

Housing Preservation and Development Workshop

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Our Mission:

Developing, preserving, and transforming affordable housing communities

"To effectively and efficiently address the housing needs of Savannah's low income population while focusing on the educational, job training and economic self-sufficiency needs of the residents of Public Housing neighborhoods and the Housing Choice Voucher Program"



HAS Affordable Housing Portfolio

| Community | Year Built | Unit Count | Current Status |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|--|
| Fellwood Homes | 1940 | 176 | Redeveloped (Sustainable Fellwood I, II, and III) |
| Garden Homes | 1940 | 315 | Redeveloped- HOPE VI (Ashley Midtown I, II, and The Veranda) |
| Yamacraw Village | 1941 | 315 | Operating, conventional public housing |
| Bartow Place | 1942 | 94 | Demolished (2005), vacant land |
| Fellwood Homes Annex | 1952 | 127 | Redeveloped (Sustainable Fellwood) |
| Fred Wessels Homes | 1954 | 250 | Renovated— RAD (Section 8) PBRA (River Pointe I) |
| Robert Hitch Village | 1955 | 337 | Redeveloped (The View at Oglethorpe I and II) |
| Herbert Kayton Homes | 1962 | 164 | RAD (Section 8) PBV |
| Simon F. Frazier | 1968 | 236 | Operating, conventional public housing |
| Stubbs Tower | 1970 | 210 | Demolished (2007), vacant land |
| Horace Stillwell Towers | 1972 | 211 | Operating, conventional public housing |
| Edgar C. Blackshear Homes | 1984 | 100 | Renovated— RAD (Section 8) PBRA (River Pointe II) |
| Pickens A. Patterson Terrace | 1982 | 76 | Operating, conventional public housing |
| Single Family Homes | 1996 | 60 | Operating, conventional public housing |

Hence,

Four main HAS strategies for the preservation and development of affordable housing:

- 1: Straight conversions to Section 8 allowing HAS to maintain properties in good condition
- 2: Conversion of public housing properties to RAD resulting in rehabilitation
- **3:** Demolition of public housing properties resulting in new affordable housing developments and other public benefits
- 4: Issuance of housing revenue bonds financing the rehabilitation and new construction of affordable housing units

Strategy #1: Straight conversions to RAD

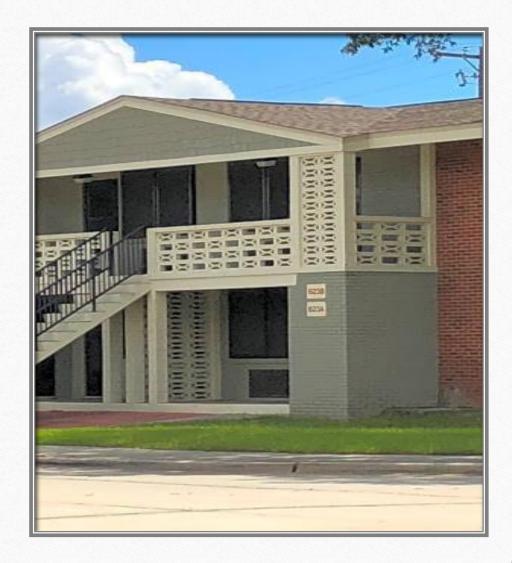
Herbert Kayton Homes

- Converted to Section 8 (PBV) in May 2018
- 163 RAD PBV units
- Comprehensive rehabilitation <u>prior to conversion</u>

Central HVAC system

Various interior improvements

No offsite relocation required



Strategy #2: Conversion of public housing properties to RAD, promoting renovation

Wessels Homes River Pointe I









Renovation completion in 2017

206 TOTAL UNITS

- ROOFS / CANOPIES (FRONT AND REAR)
- STAIRS (FRONT AND REAR)
- WINDOWS
- KITCHEN CABINTRY
- APPLIANCES

Renovation completion in 2017

74 TOTAL UNITS

- ROOFS
- SIDING
- HVAC SYSTEM
- TANKLESS WATER HEATER
- INTERIOR WALLS AND FLOORING

Strategy #3: Demolition of public housing properties resulting in new affordable housing development and other public benefits

Garden Homes (and Annex)



Ashley I, II, and The Veranda at Midtown







Demolition completion in 2002

- Total of 306 units financed with HOPE-VI grant and LIHTC
- Inclusion of townhomes for sale
- City of Savannah provided SPLOST funds for public improvements (\$1.9 million)

Also under Strategy #3: Demolition of public housing properties resulting in new affordable housing development and other public benefits



Fellwood Homes (and Annex) Sustainable Fellwood I, II, and III



Demolition completion in 2007

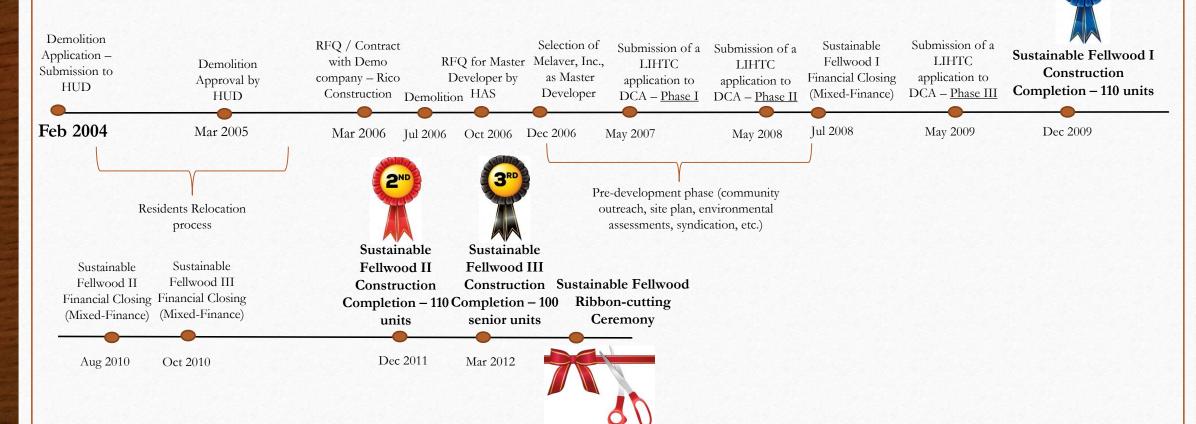




A LEED-ND Neighborhood Development (Years 2009–2012)

- Phases I and II each consist of 110 multifamily units with LEED gold certified buildings
- Phase III is a 100-unit senior apartment building with solar panels
- Includes 13 single family for sale homes
- City of Savannah provided SPLOST funds for public improvements (\$3.6 million)

The Redevelopment of Fellwood - Timeline Overview



May 2012

Note: Melaver, Inc., partnered with Vanguard Developers and Parallel Housing in the development and operation of Sustainable Fellwood. Also under Strategy #3: Demolition of public housing properties resulting in new affordable housing development and other public benefits

Hitch Village The View at Oglethorpe I and II





Unit Mix

172 Total Units

137 Affordable (70 RAD)

and 35 Market-rate



Demolition completion in 2010

Construction completion in **2017 - 2018**

- Includes computer room, community room, fitness center, picnic areas, and playgrounds as amenities
- City of Savannah provided SPLOST funds for public improvements and other infrastructure (\$2.5 million to date)

Strategy #4: Issuance of housing revenue bonds financing the renovation and new construction of affordable housing units

Between December 2017 and April 2021, HAS-issued bonds financed the **renovation of 639** affordable units and construction of **864 new** affordable units



Waters at Gateway (new)

Woodlands at Montgomery (new)



Preserve at Chatham Parkway (new)



Westlake Apartments (renovated)



Lynwood Apartments (renovated)



Paradise Savannah

SNA Apartm



Paradise Moultrie Apartments (renovated)



SNAP Apartments (renovated)





HAS-issued Bonds: Dec 2017 – Apr 2021

| | Financial closing | Deal type | Total # of income- restricted units | Total development cost | Total HAS Bond amount | % construction completion (as of May 2021) | Construction completion |
|--|----------------------|------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Woodlands at Montgomery | December 2017 | New construction | 246 | \$36.7 mi | \$28.5 mi | <u>100%</u> | February 2020 |
| Waters at Gateway | April 2018 | New construction | 270 | \$36 mi | \$23 mi | <u>100%</u> | January 2020 |
| Preserve at Chatham Parkway | August 2018 | New construction | 144 | \$24.5 mi | \$13.5 mi | <u>100%</u> | November 2019 |
| Westlake and Lynwood* Apartments | February 2019 | Renovation | 200 | N/A | \$21.5 mi | <u>100%</u> | December 2019 |
| Paradise Savannah, Moultrie*, and Carrollton* Apartments | April 2020 | Renovation | 206 | \$40.5 mi | \$34.5 mi | <u>100%</u> | October 2020 |
| SNAP | November 2020 | Renovation | 233 | \$66.5 mi | \$56 mi | <u>50%</u> | Fall 2021 (forecasted) |
| Ogeechee Place | April 2021 | New construction | 204 | \$41.2 mi | \$22 mi | <u><10%</u> | Fall 2022 (forecasted) |
| Totals | | | 1,503 units | | \$ 199 million in bonds | | |

^{*}HAS is authorized to issue tax-exempt bonds outside of Savannah's limits, contingent upon consent of the locality's government

Supply Analysis – HAS Bond Issuances (2017 – 2021)

| Туре | Total Affordable Units | Total Market Rate Units | Total Affordable Bedrooms |
|--------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 BDRM | 50 | 0 | 50 |
| 2 BDRM | 96 | 0 | 192 |
| 3 BDRM | 92 | 0 | 276 |
| 4 BDRM | 8 | 0 | 32 |
| Totals | 246 | 0 | <u>550</u> |

| Type | Total Affordable Units | Total Market Rate Units | Total Affordable Bedrooms |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 BDRM | 12 | 0 | 12 |
| 2 BDRM | 84 | 0 | 168 |
| 3 BDRM | 48 | 0 | 144 |
| Totals | 144 | 0 | <u>324</u> |

| Туре | Total Affordable Units | Total Market Rate Units | Total Affordable Bedrooms |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 BDRM | 16 | 0 | 16 |
| 2 BDRM | 24 | 0 | 48 |
| 3 BDRM | 16 | 0 | 48 |
| Totals | 56 | 0 | <u>112</u> |
| | | | |

Preserve at Chatham Parkway

| Woodlands at Montgomery | |
|-------------------------|--|
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| Туре | Total Affordable | Total Market | Total Affordable |
|--------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | Units | Rate Units | Bedrooms |
| 1 BDRM | 88 | 2 | 88 |
| 2 BDRM | 123 | 3 | 246 |
| 3 BDRM | 59 | 1 | 177 |
| Totals | 270 | 6 | <u>511</u> |

| Туре | Total Affordable Units | Total Market Rate Units | Total Affordable Bedrooms |
|--------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 BDRM | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| 2 BDRM | 56 | 0 | 108 |
| 3 BDRM | 30 | 0 | 90 |
| 4 BDRM | 4 | 0 | 16 |
| Totals | 100 | 0 | <u>224</u> |

Westlake Apartments

Paradise Savannah

| Type | Total | Total | Total |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Affordable | Market | Affordable |
| | Units | Rate Units | Bedrooms |
| Efficiency | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| / Carriage | | | |
| House | | | |
| 1 BDRM | 29 | 0 | 29 |
| 2 BDRM | 92 | 0 | 184 |
| 3 BDRM | 77 | 0 | 231 |
| 4 BDRM | 28 | 0 | 112 |
| Totals | 233 | 0 | <u>563</u> |

Waters at Gateway

| Туре | Total Affordable Units | Total Market Rate Units | Total Affordable Bedrooms |
|--------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 BDRM | 28 | 0 | 28 |
| 2 BDRM | 128 | 0 | 256 |
| 3 BDRM | 32 | 0 | 96 |
| 4 BDRM | 16 | 0 | 64 |
| Totals | 204 | 0 | <u>444</u> |

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Place

Following HUD's "two heartbeats per bedroom" guideline, HAS bonds issued between 2017 and 2021 could potentially house **5,456** individuals in affordable rental units in Savannah.

SNAP Apartments

Future use of these Strategies

#2: Prospective renovations facilitated by conversion to RAD

Patterson Terrace



Stillwell Towers



Frazier Homes



Future use of these Strategies

#3: Slated for Demolition and Disposition to facilitate redevelopment

Yamacraw Village – application to HUD in 2021

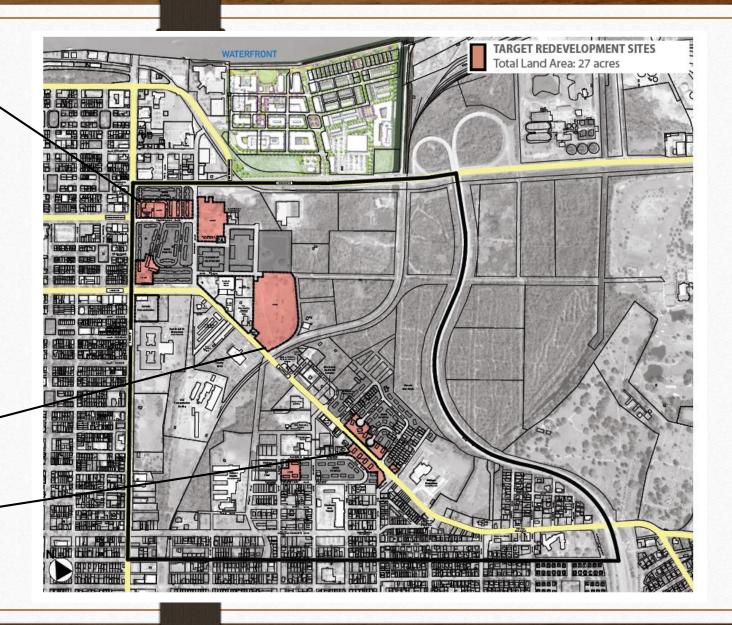


Slated for The View Phase III (slide 17)

Also under #3: New development phases are planned for former Hitch, Wessels and Blackshear sites that underwent Demolition in the East Savannah Gateway

Slated for ELC (slide 18)

Slated for River Pointe II Phase II (slide 17)



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River Pointe II Phase II

The View at Oglethorpe III





Also under #3: Public benefit will be generated by diversifying the use of vacant Hitch land

- HAS plans to lease a portion of former Hitch Village land to East Savannah United to facilitate construction of an Early Learning Center (ELC) in the East Savannah Gateway (a project approved for SPLOST VII funding by City & County).
- Additionally, HAS plans to dedicate to the City 0.5 acres of land to the north of the ELC site, to further the extension of Perry Lane.









Future use of these Strategies

#4: Prospective 2021 Bond Issuance

Savannah Summit

Rehabilitation of 138 units / \$16.5 million in tax-exempt bonds



City of Savannah SPLOST Contributions

| | Year | Approved Amount | % Spent (as of May 2021) |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Ashley Midtown | SPLOST IV - 2005 | \$1,930,814.01 | 100% |
| Sustainable Fellwood | SPLOST V - 2008 | \$3,658,417.44 | 100% |
| Hitch Village Redevelopment | SPLOST VI - 2015 | \$6,224,000.00 | 41% |
| Early Learning Center | SPLOST VII - 2019 | \$3,125,000.00 | 0% |
| Total | | 14,938,231.45 | |

Thank you for your attention!



