BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP INC

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| UNITED STATES | |
| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION | |
| WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 | |
| FORM 10-Q | |
| QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 1 *ACT OF 1934 For the quarterly period ended: March 31, 2012 | 3 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE |
| TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF 1934 For the transition period from to | 3 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT |
| Commission File Number: 000-51584 | |
| BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC. | |
| (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) | |
| Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | 04-3510455 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| 24 North Street, Pittsfield, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices) | 01201 (Zip Code) |

| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (413) |) 443-5601 |
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| 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. |
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| Yes x No " |
| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, 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 x No " |
| 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 definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one) |
| Large Accelerated Filer " Accelerated Filer x Non-Accelerated Filer " Smaller Reporting Company " |
| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) |
| Yes "No x |
| The Registrant had 22,165,541 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding as of May 3, 2012. |

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PART I

ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| (In thousands, except share data) Assets | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and due from banks | \$34,117 | \$46,713 |
| Short-term investments | 11,186 | 28,646 |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | 45,303 | 75,359 |
| Total tash and tash officers | , | , e,ee, |
| Trading security | 16,847 | 17,395 |
| Securities available for sale, at fair value | 423,580 | 419,756 |
| Securities held to maturity (fair values of \$60,332 and \$60,395) | 59,533 | 58,912 |
| Federal Home Loan Bank stock and other restricted securities | 35,282 | 37,118 |
| Total securities | 535,242 | 533,181 |
| Loans held for sale | - | 1,455 |
| Residential mortgages | 1,100,663 | 1,020,435 |
| Commercial mortgages | 1,147,455 | 1,156,241 |
| Commercial business loans | 429,627 | 410,292 |
| Consumer loans | 361,255 | 369,602 |
| Total loans | 3,039,000 | 2,956,570 |
| Less: Allowance for loan losses | (32,657) | (32,444) |
| Net loans | 3,006,343 | 2,924,126 |
| | | |
| Premises and equipment, net | 61,661 | 60,139 |
| Other real estate owned | 439 | 1,900 |
| Goodwill | 202,397 | 202,391 |
| Other intangible assets | 19,662 | 20,973 |
| Cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance policies | 75,652 | 75,009 |
| Other assets | 82,628 | 91,309 |
| Assets from discontinued operations | - | 5,362 |
| Total assets | \$4,029,327 | \$3,991,204 |
| ****** | | |
| Liabilities | Φ 450 40 5 | Φ 4 4 7 4 1 4 |
| Demand deposits | \$450,497 | \$447,414 |

| NOW deposits | 294,411 | 272,204 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Money market deposits | 1,089,742 | 1,055,306 |
| Savings deposits | 365,289 | 350,517 |
| Time deposits | 984,228 | 975,734 |
| Total deposits | 3,184,167 | 3,101,175 |
| Short-term debt | 14,360 | 10,000 |
| Long-term Federal Home Loan Bank advances | 221,880 | 211,938 |
| Junior subordinated debentures | 15,464 | 15,464 |
| Total borrowings | 251,704 | 237,402 |
| Other liabilities | 36,622 | 43,759 |
| Liabilities from discontinued operations | - | 55,504 |
| Total liabilities | 3,472,493 | 3,437,839 |
| | | |
| Stockholders' equity | | |
| Common stock (\$.01 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized and 22,860,368 shares | 229 | 229 |
| issued; 21,191,594 shares outstanding in 2012; 21,147,736 shares outstanding in 2011) | | |
| Additional paid-in capital | 494,199 | 494,304 |
| Unearned compensation | (3,585) | (2,790) |
| Retained earnings | 111,712 | 109,477 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (3,892) | (4,885) |
| Treasury stock, at cost (1,668,774 shares in 2012 and 1,712,632 shares in 2011) | (41,829) | (42,970) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 556,834 | 553,365 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$4,029,327 | \$3,991,204 |

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

BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

| | Three Mo March 31 | onths Ended |
|--|----------------------|-------------|
| (In thousands, except per share data) | 2012 | 2011 |
| Interest and dividend income | | |
| Loans | \$35,051 | \$24,606 |
| Securities and other | 3,621 | 3,307 |
| Total interest and dividend income | 38,672 | 27,913 |
| Interest expense | | |
| Deposits | 5,502 | 5,715 |
| Borrowings and junior subordinated debentures | 2,025 | 2,052 |
| Total interest expense | 7,527 | 7,767 |
| Net interest income | 31,145 | 20,146 |
| Non-interest income | | |
| Loan related fees | 1,373 | 591 |
| Deposit related fees | 3,500 | 2,541 |
| Insurance commissions and fees | 2,746 | 3,730 |
| Wealth management fees | 1,900 | 1,192 |
| Total fee income | 9,519 | 8,054 |
| Other | 241 | 80 |
| Non-recurring gain | 42 | - |
| Total non-interest income | 9,802 | 8,134 |
| Total net revenue | 40,947 | 28,280 |
| Provision for loan losses | 2,000 | 1,600 |
| Non-interest expense | | |
| Compensation and benefits | 13,589 | 11,151 |
| Occupancy and equipment | 4,395 | 3,435 |
| Technology and communications | 1,958 | 1,466 |
| Marketing and professional services | 1,716 | 1,213 |
| Supplies, postage and delivery | 562 | 454 |
| FDIC premiums and assessments | 681 | 1,027 |
| Other real estate owned | 179 | 609 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 1,311 | 716 |
| Nonrecurring and merger related expenses | 4,223 | 1,708 |
| Other | 1,580 | 1,410 |
| Total non-interest expense | 30,194 | 23,189 |
| | | |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 8,753 | 3,491 |
| Income tax expense | 2,272 | 656 |
| Net income from continuing operations | 6,481 | 2,835 |
| Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes (including gain on disposal of \$63) | (261) | _ |
| Income tax expense | 376 | - |
| Net loss from discontinued operations | (637) |) |

| Net income | \$5,844 | \$2,835 |
|---|---------|---------|
| Basic and diluted earnings per share: | | |
| Continuing operations | \$0.31 | \$0.20 |
| Discontinued operations | (0.03) | - |
| Total basic and diluted earnings per share | \$0.28 | \$0.20 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 20,956 | 13,943 |
| Diluted | 21,063 | 13,981 |

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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - UNAUDITED

| (In thousands) | Three M Ended March 3 2012 | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Net income | \$5,844 | \$2,835 |
| Other comprehensive income | | |
| Changes in unrealized gains and losses on securities available-for-sale | 1,293 | 1,015 |
| Changes in unrealized gains and losses on derivative hedges | 284 | 1,253 |
| Changes in unrealized gains and losses on terminated swaps | 235 | 235 |
| Income taxes related to other comprehensive income | (819) | (981) |
| Total other comprehensive income | 993 | 1,522 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Berkshire Hills Bancorp, Inc. | \$6,837 | \$4,357 |

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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

| (In thousands) | Commor Shares | | Additional paid-in t capital | | Retained earnings | Accumulate other comprehensive loss | | Total |
|---|------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Balance at December 31, 2010 | 14,076 | \$ 158 | \$337,537 | \$(1,776) | \$103,972 | \$ (6,410) | \$(44,834) | \$388,647 |
| Comprehensive income: Net income | | | | | 2,835 | | | 2,835 |
| Other net comprehensive | - | - | - | - | 2,033 | - | - | |
| income | - | - | - | - | - | 1,522 | - | 1,522 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | 4,357 |
| Cash dividends declared | - | - | - | - | (2,251) | - | - | (2,251) |
| (\$0.16 per share) Forfeited shares | (7) | _ | 3 | 167 | _ | _ | (170) | _ |
| Exercise of stock options | 13 | _ | - | - | (112) | - | 326 | 214 |
| Restricted stock grants | 55 | - | (226) | (1,159) | - | - | 1,385 | - |
| Stock-based compensation | - | - | 1 | 207 | - | - | - | 208 |
| Other, net | (22) | - | - | - | - | - | (453) | (453) |
| Balance at March 31, 2011 | 14,115 | \$ 158 | \$337,315 | \$(2,561) | \$104,444 | \$ (4,888) | \$(43,746) | \$390,722 |
| Balance at December 31, 2011 | 21,148 | \$ 229 | \$494,304 | \$(2,790) | \$109,477 | \$ (4,885) | \$(42,970) | \$553,365 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | | |
| Net income | - | - | - | - | 5,844 | - | - | 5,844 |
| Other net comprehensive income | - | - | - | - | - | 993 | - | 993 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | | 6,837 |
| Cash dividends declared | _ | _ | _ | _ | (3,603) | | _ | (3,603) |
| (\$0.17 per share) | (6) | | 1.1 | 110 | (3,003) | ' | (120 | |
| Forfeited shares | (6) 1 | - | 11 | 119 | - (6 | - | (130) 22 | - 16 |
| Exercise of stock options Restricted stock grants | 60 | - | (134) | (1,380) | (6) - | - | 1,514 | - |
| Stock-based compensation | - | _ | - | 466 | _ | - | - | 466 |
| Net tax benefit related to | _ | | 18 | _ | _ | _ | _ | 18 |
| stock-based compensation | - | - | 10 | - | - | - | - | |
| Other, net | (11) | - | - | - | - | - | (265) | (265) |
| Balance at March 31, 2012 | 21,192 | \$ 229 | \$494,199 | \$(3,585) | \$111,712 | \$ (3,892) | \$(41,829) | \$556,834 |

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BERKSHIRE HILLS BANCORP, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 2011 | | | |
|--|--|---|--------------|---|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | ¢ 5 044 | | t 2 025 | |
| Net income | \$ 5,844 | | \$ 2,835 | |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: Provision for loan losses | 2,000 | | 1,600 | |
| Net amortization of securities | 2,000 488 | | 340 | |
| | (3,669 | ` | 390 | |
| Change in unamortized net loan costs and premiums | * * |) | | |
| Premises depreciation and amortization expense | 1,441 466 | | 1,062 208 | |
| Stock-based compensation expense | | \ | | ` |
| (Accretion)/Amortization of purchase accounting entries | (1,248 |) | (155 716 |) |
| Amortization of other intangibles | 1,311 | \ | | |
| Excess tax loss from stock-based payment arrangements | (18 |) | - | ` |
| Income from cash surrender value of bank-owned life insurance policies | (643 |) | (380 |) |
| (Gain) Loss on sales of securities, net | (41 |) | - | |
| Net decrease in loans held for sale | 1,455 | | 901 | |
| Loss on disposition of assets | 1,527 | | - | |
| Loss on sale of other real estate | 40 | | 1 200 | |
| Net change in other | 792 | | 1,399 | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 9,745 | | 8,916 | |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | |
| Net decrease in trading security | 120 | | 116 | |
| Proceeds from sales of securities available for sale | 3,040 | | - | |
| Proceeds from maturities, calls and prepayments of securities available for sale | 23,190 | | 40,355 | |
| Purchases of securities available for sale | (29,208 |) | (44,772 |) |
| Proceeds from maturities, calls and prepayments of securities held to maturity | 1,436 | ĺ | 2,105 | |
| Purchases of securities held to maturity | (2,057 |) | (2,296 |) |
| Net investment in limited partnership tax credits | - | | (4,166 |) |
| Net change in loans | (80,102 |) | (5,044 |) |
| Net cash used for Divestiture | (48,890 |) | - | |
| Proceeds from sale of Federal Home Loan Bank stock | 1,836 | ĺ | - | |
| Proceeds from sale of other real estate | 1,671 | | 382 | |
| Purchase of premises and equipment, net | (4,468 |) | (1,647 |) |
| Net cash (used) by investing activities | (133,432 |) | (14,967 |) |
| | , | , | , | |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | |
| Net increase in deposits | 82,475 | | 36,608 | |
| Proceeds from Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other borrowings | 44,360 | | 15,480 | |
| Repayments of Federal Home Loan Bank advances and other borrowings | (30,058 |) | (46,915 |) |
| Net proceeds from reissuance of treasury stock | 16 | | 214 | |

| Excess tax loss from stock based payment arrangements Common stock cash dividends paid Net impact of preferred stock and warrant including repurchase and dividends | 18 (3,603 |) | - (2,251 55 |) |
|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 93,208 | | 3,136 | |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | (30,479 75,782 |) | (2,915 44,140 |) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 45,303 | | \$ 41,225 | |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | | | |
| Interest paid on deposits | 5,539 | | 5,753 | |
| Interest paid on borrowed funds | 2,025 | | 2,052 | |
| Income taxes paid, net | 1,233 | | 55 | |
| Real estate owned acquired in settlement of loans | (250 |) | - | |
| Other net comprehensive loss | (993 |) | 1,522 | |

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

<u>Note</u>: The Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March, 2012 and the cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period includes the cash flows from activities associated with discontinued operations.

NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) and contain all adjustments, consisting solely of normal, recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of results for such periods.

In addition, these interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X, and accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared according to U.S. GAAP have been omitted.

The results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and note disclosures for Berkshire Bancorp, Inc. ("the Company") previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

NOTE 2. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

ASU No. 2011-01, "Receivables (Topic 310) - Deferral of the Effective Date of Disclosures about Troubled Debt Restructurings in Update No. 2010-20." In January 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-01 to temporarily delay the effective date of the disclosures about troubled debt restructurings ("TDRs") that are included in ASU No. 2010-20. The TDR disclosure guidance was effective beginning with the Company's interim period ended September 30, 2011. The required disclosures are incorporated in Note 7 to the Company's financial statements.

ASU No. 2011-02, "A Creditor's Determination of Whether Restructuring Is a Troubled Debt Restructuring". In April 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-02 clarifying when a loan modification or restructuring is considered a troubled debt restructuring. The guidance is effective for the first interim or annual period beginning on or after June 15, 2011, and is to be applied retrospectively to modifications occurring on or after the beginning of the annual period of adoption. The adoption of this guidance did not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

ASU No. 2011-04, "Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs." In May 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-04 result in a consistent definition of fair value and common requirements for the measurement of and disclosure about fair value between U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The changes to U.S. GAAP as a result of ASU No. 2011-04 are as follows: (1) The concepts of highest and best use and valuation premise are only relevant when measuring the fair value of nonfinancial assets; (2) U.S. GAAP currently prohibits application of a blockage factor in valuing financial instruments with quoted prices in active markets. ASU No. 2011-04 extends that prohibition to all fair value measurements; (3) An exception is provided to the basic fair value measurement principles for an entity that holds a group of financial assets and financial liabilities with offsetting positions in market risks or counterparty credit risk

that are managed on the basis of the entity's net exposure to either of those risks. This exception allows the entity, if certain criteria are met, to measure the fair value of the net asset or liability position in a manner consistent with how market participants would price the net risk position; (4) The fair value measurement of instruments classified within an entity's shareholders' equity is aligned with the guidance for liabilities; and (5) Disclosure requirements have been enhanced for Level 3 fair value measurements to disclose quantitative information about unobservable inputs and assumptions used, to describe the valuation processes used by the entity, and to qualitatively describe the sensitivity of fair value measurements to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those inputs. In addition, entities must report the level in the fair value hierarchy of items that are not measured at fair value in the statement of condition but whose fair value must be disclosed. The Company adopted the provisions of ASU No. 2011-04 had no impact on the Company's financial statements. The required disclosures are incorporated in Note 14 to the Company's financial statements.

ASU 2011-05, "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220) - Presentation of Comprehensive Income." ASU 2011-05 amends Topic 220, "Comprehensive Income," to require that all non-owner changes in stockholders' equity be presented in either a single continuous statement of comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. Additionally, ASU 2011-05 requires entities to present, on the face of the financial statements, reclassification adjustments for items that are reclassified from other comprehensive income to net income in the statement or statements where the components of net income and the components of other comprehensive income are presented. The option to present components of other comprehensive income as part of the statement of changes in stockholders' equity was eliminated. ASU 2011-05 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2011; however, certain provisions related to the presentation of reclassification adjustments have been deferred by ASU 2011-12 "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220) - Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05," as further discussed below.

ASU No. 2011-08, "Testing Goodwill for Impairment". In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-08 which will allow an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test. Under these amendments, an entity would not be required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines, based on a qualitative assessment, that it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying amount . The guidance is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011, with early adoption permitted. The Company performs its annual test for goodwill impairment in the fourth quarter, and adoption of this guidance is not expected to have an impact on its financial statements.

ASU 2011-11, "Balance Sheet (Topic 210) - "Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities." ASU 2011-11 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 limited to matters of presentation with no impact expected on the Company's financial statements.

ASU 2011-12 "Comprehensive Income (Topic 220) - Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassifications of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05." ASU 2011-12 defers changes in ASU No. 2011-05 that relate to the presentation of reclassification adjustments to allow the FASB time to redeliberate whether to require presentation of such adjustments on the face of the financial statements to show the effects of reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income on the components of net income and other comprehensive income. ASU 2011-12 allows entities to continue to report reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income consistent with the presentation requirements in effect before ASU No. 2011-05. All other requirements in ASU No. 2011-05 are not affected by ASU No. 2011-12. ASU 2011-12 is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2011. The enhanced disclosures required are incorporated in Note 9 to the Company's financial statements.

NOTE 3. CORRECTION OF IMMATERIAL ERROR

During the second quarter of 2011, the Company corrected an immaterial error in its prior period accounting treatment for certain tax credit investment limited partnership interests. These interests primarily relate to low income housing, community development, and solar energy related investments. As a result of this error, the Company's non-interest income and income tax expense were overstated in the first quarter of 2011. On the corresponding balance sheet, the Company's tax credit investment limited partnership interests were overstated in the first quarter of 2011. The overstatement of the tax credit investment balance in this period was more than offset by an understatement of the Company's deferred tax asset balance. These balances are included as components of other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The Company assessed the materiality of this error for each previously issued quarterly and annual period that was effected in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and determined that the error was immaterial. The Company determined that the cumulative error is immaterial to our estimated income for the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2011 but was material to our trend in earnings. Accordingly, the Company has revised its Consolidated Statements of Income for the three month period ended March 31, 2011. The Company has evaluated the effects of these errors and concluded that they are immaterial to any of the Company's previously issued quarterly or annual financial statements. The effect of correcting this immaterial error in the consolidated statement of income for the first quarter of 2011 to be reported in subsequent periodic filings is as follows:

| (in thousands, except per share data) | For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2011 As Reported Revised | | |
|---|--|---------|--|
| Consolidated statement of operations information: | | | |
| Non-interest income | \$8,502 | \$8,134 | |
| Income tax expense | 1,061 | 656 | |
| Net income | 2,798 | 2,835 | |
| Basic earnings per share | 0.20 | 0.20 | |
| Diluted earnings per share | 0.20 | 0.20 | |
| Consolidated balance sheet information: | | | |
| Other assets | 59,122 | 59,846 | |
| Retained earnings | 103,720 | 104,444 | |

NOTE 4. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

In order to minimize potential anti-competitive effects of the Legacy acquisition, the Company agreed to sell four Legacy Berkshire branches in conjunction with the Legacy merger agreement dated July 21, 2011. On October 21, 2011, the Company completed the divestiture of four Massachusetts bank branches in Berkshire County to NBT Bank, NA ("NBT"), a subsidiary of NBT Bancorp Inc. The Company continued to operate these branches until the divestiture was completed on October 21, 2011. Berkshire received a 6% deposit premium on these branches and paid a related divestiture dividend to former Legacy shareholders for a portion of these proceeds pursuant to the Legacy merger agreement. The sale resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$5.0 million and tax expense of \$3.9 million resulting in a gain on discontinued operations of \$1.1 million, net of tax, for the fiscal year 2011. The above actions and subsequent divestiture have resulted in the discontinuance of these operations in the third quarter of 2011.

Additionally, Berkshire made a separate determination to sell four former Legacy New York branches that were not within its financial performance objectives. In the third quarter of 2011, management committed to a plan to sell the four branches and initiated the process to locate a buyer. Berkshire entered into an agreement to divest these branches for a 2.5% deposit premium, and continued to operate these branches until the divestiture was completed on January 20, 2012. The sale resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$63 thousand and tax expense of \$507 thousand resulting in a loss on sale of discontinued operations, net of tax of \$443 thousand at March 31, 2012. The tax expense from discontinued operations included a tax charge of \$481 thousand, as the removal of \$1.2 million of goodwill associated with these branches is not deductible for determining taxable income. These branches were also designated as discontinued operations in Berkshire's financial statements in the third quarter of 2011.

As of March 31, 2012 the Bank has not reclassified any assets or liabilities to discontinued operations. As of December 31, 2011, the Bank reclassified \$5.4 million of assets and \$55.5 million of liabilities to discontinued operations. Assets and liabilities of discontinued operations, all of which were classified as held-for-sale, were estimated as follows as of December 31, 2011, in thousands:

| 2011 |
|----------|
| |
| \$2,465 |
| 423 |
| 690 |
| 1,197 |
| 574 |
| 13 |
| 5,362 |
| |
| 55,504 |
| 55,504 |
| \$50,142 |
| |

The following table provides financial information for the discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

| (In thousands) | 2012 |
|--|---------|
| Net Interest Income | \$8 |
| Non-interest Income | 13 |
| Total Net Revenue | 21 |
| | |
| Non-Interest Expense | 345 |
| (Loss) on disposal of discontinued operations | (324) |
| Gain on disposal of discontinued operations | 63 |
| (Loss) Gain on discontiued operations | (261) |
| Income tax expense | 376 |
| (Loss) Gain from discontinued operations, net of tax | \$(637) |

The Company did not have any discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

NOTE 5. TRADING ACCOUNT SECURITY

The Company holds a tax advantaged economic development bond that is being accounted for at fair value. The security had an amortized cost of \$14.0 million and \$14.1 million, and a fair value of \$16.8 million and \$17.4 million, at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. As discussed further in Note 13 - Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities, the Company has entered into a swap contract to swap-out the fixed rate of the security in exchange for a variable rate. The Company does not purchase securities with the intent of selling them in the near term, and there are no other securities in the trading portfolio at March 31, 2012.

NOTE 6. SECURITIES AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND HELD TO MATURITY

The following is a summary of securities available for sale and held to maturity:

| (In thousands) | Amortized Cost | Gross Unrealized Gains | Gross Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| March 31, 2012 | | | | |
| Securities available for sale | | | | |
| Debt securities: | | | | |
| Municipal bonds and obligations | \$75,067 | \$ 4,641 | \$ (52) | \$79,656 |
| Government guaranteed residential mortgage-backed securities | 40,212 | 890 | - | 41,102 |
| Government-sponsored residential mortgage-backed securities | 251,626 | 3,117 | (133) | 254,610 |
| Corporate bonds | 9,997 | - | (358) | 9,639 |
| Trust preferred securities | 20,036 | 686 | (2,350) | 18,372 |
| Other bonds and obligations | 624 | 2 | - | 626 |
| Total debt securities | 397,562 | 9,336 | (2,893) | 404,005 |
| Equity securities: | | | | |
| Marketable equity securities | 18,427 | 1,258 | (110) | 19,575 |
| Total securities available for sale | 415,989 | 10,594 | (3,003) | 423,580 |
| | | | | |
| Securities held to maturity | | | | |
| Municipal bonds and obligations | 11,353 | - | - | 11,353 |
| Government-sponsored residential mortgage-backed securities | 78 | 9 | - | 87 |
| Tax advantaged economic development bonds | 47,488 | 1,184 | (394) | 48,278 |
| Other bonds and obligations | 614 | - | - | 614 |
| Total securities held to maturity | 59,533 | 1,193 | (394) | 60,332 |
| | | | | |
| Total | \$475,522 | \$ 11,787 | \$ (3,397) | \$483,912 |
| D 1 21 2011 | | | | |
| December 31, 2011 | | | | |
| Securities available for sale | | | | |
| Debt securities: | 4.7 2.42.6 | . | | |
| Municipal bonds and obligations | \$73,436 | \$ 4,418 | \$ - | \$77,854 |
| Government guaranteed residential mortgage-backed securities | 44,051 | 1,045 | - | 45,096 |
| Government-sponsored residential mortgage-backed securities | 245,033 | 2,990 | (412) | , |
| Corporate bonds | 9,996 | - | (269) | |
| Trust preferred securities | 20,064 | 343 | (2,592) | |
| Other bonds and obligations | 642 | 2 | - | 644 |
| Total debt securities | 393,222 | 8,798 | (3,273) | 398,747 |
| Equity securities: | | | | |
| Marketable equity securities | 20,236 | 1,555 | (782) | 21,009 |
| Total securities available for sale | 413,458 | 10,353 | (4,055) | 419,756 |

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The amortized cost and estimated fair value of available for sale ("AFS") and held to maturity ("HTM") securities, segregated by contractual maturity at March 31, 2012 are presented below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations. Mortgage-backed securities are shown in total, as their maturities are highly variable. Equity securities have no maturity and are also shown in total.

| | Available Amortized | | Held to maturity AmortizedFair | | |
|--|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------|--|
| (In thousands) | Cost | Value | Cost | Value | |
| Within 1 year | \$301 | \$301 | \$7,613 | \$7,613 | |
| Over 1 year to 5 years | 8,499 | 8,261 | 2,612 | 2,612 | |
| Over 5 years to 10 years | 16,553 | 17,199 | 30,701 | 31,254 | |
| Over 10 years | 80,371 | 82,532 | 18,529 | 18,766 | |
| Total bonds and obligations | 105,724 | 108,293 | 59,455 | 60,245 | |
| Marketable equity securities | 18,427 | 19,575 | - | - | |
| Residential mortgage-backed securities | 291,838 | 295,712 | 78 | 87 | |
| Total | \$415,989 | \$423,580 | \$59,533 | \$60,332 | |

Securities with unrealized losses, segregated by the duration of their continuous unrealized loss positions, are summarized as follows:

| | Less Than Gross Unrealized | | nthØver Twelve Montl Gross Unrealize&air | | ns Total Gross Unrealizæhir | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------|--|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| (In thousands) | Losses | Value | Losses | Value | Losses | |
| March 31, 2012 | | | | | | |
| Securities available for sale Debt securities: | | | | | | |
| Municipal bonds and obligations | \$ 52 | \$ 2,309 | \$ - | \$ - | \$52 | \$2,309 |
| Government-sponsored residential mortgage-backed securities | 124 | 32,879 | 9 | 3,434 | 133 | 36,313 |
| Corporate bonds | 321 | 6,679 | 37 | 2,960 | 358 | 9,639 |
| Trust preferred securities | - | - | 2,350 | 3,285 | 2,350 | 3,285 |
| Total debt securities | 497 | 41,867 | 2,396 | 9,679 | 2,893 | 51,546 |
| Marketable equity securities | 110 | 2,903 | - | - | 110 | 2,903 |
| Total securities available for sale | 607 | 44,770 | 2,396 | 9,679 | 3,003 | 54,449 |
| Securities held to maturity | | | | | | |
| Tax advantaged economic development bonds | 394 | 13,083 | - | - | 394 | 13,083 |
| Total securities held to maturity | 394 | 13,083 | - | - | 394 | 13,083 |
| Total | \$ 1,001 | \$ 57,853 | \$2,396 | \$ 9,679 | \$3,397 | \$67,532 |
| December 31, 2011 | | | | | | |
| Securities available for sale Debt securities: | | | | | | |
| Government guaranteed residential mortgage-backed securities | \$ 1 | \$ 48 | \$ - | \$ - | \$1 | \$48 |
| Government-sponsored residential mortgage-backed securities | 375 | 76,278 | 36 | 5,766 | 411 | 82,044 |
| Corporate bonds | 224 | 6,776 | 45 | 2,951 | 269 | 9,727 |
| Trust preferred securities | 20 | 2,541 | 2,572 | 3,065 | 2,592 | 5,606 |
| Total debt securities | 620 | 85,643 | 2,653 | 11,782 | 3,273 | 97,425 |
| Marketable equity securities | 782 | 6,229 | - | - | 782 | 6,229 |
| Total securities available for sale | \$ 1,402 | \$ 91,872 | \$ 2,653 | \$11,782 | \$4,055 | \$103,654 |

Debt Securities

The Company expects to recover its amortized cost basis on all debt securities in its AFS and HTM portfolios. Furthermore, the Company does not intend to sell nor does it anticipate that it will be required to sell any of its securities in an unrealized loss position as of March 31, 2012, prior to this recovery. The Company's ability and intent to hold these securities until recovery is supported by the Company's strong capital and liquidity positions as well as its historically low portfolio turnover. The following summarizes, by investment security type, the basis for the conclusion that the debt securities in an unrealized loss position within the Company's AFS and HTM portfolios were not other-than-temporarily impaired at March 31, 2012:

AFS municipal bonds and obligations

At March 31, 2012, 3 out of a total of 131 securities in the Company's portfolio of AFS municipal bonds and obligations were in unrealized loss positions. The aggregate unrealized losses represented 2% of the amortized cost of the securities in unrealized loss positions. The Company has the intent to hold these securities for recovery. There were no material underlying credit downgrades during the past quarter. All securities are considered performing.

AFS and HTM residential mortgage-backed securities

At March 31, 2012, 9 out of a total of 157 securities in the Company's portfolios of AFS residential mortgage-backed and none of the 4 securities in the Company's portfolios of HTM residential mortgage-backed were in unrealized loss positions. Aggregate unrealized losses represented less than 1% of the amortized cost of securities in unrealized loss positions within the AFS portfolio. The Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA"), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("FHLMC") and Government National Mortgage Association ("GNMA") guarantee the contractual cash flows of all of the Company's residential mortgage-backed securities. The securities are investment grade rated and there were no material underlying credit downgrades during the past quarter. All securities are considered performing.

AFS corporate bonds

At March 31, 2012, 3 out of a total of 3 securities in the Company's portfolio of AFS corporate bonds were in an unrealized loss position. The aggregate unrealized loss represented 4% of the amortized cost of the securities. The securities are investment grade rated, and there was no material underlying credit downgrade during the past quarter. The securities are considered performing.

AFS trust preferred securities

At March 31, 2012, 3 out of a total of 6 securities in the Company's portfolio of AFS trust preferred securities were in unrealized loss positions. Aggregate unrealized losses represented 42% of the amortized cost of securities in unrealized loss positions. The Company's evaluation of the present value of expected cash flows on these securities supports its conclusions about the recoverability of the securities' amortized cost bases.

At March 31, 2012, \$2.1 million of the total unrealized losses was attributable to a \$2.6 million investment in a Mezzanine Class B tranche of a \$360 million pooled trust preferred security issued by banking and insurance entities. The Company evaluated the security, with a Level 3 fair value of \$0.5 million, for potential other-than-temporary-impairment ("OTTI") at March 31, 2012 and determined that OTTI was not evident based on both the Company's ability and intent to hold the security until the recovery of its remaining amortized cost and the protection from credit loss afforded by \$33 million in excess subordination above current and projected losses. The security is considered performing.

AFS other bonds and obligations

At March 31, 2012, none of the 8 securities in the Company's portfolio of other bonds and obligations were in unrealized loss positions. The securities are investment grade rated and there were no material underlying credit downgrades during the last quarter. All securities are considered performing.

HTM tax advantaged economic development bonds

At March 31, 2012, 3 of the 10 securities in the Company's portfolio of tax advantaged economic d