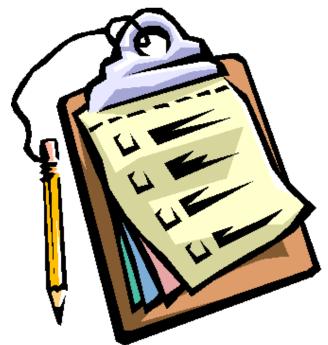


Introduction to Affordable Housing Preservation & Identifying Key Risks in Your Community

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Agenda

- What is affordable housing preservation?
- Where are the affordable housing preservation risks in my community?



What is affordable housing preservation? What is at risk?

What is affordable housing preservation?

Ensuring the long-term affordability and habitability of currently affordable housing



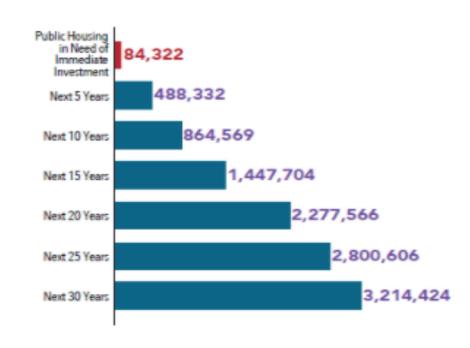
Why is affordable housing preservation important?

- Nationwide affordable housing crisis
 - 11.5 million extremely low-income tenants competing for a dwindling stock of 3.2 million affordable homes
 - >8 million extremely low income households spend >50% of their income on rent
- For every new one affordable home that is built, two affordable homes are lost due to poor physical conditions or conversion to more expensing housing
- Cheaper + more energy efficient to repair existing housing than to construct new housing
- Loss of affordable homes affects racial and civil equality, education, health, employment, and opportunity

Why is affordable housing at risk?

PUBLICLY SUPPORTED RENTAL HOMES AT RISK OF LOSS

- Private ownership and management of affordable housing
- Legal structure of federal housing programs
- Gentrifying communities, "hot" markets
- Inadequate federal oversight



Nearly one in ten publicly supported rental homes face an expiring affordability restriction in the next five years and 84,322 public housing units are in need of immediate investment*.

http://preservationdatabase.org/reports/2017-preservation-profiles/

Types of HUD "Multifamily" Housing Programs

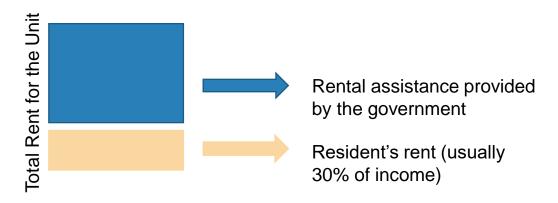
Mortgage Programs

- Loans and mortgage insurance (with low interest rates) from HUD to private owners to build and manage affordable housing
 - Loans include rent and use restrictions for a certain number of years (~40-50 years)
 - Ex: Section 236 program, Section 202 program

Rental Assistance Contracts

- Contract between HUD/public housing authority and private owner to provide rental assistance for low-income residents
 - Rental assistance supplements what the resident pays for rent
 - Ex: Project-based rental assistance, projectbased vouchers, Moderate Rehabilitation program, Rent Supplement program, Rental Assistance Payment program





Key Preservation Risks

Mortgage program risks:

- Mortgage maturity- when an owner fully repays the loan according to the original loan repayment schedule
- Mortgage prepayment- when an owner fully repays the loan before it was originally scheduled to be paid off
- Foreclosure- when the property is closed and sold because the owner has not repaid its loan ("default") or the property conditions seriously risk the health and safety of the residents

Rental assistance contract risks:

- Contract "opt out"- when the owner decides not to renew the rental assistance contract
- Contract termination- when HUD terminates the rental assistance contract with the owner because the owner has violated the contract



Without your help, these risks could result in: increased resident rents, loss of affordable homes, residents forced to move!

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Equal Justice Works VAHHP Fellows Eligible Properties

"Certain Project-Based Rental Assistance Properties: one or more properties subject to Project-Based Rental Assistance contracts, specifically Section 8 contracts, Rent Supplement (Rent Supp) contracts, Rental Assistance Payment (RAP) contracts, or Moderate Rehabilitation contracts where:

- (i) a long-term Project-Based Rental Assistance contract is expiring within five (5) years; or
- (ii) a property has received two consecutive REAC physical inspection scores of less than 60 (and the Project-Based Rental Assistance contract is not yet under abatement), with the most recent REAC score issued on or after the effective date of this Amended IAA; or
- (iii) a property is otherwise at risk of abatement due to health and safety issues, as determined by HUD; or
- (iv) a property is converting to Project-Based Rental Assistance under the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program Component 1 or Component 2; or
- (v) the owner of a property has submitted a request to HUD to **prepay the mortgage** such that the prepayment would trigger the issuance of preservation vouchers to tenants of non-assisted units, as determined by HUD."

Where are the preservation risks in my community?

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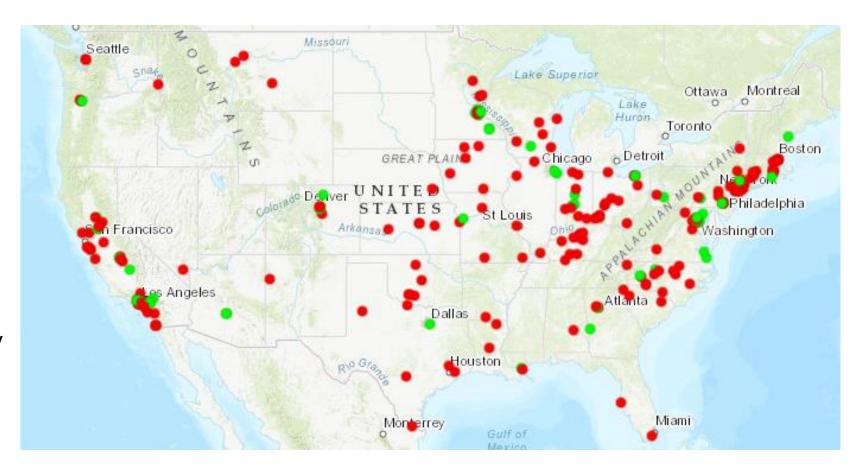
National Housing Preservation Database (NHPD)



National Housing Preservation Database

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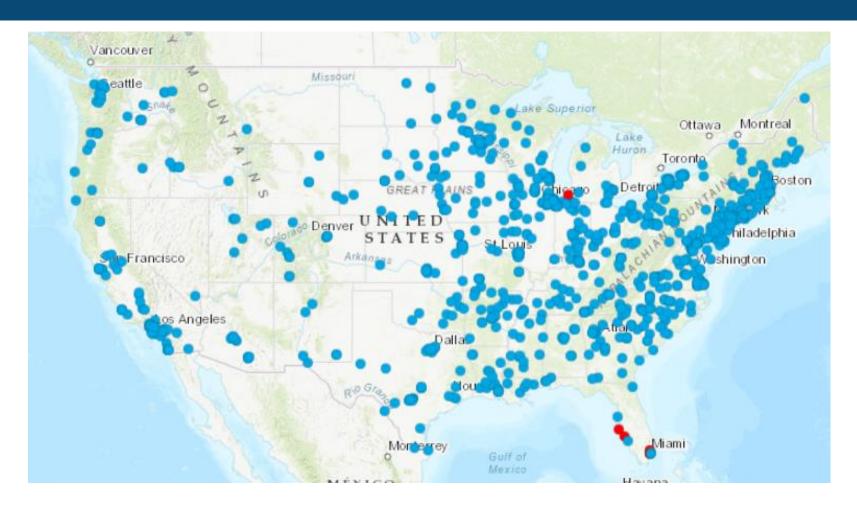
- "Subsidy end date"
- "Property receives Section 8 contract"
- "Property receives HUD insured mortgage"
- City, state, county



NHPD Mapping Tool: properties with HUD maturing mortgages before 12/31/28

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NHPD Mapping Tool: properties with Project-Based Section 8 contracts that will expire within 5 years

National Housing Preservation Database State Preservation Profiles

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2017 PRESERVATION PROFILE



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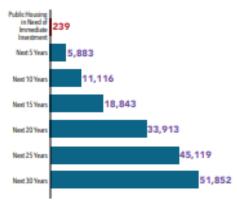
The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs play an important role in providing affordable homes to extremely low-income (ELI) families across the state. Many of the publicly supported homes, however, face expiring contracts and are at risk of becoming unaffordable to the state's lowest-income families.

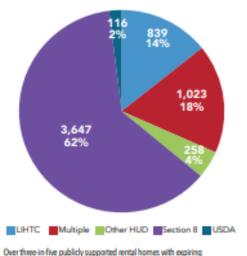












Over one third of the publicly supported rental homes across the state receive Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Over one-in-twenty publicly supported rental homes face an expiring affordability restriction in the next five years and 239 public housing units are in need of immediate investment*.

affordability restrictions in the next five years are assisted by Section 8

*Other includes Section 236 HUD Insured Mortgages, Section 202 Direct Loans, and State Section 234

* Indicated by a REAC score less than 60.

Note: Rental units can be supported by multiple programs



75.914 Shortage of rental homes affordable

and available for EU renters

107,999

78,912

5,883

Number of publicly supported rental homes with affordability restrictions expiring in next five years

ELI households spending more than half of their income on rent

Number of publicly supported rental homes

DATA FROM THE NATIONAL HOUSING PRESERVATION DATABASE

Which federal housing programs apply to the property?

- How do I figure out which federal housing programs apply to a building or unit?
 - National Housing Preservation Database: http://preservationdatabase.org/
 - Resident's lease
 - Contact HUD or local housing agency
 - Ask property manager
 - Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request or state/local public records act request

Additional Resources

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- www.nhlp.org
- National Housing Preservation Database: http://preservationdatabase.org/
- To Preserve Affordable Housing in the United States: A Policy History by Alexander von Hoffmanhttp://www.jchs.harvard.edu/research/publications/preserve-affordable-housing-united-states-policyhistory
- The State of the Nation's Housing 2017 by the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University, http://www.jchs.harvard.edu/research/state_nations_housing
- Out of Reach 2017 Report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, http://nlihc.org/oor
- Don't Get RAD-dled: 30 Minute Trainings for Tenant Advocates on What You Need to Know about the Rental Assistance Demonstration, National Housing Law Project, https://www.nhlp.org/webinars/dont-get-rad-dled-30-minute-trainings-tenant-advocates-need-know-rental-assistance-demonstration-rad/

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Questions?

