



NCSHA Annual Award for Program Excellence 2018

# THE HOUSING CONNECTIONS OF CONNECTICUT



## THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEED

- Lack of expertise or capacity to develop affordable housing
- Most CT towns are high homeownership rates/low rate of rental housing
- Older housing stock, with nearly 20% of structures built before 1939 in rural towns
- Limited infrastructure such as sewer and public water limit project size
- Lack of zoning that supports multifamily
- Little to no new housing production, particularly rental housing built



Stuart Farms – 5 Units Kent, CT

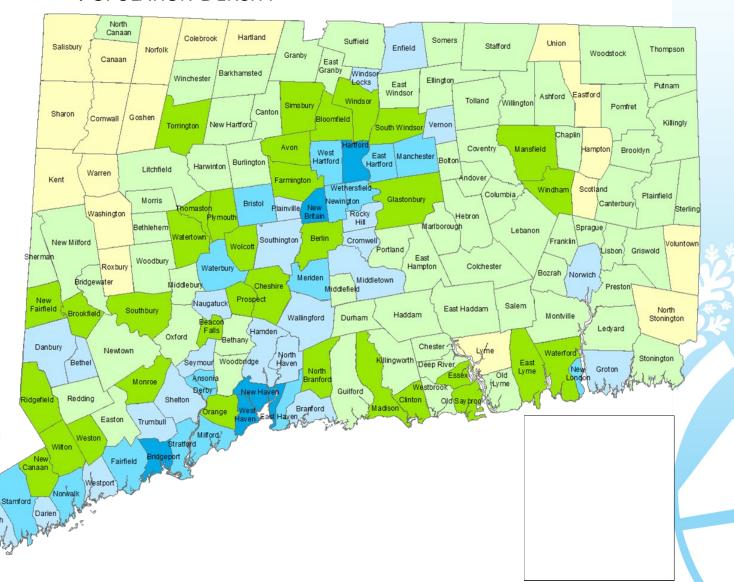


#### CT RURAL AND SUBURBAN LOCATIONS

## CONNECTICUT HOUSING FINANCE AUTHORITY

#### **POPULATION DENSITY**

Greenwich



#### THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- CHFA identified a gap in the housing spectrum in rural and suburban communities
- Through an RFP process, CHFA selected partners to help provide technical assistance that could result in affordable housing
- Originally funded using flexible funds as approved by the CHFA board in 2006





Northfield Firehouse - 2 units Litchfield, CT



#### THE PARTNERSHIP

- Administered on behalf of CHFA by the Local Initiatives Support Corp. & Connecticut Housing Coalition
- Supports affordable housing development by providing
  - Outreach
  - Technical assistance
    - Organizational Development
    - Planning & Policy Assistance
    - Project Development
  - Education & Training
- Technical assistance with a good return on investment



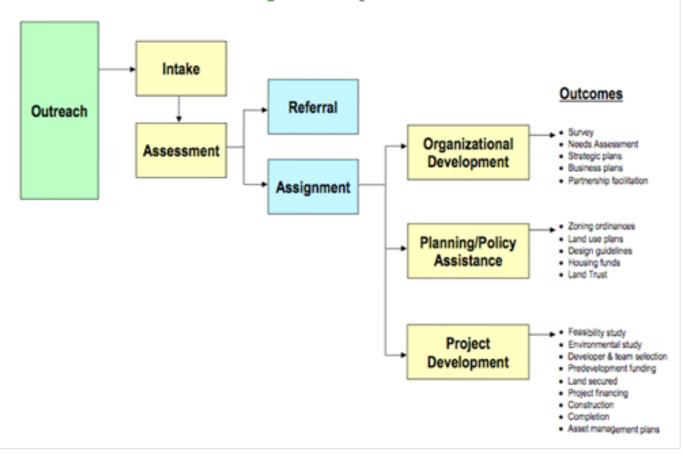




### THE HOUSING CONNECTIONS PROGRAM



#### Housing Connections of Connecticut Program Activity & Outcomes





#### THE RESULTS



- Ten-year, \$3 million CHFA investment
- A total of 19 projects and 577 affordable units have been completed as of June 2018
- An additional 612 units in planning or development stages
- Over \$100 million invested in small towns throughout
  Connecticut as a result of these developments
- And 39 local housing groups are currently in the planning or development stage





Ferry Crossing – 16 Units Old Saybrook, CT

### **FUNDING SOURCES LEVERAGED**



- Private Financing
  - Interim Financing (Acquisition, Predevelopment, Construction, Bridge)
    - LISC \$3.1 million
    - Bank \$616,000
    - Other \$1 million
  - Permanent Financing
    - Sponsor Equity \$4.5 million
    - Bank \$5.2 million
    - AHP \$1.8 million
    - Other \$5.7 million
- Public Financing
  - CHFA \$20 million
  - DOH \$31.6 million
  - HUD \$6.3 million
  - Municipality \$945,000
  - Rural Development \$3.9 million
- Tax Credits
  - State of CT HTCCs \$1.8 million
  - Federal LIHTCs \$13.8 million





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