Preferred Airline	\$ 61	\$ 13	\$ (48	)
Other	22	25	3	

The Company has investments in certain debt securities, as noted in the table below, that have unrealized losses or may be otherwise impaired, but OTTI has not been recognized in the financial statements as management believes the decline is due to the credit markets coupled with the interest rate environment. In addition, these securities are making payments in accordance with the terms of the instruments.

The following table indicates the length of time individual securities that we consider temporarily impaired have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2012 (in thousands):

Description of Securities	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
US Treasury Notes	\$ 14,846	\$ 37	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 14,846	\$ 37
U.S. Government Agencies	45,123	151	24	1	45,147	152
Mortgage-backed securities	13,205	56	5,377	199	18,582	255
Corporate notes	834	3	—	—	834	3
Auction rate securities	48,185	7,815	—	—	48,185	7,815
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 122,193	\$ 8,062	\$ 5,401	\$ 200	\$ 127,594	\$ 8,262

The Company had a total of 44 debt securities with a fair market value of \$79.4 million which were temporarily impaired at December 31, 2012. The total unrealized loss on these securities was \$0.4 million, which is attributable to the market interest volatility, the continued illiquidity of the debt markets, and uncertainty in the financial markets. The remaining unrealized loss of \$7.8 million is on 8 auction rate securities which have declined in value due to auction failures beginning in February 2008. It is not more likely than not that we would sell these securities before maturity, and we have the intent to hold all of these securities to maturity and will not be required to sell these securities, due to our ratio of cash and cash equivalents of approximately 18% of total assets at December 31, 2012. Therefore, the unrealized losses associated with these securities are not considered to be other than temporary.

The following table indicates the length of time individual securities that we consider temporarily impaired have been in a continuous unrealized loss position at December 31, 2011 (in thousands):

Description of Securities	Less than 12 months		12 months or longer		Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	Unrealized Losses
U.S. Government Agencies	\$ 22,791	\$ 33	\$ 293	\$ 6	\$ 23,084	\$ 39
Mortgage-backed securities	28,957	117	8,118	323	37,075	440
Corporate notes	1,244	15	3,954	34	5,198	49
Auction rate securities	—	—	42,495	21,205	42,495	21,205
Marketable equity securities and other	—	—	39	45	39	45
Municipal securities	1,995	687	—	—	1,995	687
Total temporarily impaired securities	\$ 54,987	\$ 852	\$ 54,899	\$ 21,613	\$ 109,886	\$ 22,465

The Company had a total of 43 debt securities with a fair market value of \$67.4 million which were temporarily impaired at December 31, 2011. The total unrealized loss on these securities was \$1.2 million, which is attributable to market interest volatility, the continued illiquidity of the debt markets, and uncertainty in the financial markets. We also had 1 equity security with a fair market value of \$39,000 with an unrealized loss of \$45,000. The remaining unrealized loss of \$21.2 million is on 9 auction rate securities which have declined in value due to auction failures beginning in February 2008. It is not more likely than not that we would sell these securities before maturity, and we have the intent to hold all of these securities to maturity and will not be required to sell these securities, due to our



ratio of cash and cash equivalents of approximately 11.7% of total assets at December 31, 2011. Therefore, the unrealized losses associated with these securities are not considered to be other than temporary.

The amortized cost and fair value of investment securities available for sale and held to maturity, by contractual maturity, at December 31, 2012 and 2011 are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

	December 31, 2012			
	Available for Sale		Held to Maturity	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Due in one year or less	\$2,196	\$2,202	\$ —	\$ —
Due after one through five years	23,373	23,609	—	—
Due after five through ten years	72,650	73,219	254	260
Due after ten years	206,196	207,773	21	23
Auction rate securities	56,000	48,185	—	—
Marketable equity securities and other	126	126	—	—
Totals	\$360,541	\$355,114	\$ 275	\$ 283

	December 31, 2011			
	Available for Sale		Held to Maturity	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Due in one year or less	\$81,847	\$82,000	\$ —	\$ —
Due after one through five years	58,182	58,596	—	—
Due after five through ten years	41,987	42,594	—	—
Due after ten years	184,125	185,246	298	293
Auction rate securities	65,700	44,495	—	—
Marketable equity securities and other	1,178	1,133	—	—
Totals	\$433,019	\$414,064	\$ 298	\$ 293

Gross gains realized on the sales of investment securities for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were approximately \$1.4 million and \$7.6 million respectively. Gross losses were approximately \$1.0 million and \$6.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2011, we sold single issuer trust preferred securities, pooled trust CDO's, auction rate securities and certain corporate notes.

The book values of outstanding securities sold under agreement to repurchase at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were \$45.0 million and \$50.0 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, the Company owns investment securities to one issuer where the carrying value exceeded 10% of stockholders' equity. As of December 31, 2011, the Company did not own investment securities of any one issuer where the carrying value exceeded 10% of stockholders' equity.

The following table sets forth the cost and fair value of available-for-sale and held-to-maturity securities as of the dates indicated:

	December 31, 2012		2011	
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Available-For-Sale				
U.S. Treasury Notes	\$24,868	\$24,850	\$80,072	\$80,213
U.S. Government Agencies	141,653	141,869	130,389	130,866
Mortgage-backed securities	127,508	129,595	140,049	142,359
Corporate notes	10,386	10,489	12,949	13,003
Single Issuer Trust Preferred CDO	—	—	—	—
Pooled Trust Preferred CDO	—	—	—	—
Municipal securities	—	—	2,682	1,995
Auction rate securities	56,000	48,185	65,700	44,495
Marketable equity securities and other	126	126	1,178	1,178
Total	\$360,541	\$355,114	\$433,019	\$414,064
Held-To-Maturity				
U.S. Government Agencies	\$275	\$283	\$298	\$293

The following tables summarize the Company's available-for-sale and held- to-maturity securities:

	December 31, 2012		
	Weighted		Fair Value
	Average Cost		
	Yield		
	(Dollars in thousands)		
Available-For-Sale			
U.S. Treasury Notes			
Due after one year through five years	0.34 %	\$9,985	\$ 10,003
Due after five years through ten years	1.71	14,883	14,847
		24,868	24,850
U.S. Government Agencies Obligations			
Due after one year through five years	2.99	4,000	4,030
Due after five years through ten years	2.12	52,902	52,962
Due after ten years	3.16	84,751	84,876
		141,653	141,868
Mortgage-backed securities			
Due after one year through five years	4.60	1,198	1,289
Due after five years through ten years	4.30	4,865	5,410
Due after ten years	2.59	121,445	122,897
		127,508	129,596
Corporate Notes			
Due within one year	1.63	2,196	2,202
Due after one year through five years	1.56	8,191	8,287
		10,387	10,489
Auction rate and other securities			
Common Stocks	2.23	76	76
Auction Rate Securities	4.60	56,000	48,185
Money market funds	0.25	50	50
		56,126	48,311
		\$360,541	\$ 355,114
Held-To-Maturity			
U.S. Government Agencies Obligations			
Due after five years through ten years	7.17	254	260
Due after 10 years	7.61	21	23
		\$275	\$ 283

**Federal Home Loan Bank Stock.** The Bank owns stock of the FHLB-NY which is necessary for it to be a member of the FHLB-NY. Membership requires the purchase of stock equal to 0.20% of the Bank's mortgage related assets (investments and loans) plus 4.5% of the outstanding borrowings. The stock is redeemable at par. Therefore, its cost is equivalent to its redemption value. The Bank's ability to dispose of FHLB-NY shares is dependent upon the redemption practices of the FHLB-NY. At December 31, 2012, the FHLB-NY neither placed restrictions on redemption of shares in excess of a member's required investment in stock, nor stated that it will cease paying dividends. The Bank did not consider this asset impaired at either December 31, 2012 or 2011.

## **Loan Portfolio**

**Loan Portfolio Composition.** The Company's loans consist primarily of mortgage loans secured by residential and non-residential properties as well as commercial loans which are either unsecured or secured by personal property collateral. Most of the Company's loans are either made to individuals or personally guaranteed by the principals of the business to which the loan is made. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company had total loans, net of unearned income of \$295.2 million and \$317.0 million, respectively, and an allowance for loan losses of \$11.0 million and \$17.7 million, respectively. From time to time, the Bank may originate residential mortgage loans, sell them on the secondary market, normally recognizing fee income in connection with the sale.

Interest rates on loans are affected by the demand for loans, the supply of money available for lending, credit risks, the rates offered by competitors and other conditions. These factors are in turn affected by, among other things, economic conditions, monetary policies of the federal government, and legislative tax policies.

In order to manage interest rate risk, the Bank focuses its efforts on loans with interest rates that adjust based upon changes in the prime rate or changes in United States Treasury or similar indices. Generally, credit risks on adjustable-rate loans are somewhat greater than on fixed-rate loans primarily because, as interest rates rise, so do borrowers' payments, increasing the potential for default. The Bank seeks to impose appropriate loan underwriting standards in order to protect against these and other credit related risks associated with its lending operations.

In addition to analyzing the income and assets of its borrowers when underwriting a loan, the Bank obtains independent appraisals on all material real estate in which the Bank takes a mortgage. The Bank generally obtains title insurance in order to protect against title defects on mortgaged property.

**Commercial Mortgage Loans.** The Bank originates commercial mortgage loans secured by office buildings, retail establishments, multi-family residential real estate and other types of commercial property. Substantially all of the properties are located in the New York City metropolitan area.



The Bank generally makes commercial mortgage loans with loan to value ratios not to exceed 75% and with terms to maturity that do not exceed 15 years. Loans secured by commercial properties generally involve a greater degree of risk than one-to-four family residential mortgage loans. Because payments on such loans are often dependent on successful operation or management of the properties, repayment may be subject, to a greater extent, to adverse conditions in the real estate market or the economy. The Bank seeks to minimize these risks through its underwriting policies. The Bank evaluates the qualifications and financial condition of the borrower, including credit history, profitability and expertise, as well as the value and condition of the underlying property. The factors considered by the Bank include net operating income; the debt coverage ratio (the ratio of cash net income to debt service); and the loan to value ratio. When evaluating the borrower, the Bank considers the financial resources and income level of the borrower, the borrower's experience in owning or managing similar property and the Bank's lending experience with the borrower. The Bank's policy requires borrowers to present evidence of the ability to repay the loan without having to resort to the sale of the mortgaged property. The Bank also seeks to focus its commercial mortgage loans on loans to companies with operating businesses, rather than passive real estate investors.

**Commercial Loans.** The Bank makes commercial loans to businesses for inventory financing, working capital, machinery and equipment purchases, expansion, and other business purposes. These loans generally have higher yields than mortgage loans, with maturities of one year, after which the borrower's financial condition and the terms of the loan are re-evaluated. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, approximately \$23.2 million and \$15.6 million, respectively, or 7.8% and 4.9%, respectively, of the Company's total loan portfolio consisted of such loans.

Commercial loans tend to present greater risks than mortgage loans because the collateral, if any, tends to be rapidly depreciable, difficult to sell at full value and is often easier to conceal. In order to limit these risks, the Bank evaluates these loans based upon the borrower's ability to repay the loan from ongoing operations. The Bank considers the business history of the borrower and perceived stability of the business as important factors when considering applications for such loans. Occasionally, the borrower provides commercial or residential real estate collateral for such loans, in which case the value of the collateral may be a significant factor in the loan approval process.

**Residential Mortgage Loans (1 to 4 family loans).** The Bank makes residential mortgage loans secured by first liens on one-to-four family owner-occupied or rental residential real estate. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, approximately \$84.2 million and \$104.9 million, respectively, or 28.5% and 33.0%, respectively, of the Company's total loan portfolio consisted of such loans. The Bank offers both adjustable rate mortgages ("ARMS") and fixed-rate mortgage loans. The relative proportion of fixed-rate loans versus ARMs originated by the Bank depends principally upon current customer preference, which is generally driven by economic and interest rate conditions and the pricing offered by the Bank's competitors. At both December 31, 2012 and 2011, approximately 40% of the Bank's residential one-to-four family owner-occupied first mortgage portfolio were ARMs and approximately 60% were fixed-rate loans. The percentage represented by fixed-rate loans tends to increase during periods of low interest rates. The ARMs generally carry annual caps and life-of-loan ceilings, which limit interest rate adjustments.

The Bank's residential loan underwriting criteria are generally comparable to those required by Fannie Mae and other major secondary market loan purchasers. Generally, ARM credit risks are somewhat greater than fixed-rate loans

primarily because, as interest rates rise, the borrowers' payments rise, increasing the potential for default. The Bank's teaser rate ARMs (ARMs with low initial interest rates that are not based upon the index plus the margin for determining future rate adjustments) were underwritten based on the payment due at the fully-indexed rate.



In addition to verifying income and assets of borrowers, the Bank obtains independent appraisals on all residential first mortgage loans and title insurance is required at closing. Private mortgage insurance is required on all loans with a loan-to-value ratio in excess of 80% and the Bank requires real estate tax escrows on such loans. Real estate tax escrows are voluntary on residential mortgage loans with loan-to-value ratios of 80% or less.

Fixed-rate residential mortgage loans are generally originated by the Bank for terms of 15 to 30 years. Although 30 year fixed-rate mortgage loans may adversely affect our net interest income in periods of rising interest rates, the Bank originates such loans to satisfy customer demand. Such loans are generally originated at initial interest rates which exceed the fully indexed rate on ARMs offered at the same time. Fixed-rate residential mortgage loans originated by the Bank generally include due-on-sale clauses, which permit the Bank to demand payment in full if the borrower sells the property without the Bank's consent.

Due-on-sale clauses are an important means of adjusting the rates on the Bank's fixed-rate mortgage loan portfolio, and the Bank will generally exercise its rights under these clauses if necessary to maintain market yields.

ARMs originated in recent years have interest rates that adjust annually based upon the movement of the one year treasury bill constant maturity index, plus a margin of 2.00% to 2.75%. These loans generally have a maximum interest rate adjustment of 2% per year, with a lifetime maximum interest rate adjustment, measured from the initial interest rate, of 5.5% or 6.0%.

The Bank offers a variety of other loan products including residential single family construction loans to persons who intend to occupy the property upon completion of construction, home equity loans secured by junior mortgages on one-to-four family owner-occupied residences, and short-term fixed-rate consumer loans either unsecured or secured by monetary assets such as bank deposits and marketable securities or personal property. At December 31, 2012 and 2011, approximately \$188.4 million and \$197.2 million, respectively, or 63.7% and 62.1%, respectively, of the Company's total loan portfolio consisted of such other loan products.

**Origination of Loans.** Loan originations can be attributed to depositors, retail customers, phone inquiries, advertising, the efforts of the Bank's loan officers, and referrals from other borrowers, real estate brokers and builders. The Bank originates loans primarily through its own efforts, occasionally obtaining loan opportunities as a result of referrals from loan brokers.

The Bank's lending limit generally restricts extensions of credit to one borrower to 15% of the Bank's capital stock, surplus fund and undivided profits, but allow such extensions of credit to one borrower of up to 25% of the Bank's capital stock, surplus fund and undivided profits, if the additional 10% is secured by collateral that can be adequately valued. This means that as of December 31, 2012, the Bank could lend \$18.5 million to one borrower, and this amount

may be increased up to \$30.9 million, if the loan is secured by collateral that can be adequately valued.

**Delinquency Procedures.** When a borrower fails to make a required payment on a loan, the Bank attempts to cause the deficiency to be cured by contacting the borrower. The Bank reviews past due loans on a case by case basis, taking the action it deems appropriate in order to collect the amount owed. Litigation may be necessary if other procedures are not successful. Judicial resolution of a past due loan can be delayed if the borrower files a bankruptcy petition because collection action cannot be continued unless the Bank first obtains relief from the automatic stay provided by the Bankruptcy Code.

If a non-mortgage loan becomes delinquent and satisfactory arrangements for payment cannot be made, the Bank seeks to realize upon any personal property collateral to the extent feasible and collect any remaining amount owed from the borrower through legal proceedings, if necessary.

It is the Bank's policy to discontinue accruing interest on a loan when it is 90 days past due or if management believes that continued interest accruals are unjustified. The Bank may continue interest accruals if a loan is more than 90 days past due if the Bank determines that the nature of the delinquency and the collateral are such that collection of the principal and interest on the loan in full is reasonably assured. When the accrual of interest is discontinued, all accrued but unpaid interest is charged against current period income. Once the accrual of interest is discontinued, the Bank records interest as and when received until the loan is restored to accruing status. If the Bank determines that collection of the loan in full is in reasonable doubt, then amounts received are recorded as a reduction of principal until the loan is returned to accruing status.

The following table sets forth information concerning the Company's loan portfolio by type of loan at the dates indicated. (dollars in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2012</b>		<b>2011</b>		<b>2010</b>		<b>2009</b>		<b>2008</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Commercial and industrial and finance leases	\$23,184	7.8	\$15,660	4.9	\$19,321	5.3	\$50,672	11.7	\$68,148	14.6
Secured by real estate										
Residential	84,207	28.5	104,854	33.0	114,594	31.2	129,925	30.1	140,150	30.0
Multi family	14,491	4.9	12,169	3.8	5,865	1.6	7,432	1.7	4,031	0.9
Commercial real estate and construction	172,973	58.5	183,819	57.9	226,667	61.7	242,927	56.4	254,831	54.4
Consumer	899	0.3	1,240	0.4	795	0.2	396	0.1	460	0.1
Total loans	295,754	100.0%	317,742	100.0%	367,242	100.0%	431,352	100.0%	467,890	100.0%
Less:										
Allowance for loan losses	(11,008)		(17,720)		(16,105)		(11,416)		(9,204)	
Deferred loan fees	(589)		(721)		(937)		(1,003)		(1,137)	
Loans, net	\$284,157		\$299,301		\$350,200		\$418,933		\$457,549	

**Impaired loan balance, nonaccrual loans and loans greater than 90 days still accruing**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding nonaccrual loans, including the ratio of such loans to total assets as of the dates indicated, and certain other related information. As of December 31, 2012, the Bank had one foreclosed real estate property with a carrying value of \$225,000.

	December 31,				
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	(Dollars in Thousands)				
Nonaccrual loans:					
Commercial and industrial and finance leases	\$—	\$122	\$137	\$1,700	\$—
Consumer	—	—	—	—	—
Residential real estate	861	525	1,380	12,210	130
Total nonaccrual loans	861	647	1,517	13,910	130
Accruing loans delinquent 90 days or more	—	—	495	—	99
Total nonperforming loans	\$861	\$647	\$2,012	\$13,910	\$229
Total nonperforming loans to total assets	0.10%	0.08%	0.23 %	1.54 %	0.02%

Average impaired loans for the twelve months ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were approximately \$9.0 million and \$20.2 million, respectively. Interest income that would have been recognized had these loans performed in accordance with their contractual terms was approximately \$6,000 and \$70,000, respectively.

The following tables present information regarding the Company's total allowance for loan losses as well as the allocation of such amounts to the various categories of loans at the dates indicated. (dollars in thousands):

	December 31, 2012				
	Allowance for Loan Losses	Percent of Allowance		Percent of Total Loans	
Commercial and industrial and finance leases	\$1,051	9.6	%	7.8	%
Secured by real estate					
Residential	1,529	13.9		28.5	
Multi family	326	3.0		4.9	
Commercial real estate and construction	7,750	70.4		58.5	
Consumer and other	15	0.1		0.3	
General allowance (1)	337	3.0			
Total allowance for loan losses	\$11,008	100.0	%	100.0	%

(1) The allowance for loan losses is allocated to specific loans as necessary.

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	December 31, 2011				
	Allowance for Loan Losses	Percent of Allowance		Percent of Total Loans	
Commercial and industrial and finance leases	\$1,076	6.1	%	4.9	%
Secured by real estate					
Residential	6,490	36.6		33.0	
Multi family	411	2.3		3.8	
Commercial real estate and construction	8,466	47.8		57.9	
Consumer and other	53	0.3		0.4	
General allowance (1)	1,224	6.9			
Total allowance for loan losses	\$17,720	100.0	%	100.0	%

(1) The allowance for loan losses is allocated to specific loans as necessary.

The following table sets forth information regarding the aggregate maturities of the Company's loans in the specified categories and the amount of such loans which have fixed and variable rates.

	December 31, 2012			
	Within 1 Year	1 to 5 Years	After 5 Years	Total
	(In thousands)			
<b>Fixed Rate</b>				
Commercial and industrial and finance leases	\$1,745	\$10,219	\$639	\$12,603
Commercial real estate and construction	19,027	32,558	34,355	85,940
Total fixed rate	\$20,772	\$42,777	\$34,994	\$98,543
<b>Adjustable Rate</b>				
Commercial and industrial and finance leases	3,807	2,484	4,290	10,581
Commercial real estate and construction	776	36,573	49,684	87,033
Total adjustable rate	\$4,583	\$39,057	\$53,974	\$97,614
Total	\$25,355	\$81,834	\$88,968	\$196,157

Demand loans, loans with no stated maturity, are included in the table above in the “Within One Year” category.

The following table sets forth information with respect to activity in the Company's allowance for loan losses during the periods indicated (in thousands, except percentages):

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Average loans outstanding	\$313,615	\$339,766	\$390,253	\$448,394	\$461,678
Allowance at beginning of period	17,720	16,105	11,416	9,204	4,183
Charge-offs:					
Commercial and other Loans	2	12	300	1,169	1
Real estate loans	50	—	767	6,025	—
Total loans charged-off	52	12	1,066	7,194	1
Recoveries:					
Commercial and other Loans	33	27	5	106	118
Real estate loans	—	—	—	—	—
Total loans recovered	33	27	5	106	118
Net recoveries (charge-offs)	(19 )	15	(1,061 )	(7,088 )	117
Provision for loan losses charged to operating expenses	(6,693 )	1,600	5,750	9,300	4,904
Allowance at end of period	\$11,008	\$17,720	\$16,105	\$11,416	\$9,204
Ratio of net recoveries (charge-offs) to average loans outstanding	(0.01 )%	0.00 %	(0.27 )%	(1.58 )%	.03 %
Allowance as a percent of total loans	3.72 %	5.58 %	4.39 %	2.65 %	1.97 %
Total loans at end of period	\$295,754	\$317,742	\$367,242	\$431,352	\$467,890

## Deposits

The Bank concentrates on obtaining deposits from a variety of businesses, professionals and retail customers. The Bank offers a number of different deposit programs, including statement savings accounts, NOW accounts, money market deposit accounts, checking accounts and certificates of deposit with terms from seven days to five years. Deposit account terms vary according to the minimum balance required, the time period the funds must remain on deposit and the interest rate, among other factors. The Bank prices its deposit offerings competitively within the market it serves. These products are designed to attract new customers, retain existing customers and create opportunities to offer other bank products or services. While the market and pricing for deposit funds are very competitive, the Bank believes that personalized, quality service is also an important element in retaining core deposit customers.





The following table summarizes the composition of the average balances of major deposit categories:

	December 31, 2012		2011		2010			
	Average Amount	Average Yield	Average Amount	Average Yield	Average Amount	Average Yield		
	(Dollars in thousands)							
Demand deposits	\$74,632	—	\$76,900	—	\$69,963	—		
NOW and money market	24,544	0.29 %	25,688	0.36 %	26,274	0.30 %		
Savings deposits	201,251	0.18	191,316	0.40	196,598	0.71		
Time deposits	357,706	1.15	379,860	1.34	400,586	1.52		
Total deposits	\$661,133	0.68 %	\$673,764	0.87 %	\$693,421	1.09 %		

The aggregate amount of jumbo certificates of deposit, each with a minimum denomination of \$100,000, was approximately \$161.7 million and \$176.7 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

The following table summarizes the maturity distribution of time deposits of \$100,000 or more as of December 31, 2012 and 2011:

	December 31,	
	2012	2011
	(In thousands)	
3 months or less	\$19,565	\$35,513
Over 3 months but within 6 months	27,326	22,374
Over 6 months but within 12 months	37,819	81,675
Over 12 months	77,032	37,172
Total	\$161,742	\$176,734

It has been the Bank's experience that the majority of these certificates will renew.

### Short-Term Borrowings

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase generally mature within 30 days from the date of the transactions. Short-term borrowings consist of securities sold under agreements to repurchase and various other borrowings which generally have maturities of less than one year. The details of these categories are presented below:



	Years Ended December 31,					
	2012		2011		2010	
Securities sold under repurchase agreements and federal funds purchased	(Dollars in thousands)					
Balance at year-end	\$45,000		\$50,000		\$50,000	
Average balance during the year	\$45,000		\$50,000		\$50,000	
Maximum month-end balance	\$50,000		\$50,000		\$50,000	
Weighted average rate during the year	3.88	%	3.57	%	4.02	%
Rate at December 31	3.38	%	3.51	%	3.97	%

## Capital Resources and Liquidity

### Liquidity

The management of the Company's liquidity focuses on ensuring that sufficient funds are available to meet loan funding commitments, withdrawals from deposit accounts, the repayment of borrowed funds, and ensuring that the Bank and the Company comply with regulatory liquidity requirements. Liquidity needs of the Bank have historically been met by deposits, investments in federal funds sold, principal and interest payments on loans, and maturities of investment securities. Additional liquidity, up to approximately \$377.4 million is available from the Federal Reserve Bank and the FHLB-NY.

The ongoing uncertainties in the credit markets have negatively impacted our ability to liquidate, if necessary, investments in auction rate securities. We are not certain as to when the liquidity issues relating to these investments will improve; however, we have the intent to hold these available for sale securities to maturity, and do not believe we will be required to sell these securities prior to maturity.

No auction rate securities came due during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. During the year ended December 31, 2011, we sold a single issuer trust preferred, a pooled trust preferred CDO and \$8.3 million of auction rate securities, realizing an aggregate loss of \$2.3 million. During the year ended December 31, 2012 there were \$5.2 million of auction rate securities which were converted to preferred shares and subsequently sold. In addition, \$2.5 million of auction rate securities were sold and \$2.0 million were redeemed.

At December 31, 2011, our portfolio of investment securities included \$2.6 million, at cost, of municipal securities for which an OTTI charge has not been recorded in our financial statements. The fair value of these securities was \$2.0 million in 2011 and they were subsequently sold in 2012.

At December 31, 2012 and 2011, our portfolio of investment securities included \$56.0 million and \$65.7 million at cost, respectively, of auction rate securities for which an OTTI charge has not been recorded in our financial statements. The fair value of these securities, \$48.2 million and \$44.5 million at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, may be negatively impacted in the future.

OTTI is a non-cash charge and not necessarily an indicator of a permanent decline in value. Security valuations require significant estimates, judgments and assumptions by management and are considered a critical accounting policy of the Company.

Based on our expected operating cash flows, and our other sources of cash, we do not expect the potential lack of liquidity in these auction rate securities and municipal securities to affect our capital, liquidity or our ability to execute our current business plan. We had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$149.2 million, or 18.0% of total assets, at December 31, 2012.

For the parent company, Berkshire Bancorp Inc., liquidity means having cash available to fund its normal operating expenses and to pay stockholder dividends on its common stock, when and if declared by the Company's Board of Directors. On March 31, 2009, the Company announced that it would temporarily suspend its previously announced policy of paying a regular cash dividend on the Company's common stock. Due to a notification we received from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York restricting the payment of dividends without its consent, we have declared and accrued, but have not paid \$4.0 million of dividends on our preferred stock through October 31, 2011, the date on which the preferred stock was converted into common stock, and are continuing the suspension of dividends on our common stock.

The ability of the Company to fund its normal operating expenses is not currently dependent upon the receipt of dividends from the Bank. At December 31, 2012, the Company had cash of approximately \$3.6 million. However, the payment of dividends on its common stock, when and if declared by the Board of Directors, will be dependent upon the receipt of dividends from the Bank.

### Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

The Bank maintains financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk in

the normal course of business to meet the financing needs of its customers. See Note M - Financial Instruments With Off-Balance-Sheet Risk and Concentrations of Credit Risk - to the Consolidated Financial Statements. These financial instruments include commitments to extend credit and stand-by letters of credit. The following table presents the Company's commitments at December 31, 2012.

Expiration By Period				
Total	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years

	(In thousands)				
Lines of Credit	\$8,480	\$3,647	\$4,264	\$ 559	\$ 10
Standby Letters of Credit	286	237	49	—	—
Loan Commitments	815	815	—	—	—
Total	\$9,581	\$4,699	\$4,313	\$ 559	\$ 10

## Contractual Obligations

The following table presents the Company's contractual obligations at December 31, 2012.

	Payments Due By Periods				
	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More Than 5 Years
	(In thousands)				
Borrowings	\$1,539	\$1,539	\$—	\$—	\$—
Operating Leases	5,462	1,290	2,346	809	1,017
Time Deposits	337,492	189,479	148,013	—	—
Total Contractual Obligations	\$344,493	\$192,308	\$150,359	\$809	\$1,017

## Capital

The capital ratios of the Bank and the Company are presently in excess of the requirements necessary to meet the "well capitalized" capital category established by bank regulators. See Note N - "Regulatory Matters" to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## Interest Rate Risk

Fluctuations in market interest rates can have a material effect on the Bank's net interest income because the yields earned on loans and investments may not adjust to market rates of interest with the same frequency, speed and extent as the rates paid by the Bank on its deposits.

Most of the Bank's deposits are either interest-bearing demand deposits or short term certificates of deposit and other interest-bearing deposits with interest rates that fluctuate as market rates change. Management of the Bank seeks to reduce the risk of interest rate fluctuations by concentrating on loans and securities investments with either short terms to maturity or with adjustable rates or other features that cause yields to adjust based upon interest rate fluctuations. In addition, to cushion itself against the potential adverse effects of a substantial and sustained increase in market interest rates, the Bank has from time to time purchased off balance sheet interest rate cap contracts which generally provide that the Bank will be entitled to receive payments from the other party to the contract if interest rates exceed specified levels. These contracts, when written, are entered into with major financial institutions.



The Company seeks to maximize its net interest margin within an acceptable level of interest rate risk. Interest rate risk can be defined as the amount of the forecasted net interest income that may be gained or lost due to favorable or unfavorable movements in interest rates. Interest rate risk, or sensitivity, arises when the maturity or repricing characteristics of assets differ significantly from the maturity or repricing characteristics of liabilities.

In the banking industry, a traditional measure of interest rate sensitivity is known as "gap" analysis, which measures the cumulative differences between the amounts of assets and liabilities maturing or repricing at various time intervals. The following table sets forth the Company's interest rate repricing gaps for selected maturity periods:

Berkshire Bancorp Inc.						
Interest Rate Sensitivity Gap at December 31, 2012						
(in thousands, except for percentages)						
	3 Months	3 Through	1 Through	Over	Total	Fair
	or Less	12 Months	3 Years	3 Years		Value
Federal funds sold (Rate)	—	—	—	—	—	
Interest bearing deposits in banks (Rate)	140,517 0.25 %	—	—	—	140,517 0.25 %	140,517
Loans (1)(2)						
Adjustable rate loans (Rate)	15,986 5.43 %	6,923 5.33 %	29,009 5.63 %	65,758 5.66 %	117,677 5.60 %	121,185
Fixed rate loans (Rate)	5,610 7.56 %	17,578 6.52 %	38,668 5.83 %	116,221 5.40 %	178,077 5.67 %	184,527
Total loans	21,596	24,502	67,677	181,979	295,754	305,712
Investments (3)(4) (Rate)	67,751 4.32 %	24,309 3.29 %	29,396 1.77 %	239,359 2.56 %	360,815 2.88 %	357,315
Total rate-sensitive assets	229,864	48,811	97,073	421,338	797,086	
Deposit accounts (5)						
Savings and NOW (Rate)	208,579 0.22 %	—	—	—	208,579 0.22 %	208,579
Money market (Rate)	12,236 0.16 %	—	—	—	12,236 0.16 %	12,236
Time Deposits (Rate)	46,208 0.66 %	143,271 1.05 %	148,013 1.12 %	—	337,492 1.03 %	338,723
Total deposit accounts	267,023	143,271	148,013	—	558,307	
Repurchase Agreements (Rate)	—	15,000 4.07 %	30,000 3.03 %	—	45,000 3.38 %	46,135
Other borrowings (Rate)	271 3.42 %	1,268 3.73 %	—	—	1,539 3.68 %	1,548
Total rate-sensitive liabilities	267,294	159,539	178,013	—	604,846	
Interest rate caps	—	—	—	—	—	
Gap (repricing differences)	(37,430 )	(110,729 )	(80,939 )	421,338	192,240	
Cumulative Gap	(37,430 )	(148,159 )	(229,098 )	192,240		
Cumulative Gap to Total Rate Sensitive Assets	-4.70 %	-18.59 %	-28.74 %	24.12 %		

(1) Adjustable-rate loans are included in the period in which the interest rates are next scheduled to adjust rather than in the period in which the loans mature. Fixed-rate loans are scheduled according to their maturity dates.

(2) Includes nonaccrual loans.

(3) Investments are scheduled according to their respective repricing (variable rate investments) and maturity (fixed rate securities) dates.

(4) Investments are stated at book value.

(5) NOW accounts and savings accounts are regarded as readily accessible withdrawal accounts. The balances in such accounts have been allocated among maturity/repricing periods based upon The Berkshire Bank's historical experience. All other time accounts are scheduled according to their respective maturity dates.

## **Impact of Inflation and Changing Prices**

The Company's financial statements measure financial position and operating results in terms of historical dollars without considering the changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. The impact of inflation is reflected in the increasing cost of the Company's operations. The assets and liabilities of the Company are largely monetary. As a result, interest rates have a greater impact on the Company's performance than do the effects of general levels of inflation. In addition, interest rates do not necessarily move in the direction, or to the same extent as the price of goods and services. However, in general, high inflation rates are accompanied by higher interest rates, and vice versa.

## **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2010-06, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 820. The update requires the following additional disclosures: (1) separately disclose the amounts of significant transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and describe the reasons for the transfers; and (2) separately disclose information about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the reconciliation for fair value measurements using Level 3. The update provides for amendments to existing disclosures as follows: (1) fair value measurement disclosures are to be made for each class of assets and liabilities; and (2) disclosures are to be made about valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value for both recurring and nonrecurring fair value measurements. The update also includes conforming amendments to guidance on employers' disclosures about postretirement benefit plan assets. The update is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements in the roll forward of activity in Level 3 fair value measurements. Those disclosures are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. Adoption of this update did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

In July 2010, the FASB issued ASU No. 2010-20, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 310 "Receivables." The purpose of this update is to provide financial statement users with greater transparency about an entity's allowance for credit losses and the credit quality of its financing receivables. The update requires disclosures that facilitate financial statement users' evaluation of the following: (1) the nature of credit risk inherent in the entity's portfolio of financing receivables; (2) how that risk is analyzed and assessed in arriving at the allowance for credit losses; and (3) the changes and reasons for those changes in the allowance for credit losses. An entity is required to provide disclosures on a disaggregated basis by portfolio segment and class of financing receivables. This update requires the expansion of currently required disclosures about financing receivables as well as requiring additional disclosures about financing receivables. The disclosures as of the end of a reporting period are effective for interim and annual reporting periods ending on or after December 15, 2010. The disclosures about activity that occurs during a reporting period are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning on or after December 15, 2010. See Note 3 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements - "Loans."



In January 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-01, which temporarily delays the effective date of the required disclosures about troubled debt restructurings contained in ASU No. 2010-20. The delay is intended to allow the FASB additional time to deliberate what constitutes a troubled debt restructuring. All other amendments contained in ASU No. 2010-20 are effective as issued. Adoption of this update did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-02, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 310 "Receivables." The update provides clarifying guidance as to what constitutes a troubled debt restructuring. The update provides clarifying guidance on a creditor's evaluation of the following: (1) how a restructuring constitutes a concession; and (2) if the debtor is experiencing financial difficulties. The amendments in this update are effective for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after June 15, 2011, and should be applied retrospectively to the beginning of the annual period of adoption. In addition, disclosures about troubled debt restructurings which were delayed by the issuance of ASU NO. 2011-01, are effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after June 15, 2011. Adoption of this update did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-03, which amends the accounting for repurchase agreements and other agreements that both entitle and obligate a transferor to repurchase or redeem financial assets before their maturity. The amendments remove from the assessment of effective control (1) the criterion requiring the transferor to have the ability to repurchase or redeem the financial assets on substantially the agreed terms, even in the event of default by the transferee, and (2) the collateral maintenance implementation guidance related to that criterion. ASU No. 2011-03 is effective for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after December 15, 2011. Adoption of this update did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-04, which results in common fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. ASU No. 2011-04 is effective for the first interim or annual period beginning after December 15, 2011. Adoption of this update did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition but may have an effect on disclosures.

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-05 in order to improve the comparability, consistency and transparency of financial reporting and to increase the prominence of items reported in other comprehensive income. This standard eliminates the option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity. This update requires all nonowner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. In the two-statement approach, the first statement should present total net income and its components followed consecutively by a second statement that should present total other comprehensive income, the components of other comprehensive income, and the total of comprehensive income. This update is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2011. Early adoption is permitted because compliance with the amendments is already permitted. Adoption of this update did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.



In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-11, which amends Topic 210, "Balance Sheet," to require an entity to disclose both gross and net information about financial instruments, such as sales and repurchase agreements and reverse sale and repurchase agreements and securities borrowing/lending arrangements, and derivative instruments that are eligible for offset in the statement of financial position and/or subject to a master netting arrangement or similar agreement. ASU 2011-11 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning on January 1, 2013, and is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial condition.

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-02, which amends the authoritative accounting guidance under ASC Topic 220 "Comprehensive Income." The amendments do not change the current requirements for reporting net income or other comprehensive income in financial statements. However, the amendments require an entity to provide information about the amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by component. In addition, an entity is required to present, either on the face of the statement where net income is presented or in the notes, significant amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income by the respective line items of net income but only if the amount reclassified is required under U.S. GAAP to be reclassified to net income in its entirety in the same reporting period. For other amounts that are not required under U.S. GAAP to be reclassified in their entirety to net income, an entity is required to cross-reference to other disclosures required under U.S. GAAP that provide additional detail about those amounts. The amendments in this update are effective prospectively for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2013. Early adoption is permitted. Adoption of this update is not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated results of operation or financial condition.

**ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.**

Not Applicable

**ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.**

**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Board of Directors and Stockholders

Berkshire Bancorp Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Berkshire Bancorp Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related consolidated statements of



income, comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2012. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Berkshire Bancorp Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2012 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

New York, New York

April 15, 2013

**BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(Dollars in Thousands)**

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 8,637	\$ 12,105
Interest bearing deposits	140,517	88,931
Total cash and cash equivalents	149,154	101,036
Investment Securities:		
Available-for-sale, at fair value	355,114	414,064
Federal Home Loan Bank of New York stock	887	1,106
Held-to-maturity, fair value of \$283 in 2012 and \$293 in 2011	275	298
Total investment securities	356,276	415,468
Loans, net of unearned income	295,165	317,021
Less: allowance for loan losses	(11,008 )	(17,720 )
Net loans	284,157	299,301
Accrued interest receivable	3,099	3,224
Premises and equipment, net	7,113	7,474
Real Estate Owned	225	—
Other assets	28,021	35,626
Total assets	\$ 828,045	\$ 862,129

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

<b>Deposits:</b>		
Non-interest bearing	\$ 84,163	\$ 74,073
Interest bearing	558,307	584,819
Total deposits	642,470	658,892
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	45,000	50,000
Borrowings	1,539	6,139
Subordinated debt	—	22,681
Accrued interest payable	1,699	6,996
Other liabilities	3,031	1,893
Total liabilities	693,739	746,601

**COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock - \$.01 Par value:	—	—

Authorized — 2,000,000 shares

Issued — 60,000 shares

Outstanding —

December 31, 2012, 0 shares

December 31, 2011, 0 shares

Common stock - \$.10 par value

Authorized — 25,000,000 shares

Issued — 14,416,198 shares

1,441 1,444

Outstanding —

December 31, 2012, 14,416,198 shares

December 31, 2011, 14,443,183 shares

Additional paid-in capital

143,903 143,900

Accumulated Deficit

(8,061 ) (19,299 )

Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net

(2,977 ) (10,517 )

Total stockholders' equity

134,306 115,528

Total liabilities and stockholders' equity

\$ 828,045 \$ 862,129

**The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements**

**BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME****(In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)**

	For The Years Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>INTEREST INCOME</b>		
Loans, including related fees	\$ 18,953	\$ 21,764
Investment securities	9,467	12,530
Interest bearing deposits	331	241
Total interest income	28,751	34,535
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE</b>		
Deposits	4,897	5,940
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	1,746	1,925
Interest expense on borrowings	137	982
Total interest expense	6,780	8,847
Net interest income	21,971	25,688
<b>PROVISION OF (REDUCTION IN) LOAN LOSSES</b>	(6,693	) 1,600
Net interest income after Provision for loan losses	28,664	24,088
<b>NON-INTEREST INCOME</b>		
Service charges on deposit accounts	450	479
Investment securities gains	236	1,079
Other income	795	43,335
Total non-interest income	1,481	44,893
<b>NON-INTEREST EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries and employee benefits	9,795	9,517
Net occupancy expense	2,401	2,545
Equipment expense	342	330
FDIC assessment	1,200	1,252
Data processing expense	445	447
Other	2,457	3,203
Total non-interest expense	16,640	17,294
Income before provision for income taxes	13,505	51,687
Provision for income taxes	1,119	1,863
Net income	\$ 12,387	\$ 49,824
Dividends on preferred stock	—	4,000
Income allocated to common stockholders	\$ 12,387	\$ 45,824
Net income per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.86	\$ 5.51
Diluted	\$ 0.86	\$ 5.51
Number of shares used to compute net income per common share:		
Basic	14,416	8,309
Diluted	14,416	8,309
Dividends per common share	\$ 0.08	\$ —

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**BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME****(in thousands)**

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
Net income	\$ 12,387	\$ 49,824
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:		
Unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net of taxes (benefits) of \$5,968 and \$(2,005), respectively	7,294	(2,575 )
Reclassification adjustment for realized gains (losses) included in net earnings, net of taxes (benefits) of \$201 and \$ 432, respectively	246	647
Other comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 7,540	\$ (1,928 )
Comprehensive income	\$ 19,927	\$ 47,896

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**BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY****For The Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011****(In Thousands)**

	Common		Preferred	Additional		Accumulated	Retained	Total	
	Shares	Shares	Par	paid-in	other	comprehensive	Earnings	Treasury	stockholders'
	value	value	value	capital	(loss) net	deficit	stock	equity	
Balance at January 1, 2011	7,698	60	\$ 770	\$ 1	\$ 150,985	\$ (8,589 )	\$ (65,123 )	\$ (6,411 )	\$ 71,633
Net income							49,824		49,824
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes						(1,928 )			(1,928 )
Conversion of Preferred Stock into Common Stock	6,745	(60 )	674	(1 )	(7,085 )			6,411	(1 )
Cash dividends - Preferred Stock							(4,000 )		(4,000 )
Balance at December 31, 2011	14,443	—	\$ 1,444	\$ —	\$ 143,900	\$ (10,517 )	\$ (19,299 )	\$ —	\$ 115,528
Net income							12,387		12,387
Other comprehensive income, net of taxes						7,540			7,540
Cash dividends - Common Stock							(1,154 )		(1,154 )
Adjustment	(27 )		(3 )	3			5		5
Balance at December 31, 2012	14,416	—	\$ 1,441	\$ —	\$ 143,903	\$ (2,977 )	\$ (8,061 )	\$ —	\$ 134,306

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**BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(in thousands)**

	For The Years Ended December 31,	
	2012	2011
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net income	\$ 12,387	\$ 49,824
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Deferred income tax expense	617	—
Realized gains on investment securities	(236 )	(1,079 )
Net amortization of premiums of investment securities	2,032	1,454
Depreciation and amortization	518	487
Provision for loan losses	(6,712 )	1,600
<b>CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:</b>		
Decrease in accrued interest receivable	125	354
Increase in other real estate owned	(225 )	—
Decrease in other assets	879	11,678
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable and other liabilities	(4,159 )	99
Net cash provided by operating activities	5,226	64,417
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Investment securities available for sale		
Purchases	(474,246)	(451,321)
Sales, maturities and calls	545,232	375,411
Decrease in FHLB NY stock	219	—
Investment securities – Trading Purchases	(51,113 )	—
Sales, maturities and calls	50,902	—
Investment securities held to maturity		
Payments	23	21
Net decrease in loans	21,856	49,299
(Acquisition) sale of premises and equipment	(123 )	(146 )
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	92,750	(26,736 )
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net increase in non interest bearing deposits	10,089	464
Net decrease in interest bearing deposits	(26,512 )	(11,708 )

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(Decrease) Increase in securities sold under agreements to repurchase	(5,000 )	—
Repayment of borrowings	(4,600 )	(4,518 )
Redemption of Junior Subordinated Debentures	(22,681 )	—
Dividends paid on common stock	(1,154 )	—
Net cash used in financing activities	(49,858 )	(15,762 )
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	48,118	21,919
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$101,036	\$79,117
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$149,154	\$101,036
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Cash used to pay interest	\$12,077	\$4,594
Cash used to pay income taxes, net of refunds	\$861	\$(151 )
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NON-CASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Trade date securities receivable	\$—	\$(10,047 )
Transfer from loans to real estate owned	\$225	\$—
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NON-CASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Dividends declared and not paid	\$—	\$4,000

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## **BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2012 and 2011**

#### **Note A - ORGANIZATION AND CAPITALIZATION**

##### **Organization**

Berkshire Bancorp Inc., a Delaware corporation, is a bank holding company registered under the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956. References herein to "Berkshire", the "Company" or "we" and similar pronouns shall be deemed to refer to Berkshire Bancorp Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries unless the context otherwise requires. Berkshire's principal activity is the ownership and management of its indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, The Berkshire Bank (the "Bank"), a New York State chartered commercial bank. The Bank is owned through Berkshire's wholly-owned subsidiary Greater American Finance Group, Inc. ("GAFG").

The Bank was established in 1989 to provide highly personalized services to high net worth individuals and to small and mid-sized commercial businesses primarily from the New York City metropolitan area. The Bank's main office and branch is in mid-town Manhattan. The Bank has two other branches in Manhattan, four branches in Brooklyn, New York, four branches in Orange and Sullivan Counties in New York State, and a branch in Teaneck, New Jersey.

The Bank competes with other banking and financial institutions in its markets. Commercial banks, savings banks, savings and loan associations, mortgage bankers and brokers, and credit unions actively compete for deposits and loans. Such institutions, as well as consumer finance, mutual funds, insurance companies, and brokerage and investment banking firms may be considered to be competitors of the Bank with respect to one or more of the services provided by the Bank.

The Company and the Bank are subject to the regulations of certain state and federal agencies and, accordingly, are periodically examined by those regulatory authorities. As a consequence of such regulation of banking activities, the Bank's business may be affected by state and federal legislation.

In May 2009, in connection with the Bank's examination by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") the Bank received a Joint Memorandum of Understanding (as modified January 31, 2013, the "MOU") from the FDIC

and the New York State Department of Financial Services (the "NYSDFS"), formerly called the New York State Banking Department, which the Bank executed. The MOU sets forth an informal understanding among the Bank, the FDIC and the NYSDFS addressing asset quality, loan review, underwriting and administration and certain other concerns identified in the examination. The Bank's board of directors appointed a committee comprised of three directors to monitor the Bank's compliance with the MOU. Compliance with the MOU has not had a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition. As set forth in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations – Capital" and Note N to the Company's consolidated financial statements, the Bank has been notified by the regulators that it is well capitalized for regulatory purposes as of December 31, 2012.

## **BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### **Note B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **1. Basis of Financial Statement Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") and predominant practice within the banking industry, and include the accounts of Berkshire Bancorp Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Greater American Finance Group, Inc. ("GAFG"), and GAFG's wholly-owned subsidiary, the Bank, and East 39, LLC, (collectively, the "Company"). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

In preparing the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the balance sheets, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The principal estimates that are susceptible to significant change in the near term relate to the allowance for loan losses, carrying value of investments designated as available for sale, fair value of financial instruments, other than temporary impairment analysis and deferred tax assets and liabilities. The evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses includes an analysis of the individual loans and overall risk characteristics and size of the different loan portfolios, and takes into consideration current economic and market conditions, the capability of specific borrowers to pay specific loan obligations, as well as current loan collateral values. However, actual losses on specific loans, which also are encompassed in the analysis, may vary from estimated losses.

The carrying value of investments designated as available for sale are based upon quoted market prices or prices for similar assets. If no quoted market prices or prices for similar assets exist, unobservable inputs are required.

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the future tax effects of temporary differences, net operating loss carryforwards and tax credits. Deferred tax assets are subject to management's judgment based upon available evidence that future realization is more likely than not. If management determines that the Company may be unable to realize all or part of net deferred tax assets in the future, a direct charge to income tax expense may be required to reduce the recorded value of the net deferred tax asset to the expected realizable amount.



## **BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)**

#### **Note B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

##### **2. Investment Securities**

The Company accounts for its investment securities in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 320, "Investments-Debt and Equity Securities" ("FASB ASC 320"). As required by FASB ASC 320, investment securities are classified into three categories: trading, held-to-maturity and available-for-sale. Securities that are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term are classified as trading securities and are reported at fair value with all unrealized gains and losses included in trading account activities in the statement of income. Securities that the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold to maturity are classified as held-to-maturity and carried at cost, adjusted for the amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts computed by the interest method. Investments which management believes may be sold prior to maturity due to changes in interest rates, prepayment risk and equity, liquidity requirements or other factors, are classified as available for sale. Available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value, with the unrealized gains and losses, net of tax, reported as a separate component of stockholders' equity and excluded from the determination of net income. Gains or losses on disposition are based on the net proceeds and cost of the securities sold, adjusted for amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts, using the specific identification method.

In estimating other-than-temporary impairment losses, management considers (1) the length of time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than amortized cost, (2) the current interest rate environment, (3) the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer, if applicable, and (4) the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value. Other-than-temporary impairment losses for debt securities are measured using a discounted cash flow model. Other-than temporary impairment losses for equity securities are measured using quoted market prices, when available, or, when market quotes are not available due to an illiquid market, the Company uses an impairment model from a third party or quotes from investment brokers.

The Company did not have a trading securities portfolio as of December 31, 2012. The Company generally classifies all newly purchased debt securities as available for sale in order to maintain the flexibility to sell those securities if the need arises. The Company has a limited portfolio of securities classified as held to maturity, represented principally by securities purchased a number of years ago.

## **BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)**

#### **Note B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

##### **3. Loans and Allowance for Loan Losses**

Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff are stated at the amount of unpaid principal and are net of unearned discount, unearned loan fees, loan origination costs and an allowance for loan losses. The allowance for loan losses is established through a provision for loan losses charged to expense. Loan principal considered to be uncollectible by management is charged against the allowance for credit losses. The allowance is an amount that management believes will be adequate to absorb probable and estimateable losses and losses on existing loans that may become uncollectible based upon an evaluation of known and inherent risks in the loan portfolio. The evaluation takes into consideration such factors as changes in the nature and size of the loan portfolio, overall portfolio quality, specific problem or impaired loans, and current economic conditions which may affect the borrowers' ability to pay. The evaluation details historical losses by loan category, the resulting loss rates for which are projected at current loan total amounts.

Interest income is accrued as earned on a simple interest basis. Accrual of interest is discontinued on a loan when management believes, after considering economic and business conditions and collection efforts, that the borrower's financial condition is such that collection of contractual principal and interest is doubtful. When a loan is placed on such non-accrual status, all accumulated accrued interest receivable applicable to periods prior to the current year is charged off to the allowance for loan losses. Interest which had accrued in the current year is reversed out of current period income. The interest on these loans is accounted for on a cash basis, until qualifying for return to accrual. Loans 90 days or more past due and still accruing interest must have both principal and accruing interest adequately secured and must be in the process of collection.

The allowance for loan losses is the estimated amount considered necessary to cover credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio at the balance sheet date. The allowance is established through the provision for loan losses that is charged against income. In determining the allowance for loan losses, management makes significant estimates and therefore has identified the allowance as a critical accounting policy. The methodology for determining the allowance for loan losses is considered a critical accounting policy by management due to the high degree of judgment involved, the subjectivity of the assumptions utilized, and the potential for changes in the economic environment that could result in changes to the amount of the recorded allowance for loan losses.



The allowance for loan losses has been determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, principally FASB ASC 450, "Contingencies", ("ASC 450") and FASB ASC 310, "Receivables", ("ASC 310"). Under the above accounting principles, we are required to maintain an allowance for probable losses at the balance sheet date. We are responsible for the timely and periodic determination of the amount of the allowance required. Management believes that the allowance for loan losses is adequate to cover specifically identifiable losses, as well as estimated losses inherent in our portfolio for which certain losses are probable but not specifically identifiable.

Management performs a quarterly evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. The analysis of the allowance for loan losses has two components: specific reserves and general reserves. Specific reserves are made for loans determined to be impaired.

## **BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)**

#### **Note B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

A loan is impaired when, based on current information and events, it is probable that a creditor will be unable to collect all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the loan agreement. All amounts due according to the contractual terms means that both the contractual interest payments and the contractual principal payments of a loan will be collected as scheduled in the loan agreement.

The Company accounts for its impaired loans in accordance with FASB ASC 310. These standards require that a creditor measure impairment based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate, except that as a practical expedient, a creditor may measure impairment based on a loan's observable market price, or the fair value of the collateral if the loan is collateral-dependent. Regardless of the measurement method, a creditor must measure impairment based on the fair value of the collateral when the creditor determines that foreclosure is probable. Management considers its investment in one-to-four family real estate loans and consumer loans to be homogeneous groups of loans. As such, these loans are not individually evaluated for impairment but rather are collectively evaluated under ASC 450.

The general reserve is determined by segregating the remaining loans by type of loan, risk weighting (if applicable) and payment history. Management also analyzes historical loss experience, delinquency trends, general economic conditions, geographic concentrations, and industry and peer comparisons. This analysis establishes factors that are applied to the loan segments to determine the amount of the general reserve. This evaluation is inherently subjective as it requires material estimates that may be susceptible to significant revisions based upon changes in economic and real estate market conditions. Actual loan losses may be significantly more than the allowance for loan losses management has established which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial results.

On a quarterly basis, the Bank's management committee reviews the current status of various loans as part of our evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. In this evaluation process, specific loans are analyzed to determine their potential risk of loss. This process includes all loans, concentrating on non-accrual and classified loans. Each non-accrual or classified loan is evaluated for potential loss exposure. Any shortfall results in a recommendation of a specific allowance if the likelihood of loss is evaluated as probable. To determine the adequacy of collateral on a particular loan, an estimate of the fair market value of the collateral is based on the most current appraised value available. This appraised value is then reduced to reflect estimated liquidation expenses.



**BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)**

**Note B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

As a substantial amount of our loan portfolio is collateralized by real estate, appraisals of the underlying value of property securing loans are critical in determining the amount of the allowance required for specific loans. Assumptions for appraisal valuations are instrumental in determining the value of properties. Overly optimistic assumptions or negative changes to assumptions could significantly impact the valuation of a property securing a loan and the related allowance determined. The assumptions supporting such appraisals are carefully reviewed by management to determine that the resulting values reasonably reflect amounts realizable on the related loans. Based on the composition of our loan portfolio, management believes the primary risks are increases in interest rates, a decline in the economy, generally, and a decline in real estate market values in the New York metropolitan area. Any one or combination of these events may adversely affect our loan portfolio resulting in increased delinquencies, loan losses and future levels of loan loss provisions.

Management believes the allowance for loan losses reflects the inherent credit risk in our portfolio, the level of our non-performing loans and our charge-off experience.

Although management believes that we have established and maintained the allowance for loan losses at adequate levels, additions may be necessary if future economic and other conditions differ substantially from the current operating environment. Although management uses what it believes is the best information available, the level of the allowance for loan losses remains an estimate that is subject to significant judgment and short-term change. In addition, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, NYSDFS, and other regulatory bodies, as an integral part of their examination process, will periodically review our allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require us to recognize adjustments to the allowance based on its judgments about information available to them at the time of their examination.

4.

**Interest Rate Cap**

The Company, from time to time, has entered into interest rate cap agreements in order to hedge its exposure to interest rate fluctuations. The Company adopted the provisions of FASB ASC 815, "Derivatives and Hedging Activities", on January 1, 2009. The statement requires the Company to recognize all derivative instruments at fair value as either assets or liabilities. Financial derivatives are reported at fair value in other assets or other liabilities. For derivatives not designated as hedges, the gain or loss is recognized in current earnings. Amounts reclassified into earnings, when the hedged transaction culminates, are included in interest income. At both December 31, 2012 and

2011, the Company had notional amounts of \$40.0 million outstanding.

5. **Bank Premises and Equipment**

Bank premises and equipment, including leasehold improvements, are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation expense is computed on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the estimated useful lives of the improvements or the terms of the related leases. An accelerated depreciation method is used for tax purposes.

**BERKSHIRE BANCORP INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)**

**Note B - SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**6. Other Real Estate Owned**