



Housing & Health

September 2019

Agenda

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- Housing Impact on Health
- Community Market Support
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VHDA Overview

Overview

- Established in 1972 by the General Assembly.
- Self-supporting authority.
- Operate in a true public-private partnership to help serve the most difficult housing needs across the Commonwealth.

Mission:

To help Virginians attain quality, affordable housing.

Vision:

To be the leading mobilizing force for affordable housing in Virginia.



Programs

Rental

- Provides capital to preserve and expand Virginia's affordable rental housing inventory, to help households avoid rent burden.
 - Low income levels.
 - Moderate income levels.
- Offers VHDA financing and REACH *Virginia* subsidies for economically integrated communities and high priority rental needs:
 - Created 2,882 apartments for low-income and hard-to-serve populations in FY 19.

Goal:



Address

Unmet

Rental Needs

*Of Low-income and Critical
Needs Populations*

Programs

Community Outreach

- Preserves and strengthens the housing delivery network.
- Utilizes VHDA resources to leverage state housing initiatives.
 - \$466M in REACH *Virginia* funds since FY 06.
 - \$5.2M in Accessibility Grants since FY 06.
 - \$3.3M in Community Impact Grants since FY 16.

Goal:



Address

State

Housing Needs

*Partnering with the
Housing Delivery Network*

Programs

Homeownership

- Increases homeownership opportunities with specific emphasis on underserved markets.
 - First-time homebuyer loans.
 - Down payment grants.
 - Closing cost assistance grants.
 - Veteran loans.
 - Rural loans.
- Fosters successful homeownership:
 - Originated 6,697 loans in FY 19.

Goal:



*Strengthen
First-time
Homeownership
Throughout Virginia*

Housing Impact on Health

Social Determinants of Health



VHDA Partnerships

Interagency Leadership Team focuses on:

- Individuals with disabilities.
- Extremely low income populations.

Supports Executive Order 25 by:

- Establishing affordable housing priorities to address unmet housing needs.
- Increasing Permanent Supportive Housing for:
 - Developmentally disabled.
 - People with serious mental illness.
 - Chronically homeless.



Virginia Department of
Behavioral Health &
Developmental Services

Virginia Department of Veterans Services



VHDA Partnerships

The PSH Steering Committee works collaboratively across agencies and implements ACTION PLANS.

- VHDA updated the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program to further Executive Order 25 goals.
- DBHDS ensures that housing units financed with tax credits are utilized for appropriate populations.



Public Health

Housing quality influences:

- Physical and mental health.
- Children's school performance and behavior.
- Workers' job performance.
- Family well-being.

Diggs Town - Norfolk



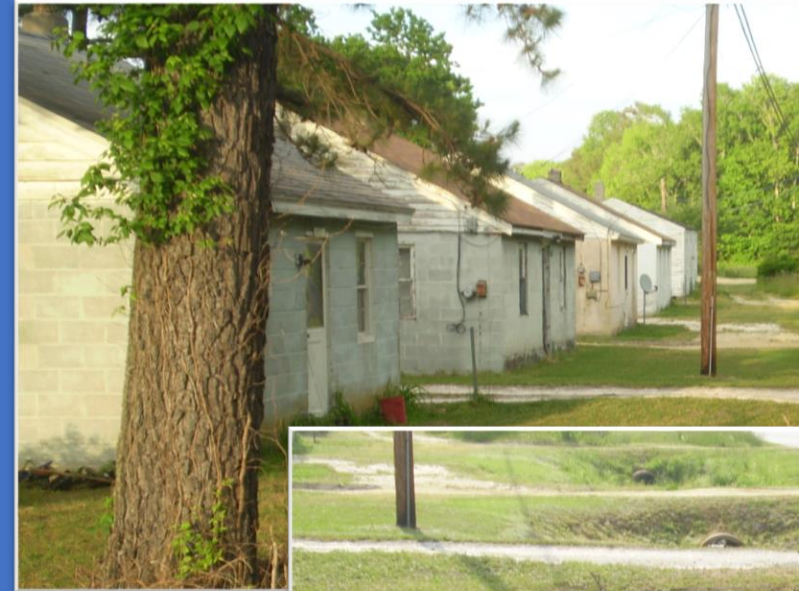
Public Health

In Virginia, there are still communities without:

- Running water.
- Indoor plumbing.

In 2016 more than 7,790 people still lived in these conditions throughout Hampton Roads and the Eastern Shore.

Exmore



Public Health

Attributes of truly affordable housing that support improved health outcomes:

- Housing must be near jobs.
- Must be near public transportation.
- Mixed-income neighborhoods can make better sustainable communities.

Southwood Mobile Home Park



Residents of Southwood Mobile Home Park discuss redevelopment plans. (Courtesy of Habitat for Humanity)

Community Integration

Supports local communities and it's residents by offering:

- Service enriched housing.
- Local services partnerships.
- Employment and access to community amenities.

Seaside Harbor



Permanent Supportive Housing

- Reduces hospitalizations and homelessness.
- Increases housing stability and improved behavioral and physical health.
- Helps the Commonwealth comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and *Olmstead Settlement Agreement*.

New Clay House



Senior Housing

VHDA's public-private partnerships are creating unique housing solutions:

- Co-location of affordable housing paired with an adjacent PACE healthcare facility.
- Rent subsidies are provided for 12 units with residents participating in the PACE program.

Carlton Views



Community Market Support

Education

VHDA offers educational resources for renters, homebuyers and homeowners.

- Rental goals:
 - Increase on-time rental payments.
 - Increase maintenance within units.
- Resources:
 - eBook established in 2015.
 - Online course established in 2019.
- Outcomes:
 - Prevent housing crises.
 - Reduce overall evictions.

Maintenance-Free Living

Advantages of Renting



Unstable Housing Costs

Challenges of Renting





Housing Resources

VirginiaHousingSearch.com

- Free service for renters and landlords.
- Rental property search functionality by:
 - Geographic area.
 - Housing type (house/apt).
 - Housing voucher.
 - Accessibility features.
- Resources and tools:
 - Rental scam awareness.
 - Budget worksheets.
 - Toll-free, bilingual call center.

The screenshot displays the VirginiaHousingSearch.com website. At the top, there's a banner with the text "The Housing Search Site for Virginia" and the website URL "VirginiaHousingSearch.com". Below the banner, navigation links include "Home", "Find Housing", "List Housing", and "Housing Search: Alexandria, VA". A search bar prompts users to "Search Virginia rentals by city, county, or ZIP code".

On the left, a "News" section features two articles: "FREE Online Renter Education Course" and "New Mapping Searches".

The main content area is titled "Welcome to VirginiaHousingSearch.com, a free resource to help you find a home that fits your needs and budget." and "Property providers can list apartments or homes for rent any time, which means that our list is always current."

The search filters are organized into several sections:

- General Search Information:** Includes checkboxes for "Do you have a Section 8 Voucher?", "Veteran or VASH Recipient?", and dropdowns for "Bedroom(s)", "Bath", and "Rent range".
- Optional Filters:** Includes checkboxes for "Wait Listed Properties", "Housing Type", "Senior/Disability Housing", "ZIP Code(s)", "Public Transit", "Shopping", "Hospital", "Smoking Policy", and "Landlord Speaks".
- Search by Distance:** Includes dropdowns for "Within" and "Miles of", and a "Street Address" field.
- Other Search Options:** Includes dropdowns for "Income is", "Building or Complex Name", "Security Deposit", and "Rent Includes".
- Entry and Common Area:** Includes checkboxes for "Fully Accessible Route from Parking to Unit", "Accessible Parking Close to Unit", "Accessible Elevators", and "Unit on First Floor".
- Whole Unit:** Includes checkboxes for "Doorway Clear Width - 32\" or Wider", "Maximum 1/2\" High Thresholds at Doors and Flooring Transitions", "Accessible Light Switches", "Lever Style Handles & Faucets", and "Low Counters & Vanities With 27\"-high Knee Space Underneath (Bath and Kitchen)".
- Kitchen:** Includes checkboxes for "Front Controls on Stove/Cook-top" and "Counter Height Microwave".
- Bathroom:** Includes checkboxes for "T\" Turn or 60\" Turning Circle in Bathrooms", "Toilet Grab Bars or Reinforcements", "Bath Grab Bars or Reinforcements", "Accessible Height Toilet", "Roll-in Shower", and "Walk-in Shower".
- Miscellaneous Options:** Includes checkboxes for "Accessible Flooring for Wheeled Device Use", "Front Control Laundry Machines and Accessible Route to Laundry", and "Within Paratransit Route".
- Sensory Options:** Includes checkboxes for "Strobe in Unit & Common Area" and "Extra Audible in Unit & Common Area".

At the bottom, there's a "Show me 10 Properties per Page" and a "CLICK HERE TO SEARCH" button.

Next Steps

- Hospitals and healthcare systems are understanding the importance of affordable housing to their business.
- They are looking for ways to invest in housing to:
 - Reduce costly emergency visits.
 - Contribute to improved health outcomes.
- This creates the opportunity for VHDA and local housing authorities to build partnerships with the healthcare community.

Questions & Answers

