Fair Housing and Equity Assessment Update

RPSD Coordinating Committee
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FHEA Background

• What is it?

• How it fits?

• Data, Deliberation, and Decision-making
FHEA Roles

- **Kirwan Institute** – HUD Technical Assistance - National
- **BBC Research and Consulting** – Consultant – National, State, and Regional
- **Fair Housing and Equity Workgroup (FHEW)** – Local and Regional
# FHEW Background

## Fair Housing and Equity Workgroup Organizations

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HUD National

Opportunity Mapping:
- Education
- Neighborhood Quality
- Health and Environment
- Economy and Employment
- Transportation
FHEW Interviews

access  live  like  support  tools  issues
need  vary  regardless  lots  take
education  focus  areas  high  amenities
choice  terms  good  economic
housing  availability  community  equality
employment  different  health
ability  make  meet

big  come  help  population  planning
income  housing  one  region  nimbism
education  system  growing  rural  affordability
housing  policy  transportation  opportunities
employment  just  back  around  base
Tailor to H-GAC Needs

- HUD Directives and Technical Assistance
- BBC Research and Consulting
- Fair Housing and Equity Workgroup
- Fair Housing Equity Assessment
## H-GAC Opportunity Index

### Specific index factors:

- Availability of Affordable Housing
- Households with a mix of incomes
- Low to moderate rates of poverty
- A limited number of high crime areas
- Access to capital for residential investment
- High quality schools
- Employed and educated residents
- Access to fresh food
- Limited Environmental hazards
- Access to transportation options
Data being Examined

• Subsidized Housing

• Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty

• Educational Quality and Access to Job Training Centers

• Fair Housing Complaint data
Best Practices will address...

- NIMBYism
- Revitalizing communities while limiting gentrification
- Improving the quality of housing stock, especially multi-family units
What will the document look like?

I. Executive Summary

II. Fair Housing Equity Assessment Introduction

III. Fair Housing Landscape

IV. Indicators of Opportunity

V. Access to Opportunity

VI. Fair Housing Infrastructure

VII. Best Practices and Recommendations
What’s Next?

Local Feedback
April-May 2013

Draft FHEA
June 2013

FHEA into RPSD
July-Sept 2013
Questions?