

2017 Updates to current Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and previous year's action plan and annual evaluation of outcomes and results

IMPEDIMENTS, FAIR HOUSING CONCERNS, OR PROBLEMS

After analyzing the compiled data for the Analysis of Impediments, in 2016 Trumbull County identified the following impediments to fair housing. These identified impediments are the focus of Trumbull County's Action Plan:

1. Lack of affordable and accessible housing options in Trumbull County-have to account for high vacancy rates in TMHA housing then explain the need for more housing choice vouchers.
2. Landlord/Tenant Disputes
3. Not in My Backyard (NIMBY) Syndrome
4. Historic Segregation

2017 ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff will take the following measures to promote awareness and encourage willing compliance with all Fair Housing laws:

AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

1. Continue to work with the Trumbull County Housing Collaborative to promote affordable and accessible housing opportunities for protected classes.
2. Continue to work with the Western Reserve Independent Living Center in order to promote accessibility.
3. Encourage affordable housing options in the rural areas of Trumbull County.

LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTES

1. Work with communities with rental registries to create an education and outreach program to better educate landlords and tenants on their responsibilities and rights.

2. Work with Community Legal Aid to create a training for landlords and property managers.

NOT IN MY BACKYARD (NIMBY) SYNDROME

1. Work with the Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board (TCMHRB) to create an outreach and education process to better communicate the benefits of constructing different types of housing throughout Trumbull County.

HISTORIC SEGREGATION

1. When looking for location, new publicly assisted housing location decisions should take into account the existing racial and ethnic make-up of the population and work towards a more integrated population.
2. Encourage homeownership in areas with high rental rates.
3. Request funding policy and scoring criteria changes for those federal grant programs that incentivize the construction of publicly funded housing in areas of high poverty which has a direct correlation to areas of high minority population

EDUCATION

1. Continue to target education to the following groups on an annual basis:
 - a. Realtors
 - b. Elected Officials
 - c. Zoning Inspectors
 - d. Landlords and Tenants
2. Continue to distribute educational brochures to service providers in Trumbull County.
3. Promote Fair Housing Month.

DATA COLLECTION

1. Collect and review CRA and HMDA data annually.
2. Collect and review OCRC complaints annually.

2017 EVALUATION OF OUTCOMES AND RESULTS

AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE HOUSING

1. Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff continues to work with the Trumbull County Housing Collaborative to promote affordable and accessible housing opportunities by attending bi-monthly meetings for updates on services and assistance available and using a strong referral network system.
2. Trumbull County through the Warren-Trumbull Home Consortium assisted TMHA with financing of a sixty unit affordable housing development project for senior citizens.
3. Trumbull County offices provided housing related assistance to dozens of homeowners to address health, safety, energy deficiencies and accessibility issues to residents throughout Trumbull County.
4. Trumbull County through the Warren-Trumbull Home Consortium provides Down Payment Assistance to low- and moderate-income households.
5. Trumbull County provides referrals to the Area Agency on Aging and works with the Western Reserve Independent Living Center to promote accessibility.

LANDLORD / TENANT DISPUTES

1. Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff worked with Community Legal Aid to provide Training for landlords and property managers.
2. Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff provided referrals to Community Legal Aid to assist with landlord / tenant disputes and dispositions with over 40 individuals assisted in 2016.

NOT IN MY BACKYARD (NIMBY) SYNDROME

1. Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff continues to work with the Mental Health and Recovery Board (TCMHRB) to provide outreach and education to the benefits of constructing different types of housing throughout Trumbull County.
2. Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff and Community Legal Aid continued to provide training and education to local Zoning Officials and their roles in eliminating NIMBY Syndrome.

HISTORIC SEGREGATION

1. Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff worked with the Fair Housing Resource Center to provide extensive training and education on prohibited steering of buyers and key points on eliminating historic segregation to local Realtors.

2. Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff continues to promote development of affordable housing in the rural areas of Trumbull County.

EDUCATION

1. Community Legal Aid provided eight Fair Housing and Education Sessions to landlords / tenants, zoning officials and elected officials throughout Trumbull County.
2. Fair Housing Resource Center provided a continuing education to Trumbull County Realtors.
3. Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff provided Fair Housing outreach to the military, housing authority residents, and general public.
4. Trumbull County Commissioner's office staff and Community Legal Aid distributed over 4,000 Fair Housing Brochures.

DATA COLLECTION

1. Trumbull County continues to collect and review CRA and HMDA data.
2. Trumbull County continues to collect and review OCRC complaints.