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Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development

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About Fairfax County

- Virginia's largest jurisdiction
- One in seven Virginians live in Fairfax County
- Among the highest median incomes in the country
- Very high housing costs



Affordable Housing in Fairfax County

> A major need

- 30,000 unit rental housing gap
- As many as 50,000 additional units needed based on projected job growth over the next 15 years
- Major connection to economic competitiveness





Affordable Housing in Fairfax County





About the FCRHA



- Established in 1966 following a voter referendum
- Acts as the local housing finance agency
- The preeminent provider of affordable housing in Fairfax County
 - The Fairfax County Rental Program
 - Housing Choice Voucher Program
 - Public Housing





Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development

- A unique partnership with the FCRHA
- HCD acts as the staff to the FCRHA
- Administers all FCRHA programs AND HOME and CDBG and other local housing programs
- Staff of 230, \$110 million budget



The FCRHA – a High Capacity Housing Provider

- >FCRHA owns/operates -
 - 3,028 units of multifamily housing
 - 504 units of senior independent living
 - 112 beds of assisted living
 - 216 units/beds of specialized housing
- Close to 20,000 people live in FCRHA housing/subsidized units
- >Extremely low-income



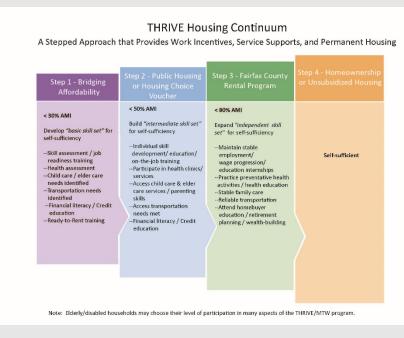
The FCRHA – On the Cutting Edge

- The FCRHA has long been a leading innovator in affordable housing financing and development
- Two critical efforts that will transform affordable housing in Fairfax County: RAD and Moving to Work



Moving to Work in Fairfax County

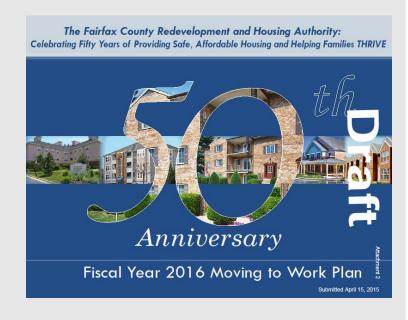
- FCRHA won MTW status in 2012, and formally began work as an MTW agency in 2013
- Focus is on moving households toward self-sufficiency through our Housing Continuum
- Working more with connecting people to self-sufficiency services, les emphasis on paperwork





Moving to Work in Fairfax County

- We are just getting started with MTW
- Most changes have been in response to sequestration
- Were unable to do any new leasing for a year
- Exploring new innovations related to project-based vouchers, self-sufficiency





Rental Assistance Demonstration

- RAD is a HUD financing tool that allows PHAs to convert Public Housing to a more stable Section 8 funding platform
- FCRHA preparing to convert most or all of its 1,060 units of federal public housing under RAD



Anticipated Conversions

- Applied to convert the entire Public Housing portfolio
- Immediate focus:
 - 209 scattered-site units
 - The Park (Lee District)
 - Briarcliff (Providence District)
 - Atrium (Lee District)
 - Audubon (Lee District)





Our private sector partners

- Fairfax County has a robust nonprofit community, outstanding partnerships
- Significant production of new affordable units by private developers via inclusionary zoning policies



Inclusionary zoning: providing options

- Fairfax County is committed to providing a range of housing options
- Inclusionary zoning is a critical tool:ADUs WDUs
 - About 5000 WDUs committed ~300 built
 - About 2600 ADUs built



Current priorities: Expanding the affordable housing stock

- Reviewing proposals for \$10 million in local funding
- Expect to move forward with recommendations in early 2016



Current priorities:

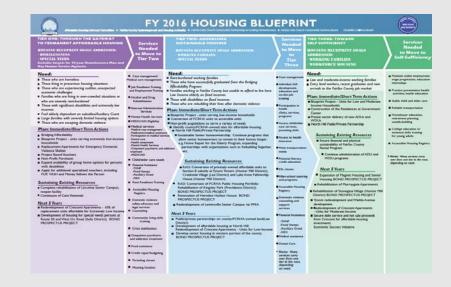
Increasing affordable homeownership opportunities

- Facilitating continued ADU/WDU production
- New down payment/closing cost assistance
- Consideration of other models



Current priorities: Housing Blueprint

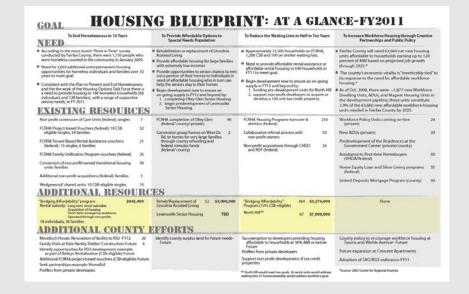
- A fixture in the housing community
- A common language
- Means to clearly identify goals, invest limited resources





Current priorities: Housing Blueprint

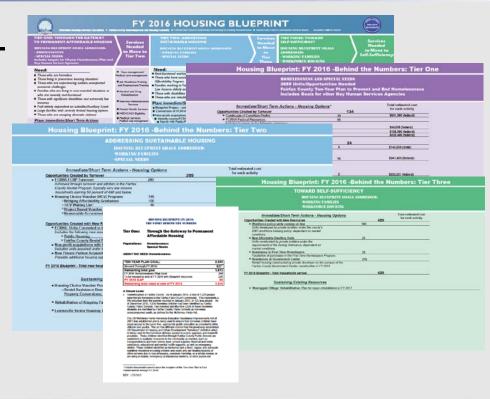
 Over time, the Blueprint has gone from being a comparatively simple one page document...





Current priorities: Housing Blueprint

 To a complex, multipage document which may not speak clearly to the layperson...





Major development projects: what's coming next

 The FCRHA and HCD have a number of critically important development projects in the pipeline which are expected to produce significant additional affordable housing resources



Current PPEA Projects Led by HCD A Creative Approach to Affordable Housing Using Public Land

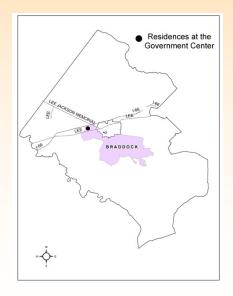
- The Residences at Government Center
- Lewinsville Center Redevelopment
- The Residences at North Hill Park

Residences at the Government Center

- 270 affordable apartments
- Developer is Jefferson Apartment Group
- All plan approvals and permits received
- LIHTC 9% award received from VHDA
- FCRHA passed final bond resolution
- Construction Underway



Residences at the Government Center (Rendering)



Braddock District





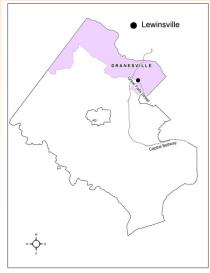
Residences at Government Center

Lewinsville Center Redevelopment

- Developer selected (Wesley Hamel LLC)
- Developer will design, build and operate 82 unit Senior Independent Living residence under a long term ground lease
- County will design and construct the 32,000 SF replacement senior and child daycare and senior center

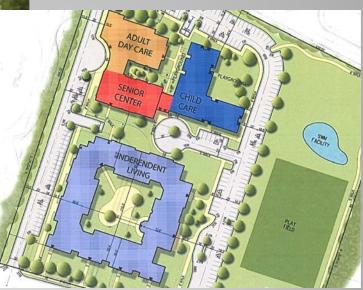


Lewinsville



Dranesville District





Lewinsville Center

North Hill

- CHPPENN has been selected as the developer via PPEA process
- Development would include For Sale and For Rent mix
- CHPPENN currently in feasibility



Mount Vernon District

Kate's Place: Supportive Housing

- Six Units-Families moving from the shelter
- Construction
 Completed

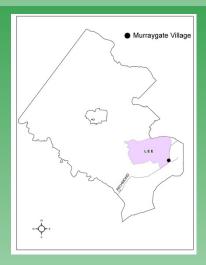




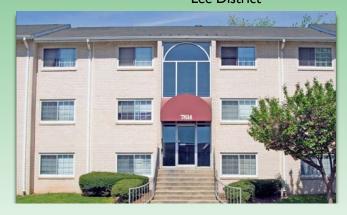
Springfield District

Murraygate Renovation

- Extensive rehabilitation needed, including new mechanical, plumbing, kitchen, bathroom, and finishes
- Architect selected, fee negotiated; design to initiate in mid-late 2015 following completion of site feasibility study
- Blueprint funds reserved
- Plan to apply for new tax credits in 2016
- New rent structure will be needed



Lee District



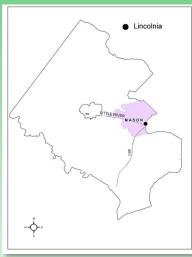
Murraygate

Lincolnia

- Senior Housing and Assisted Living Facility
- Renovation in progress
- Funded by County/Virginia Resource Authority (VRA) bonds







Mason District



Questions/Comments

- Questions
- Comments
- Discussion