

#### Preserving our Affordable Housing: Properties at Risk

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### Agenda

Homes at risk in North Central Region (NCR) Resources to support preservation efforts

PHA preservation strategies

Q&A



#### Homes at risk in North Central Region (NCR)

Summary of 2022 Picture of Preservation Report findings



#### **About the Picture of Preservation Report**

- Uses data from the National Housing Preservation Database (NHPD)
- Examines the federally assisted housing stock, preservation risks these properties face, and federal policies that can support affordable housing preservation.
- Access the report at

preservationdatabase.org/reports/picture-of-preservation/





#### 881 thousand rental homes were supported by federal project-based assistance in the NCR in 2021 The Federally Assisted Housing Stock

#### Federally funded project-based subsidy programs included in this report:

Low Income Housing Tax Credits	Section 8 Contracts*	Public Housing	Section 515	Section 521
381,325	335,357	150,648	77,281	55,659
HOME Assistance	HUD Insured Mortgages	Section 538	Project Based Vouchers	Mod Rehab
42,689	19,712	9,284	20,736**	1,722**

\*Section 8 includes any property with a project-based Section 8 contract \*\*This is underestimated due to data censoring

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#### Preservation risks put federally assisted rental homes at risk of being lost from the affordable housing stock

**Preservation Risks** 





## **Poll**: What preservation risks are impacting the affordable housing stock in your area?

- Exit risk (expiring affordability restrictions or owner opt out)
- Depreciation risk (deteriorating physical conditions)
- Appropriations risk (lack of funding)



# Affordability restrictions are set to expire for 160,835 federally assisted homes in the NCR in the next ten years

Federally Assisted Homes with Affordability Restrictions Expiring by 2031





## The percentage of the federally assisted housing stock set to expire is the highest in MN, IA, and WI



#### Percent of Federally Assisted Homes with Affordability Restrictions Expiring in Next Five Years

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Property and neighborhood factors can increase exit risks for homes with affordability restrictions expiring in the next five years in the NCR

Profit minded	Strong housing	Non-renewable
owners	markets	subsidies
58%	19%	62%
Lack of recent capital investment 80%	Weak housing market 59%	Failing REAC inspection 3%



# Approximately 46,435 homes awarded a LIHTC subsidy since 1990 lost their affordability restrictions early in the NCR

The Loss of Federally Assisted Homes

Number of LIHTC assisted homes that lost their affordability restrictions early



## The portion of the LIHTC assisted housing stock lost early is highest in IL (18%), IN (22%), and OH (16%)



#### Percent of LIHTC Assisted Units Lost

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# At least 48,055 federally assisted homes in the NCR were preserved in recent years using federal resources

Number of homes recently preserved using federal resources





## Between 2020 and 2021, there was a net gain of 2,010 affordable homes added to the NHPD in the NCR

**Trends in Preservation** 





#### **Resources to Support Preservation Efforts**



#### **Picture of Preservation Report 2021 Mapping Tool**

<u>This tool</u> helps you search for properties impacted by preservation risks in your area and answers the following questions:



Homes with upcoming expiration:

Which properties have upcoming affordability restriction expirations?	How many homes have failing Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC) scores?	Which properties have recently been lost from the NHPD?
How many homes lost their affordability restrictions early by state?	How many homes could be lost if current trends continue and preservation efforts aren't expanded?	Which properties have been preserved in recent years?



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### **Picture of Preservation Need Report**

This report helps you understand the number of properties facing preservation risks in your state.



Access the report for your state here:IAILINMIMNNEOHWI



### **Affordable Housing Preservation Toolkit**

#### Resources to help you:

Assess you local affordable housing stock Recruit partners to support affordable housing Encourage property owners with expiring rent restrictions to retain affordability commitments

Invest in preserving high quality affordable housing Adopt policies that promote long-term affordability

Access the toolkit for your state here:

Request a toolkit for your city or county <u>here</u>



## The National Housing Preservation Database (NHPD)

- Comprehensive, de-duplicated property-level inventory of federally assisted housing
- 9 federal programs, state funded programs for 6 states
- Downloadable, free for nonprofits.
- Used to understand the federally assisted housing stock and preservation trends and to create preservation strategies
- Available at <u>www.preservationdatabase.org</u>



### **Programs Included**

#### Included Programs

- Section 8 project-based rental assistance
- Section 202 direct loans
- State HFA funded section 236
- Low income housing tax credits (LIHTC)
- HOME
- Public housing
- HUD insured mortgages (affordable only)
- USDA Section 538
- USDA Section 515
- USDA Section 514
- Project-based vouchers
- Mod Rehab
- State-funded programs for CT, DE, FL, MA, MI, & VT

#### **Excluded Programs**

- State and locally funded programs
- McKinney Vento Permanent Housing
- HOPWA
- Tax-exempt multifamily housing bonds
- Section 516 Farm Labor Housing
- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)



### **Data Included**

#### Property Name

- Property street address
- Geographic characteristics
- Total units
- Property owner and type
- Active/inactive subsidies
- Subsidy end date(s)
- Subsidy start date
- REAC score/date
- Target tenant type
- Occupancy rate
- Bedroom unit mix

#### Subsidy Name

- Subsidy ID
- Program name
- Manager name and type
- Owner name and type
- Start/end dates
- Unpaid principal balance
- Rent to FMR ratio
- Subsidy status
- Assisted units



#### **Creating a Local Preservation Inventory**

Access National Housing Preservation Database (NHPD)

Filter NHPD to your area of interest Supplement with local housing and demographic data

Develop criteria to identify 'at risk' properties



#### **Local Preservation Databases**

<u>Chicago Rehab Network (IL)</u>	<ul> <li>Section 8 properties throughout IL</li> </ul>
<u>Housing Link (MN)</u>	<ul> <li>Affordable properties funded by federal, state, local, and philanthropic programs in MN</li> </ul>
<u>Affordable Rental Housing</u> <u>Directory (MI)</u>	<ul> <li>Affordable properties funded by federal, state, local, and philanthropic programs in MI</li> </ul>
<u>Multifamily Properties with</u> OHFA Funding Awards (OH)	<ul> <li>Affordable properties funded by OHFA administered programs in OH</li> </ul>



#### **NHPD Demonstration**

www.preservationdatabase.org



#### **PHA Preservation Tools**



#### **PHA Preservation Financing Tools**

Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)	Project Based Vouchers	Choice Neighborhoods	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
HOME Assistance	National Housing Trust Fund	Faircloth-to-RAD	Opportunity Zones
State or locally funded programs	Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)	Section 18	Streamlined Voluntary Conversion (SVC)



## **Poll**: Which of the following programs has your agency used to support preservation efforts?

- Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
- Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD)
- Section 18
- Faircloth-to-RAD



## Using Faircloth-to-RAD to expand access to deeply affordable homes

- **51,261** units available in North Central region
- 46 PHAs in NCR have 100+ faircloth units available
- PHAs with 1,000 or More Faircloth Units
  - Chicago Housing Authority (IL)
  - Detroit Housing Commission (MI)
  - Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (OH)
  - Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority
  - Greater Dayton Premier Management
  - Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee
  - Peoria Housing Authority
  - Housing Authority of the City of Gary Indiana
- Identify whether your agency has any faircloth units <u>here</u>



#### Using PBVs to preserve affordable housing

## **Boston Housing Authority**

 Partnered with tenants, advocates, and a property owner to award PBVs to a property facing affordability restriction expirations



Mercantile Wharf



### **Developing a preservation plan**

San Diego Housing Commission led preservation effort



- Analyzed properties at risk of loss
- Establishes preservation priorities

 Reaches out to property owners at risk, educates community members about preservation resources, support city's preservation goals through outreach efforts



### **Repositioning public housing**

#### Switch funding platforms (RAD: PBV & PBRA)

### Build or rehab with other funding streams (LIHTC)

### Demolish or dispose properties (Section 18, SVC)

#### Create homeownership opportunities (Section 32)



#### **Public housing repositioning decision tree**





#### Source: <u>A Guide to Public Housing Repositioning</u>

## Choosing between RAD PBRA and PBV conversions

#### Why choose PBRA

- Higher rent cap (120%+ vs 110%)
- No voucher program
- Familiarity with PBRA
- Site-based management
- Track record of program
- \$100 PUM Opportunity Zone rent boost
- Income mixing more flexible

#### Why choose PBV

- Admin fees
- Don't like HUD's Multi-Family Program
- Grows the HCV program



### **Strategies to supplement RAD rents**

- RAD/Section 18 Blends
  - TPV rents often higher
  - Eligible for Asset Repositioning Fees (ARF) and Demolition Disposition Transition Funds (DDTF)
  - Can be automatically converted to PBV



- RAD Rent Boost for PBRA Conversions in Opportunity Zones
- Bundle RAD rents across properties
- V Consider the order of RAD
  - conversions
  - Supplement with federal or state funding



#### **Section 18 Demo/Dispo Criteria**





Source: Public Housing Repositioning

## Public Housing Repositioning Guides

By size:



General:

<u>Choosing</u> <u>between PBV</u> <u>and PBRA</u>



#### **Questions?**

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