

# Organizational and Program Overview

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The first Community Land Trust in the U.S. was started in 1960s by African American farmers in Albany, GA

They developed New Communities Inc. as a means of protection from retaliation for participating in the Civil Rights Movement

Charles and Shirley Sherrod were leaders in the movement. New Communities, Inc is still running today

New Communities CLT is now a 1600 -acre farm that is an economic driver for the community and provides community education courses in agriculture and agribusiness.







#### **About Us**

**Houston Community Land Trust** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2018.

Our mission is to make quality, affordable housing achievable for limited-income households in Houston, Texas.

We help income-qualified Houstonians access quality housing in neighborhoods across the city.

Placing the land beneath properties in the land trust, helps maintain the quality and affordability of housing for future generations of Houstonians.



The Future of Affordable Housing Development for Houston

What Are the *Benefits* of CLT Homeownership?

Build equity by owning your home instead of renting (at 1.25% per year).

Lower mortgage payments.

Significantly lower, property taxes.

Ability to pass the affordability down to heirs

Post-purchase Stewardship & support from the CLT.

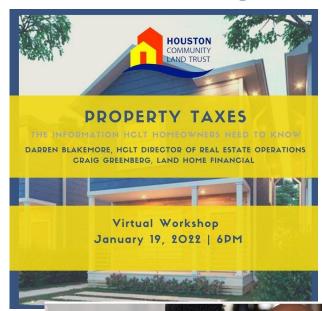
**Community leadership opportunities.** 



### Stewardship and Community Engagement











# City of Houston and HCLT Partnership

The City of Houston has provided operating funds to support the day-to-day administration of the HCLT.

The City of Houston has also provided subsidy funds to make homes across Houston affordable for Houstonians under 80% of the Area Median Income

The first program of the partnership was New Home Development Program (NHDP)

The second program of the partnership was Homebuyer Choice Program (HCP)

## New Home Development Challenges

Home production could not keep up with buyer pipeline

Homes were initially only built in 1 neighborhood which was not always convenient for buyers in the pipeline

The builders chosen for the program were not reliable and did not provide a quality product

Repairing the homes has been costly and time consuming for HCLT

## Homebuyer Choice Program Challenges

Buyer applications were held for long periods of time waiting for City of Houston approval which significantly slowed down our productivity.

The slow down in productivity resulted in a significant cut in our funding. After our funding was cut the City of Houston allowed HCLT to do their own eligibility which helped reduce the homebuyer's time from application to closing on their home to approximately 90 days instead of 7-9 months.

HCLT entered a partnership with an organization that communicated to HCLT and HCDD they had a pipeline of ready buyers and homes to accommodate the buyers. We saved funds for those buyers, but the organization did not have enough homes or buyers to fill the pipeline so we opened back up to the public after pausing applications from April- June.

HCLT had to adjust our internal processes several times to new align with new City program guidelines based on new funding sources

#### **Program Success By The Numbers**

Homeowners 197

First HCLT Home Sold June 2019 NHDP Homeowners **30**  HCP Homeowners 167

Average HCLT Homeowner AMI 61%

NHDP Average HCLT Housing Payment \$649

NHDP Average HCLT Purchase Price \$75,134

NHDP Average
Market Rate
Listing Price
\$180,000

HCP Average Housing HCLT Purchase Price \$105,353 HCP Average
HCLT Housing
Payment
\$1,029

HCP Average Market Rate Listing Price \$245,174

# HCLT vs. Traditional Purchase (bankrate calculator)

HCLT Mortgage on a \$230,000 (\$90,000) Home and \$0 down at 6.7% interest

Principal and Interest: \$580

• Insurance: \$120

Property Taxes \$188 (2.5%)

• HCLT Fee: \$113

Total: \$1,001\*

Approx Required Income: \$37,000\*\*

Principal and Interest: \$1,432

• Insurance: \$120

• Property Taxes: \$479 (2.5%)

• Mortgage Insurance: \$191 (1%)

Total: \$2,222\*

Required Income: \$80,000\*\*

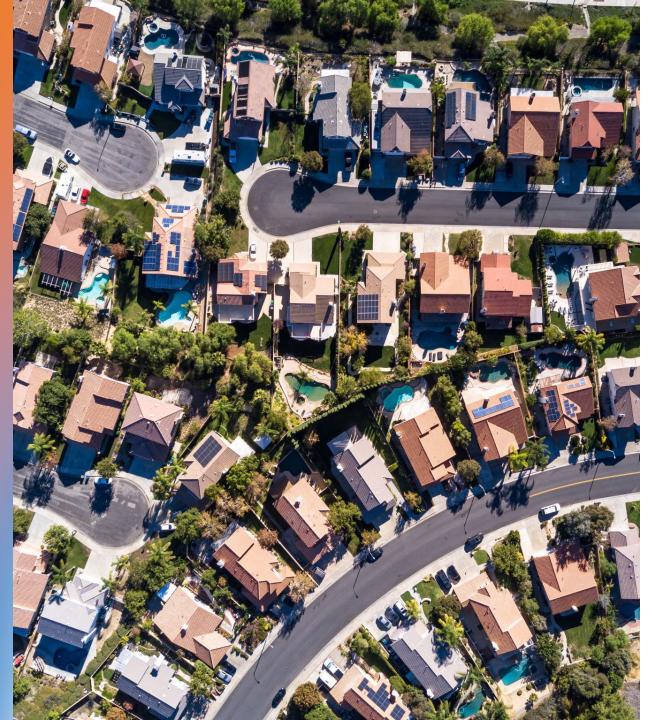
Traditional Mortgage on a \$230,000 Home and 3.5% down (\$8050) at 6.7% interest

<sup>\*</sup>before homestead exemption

<sup>\*\*33%</sup> front-end ration

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## Payment for Median Home in Houston

Traditional Mortgage on a \$328,000 and 3.5% down (\$11,480) at 6.7% interest

• Principal and Interest: \$2,042

• Insurance: \$120

Property Taxes: \$683 (2.5%)

Mortgage Insurance: \$273 (1%)

Total: \$ 3,118\*

Approx Required Income: \$113,000\*\*

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# HCP Success Stories







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### HCLT Home Locations

Acres Homes
Kingwood
Sunnyside
South Acres/ Cresmont Park
Near Northside
Clinton Park
Settegast
Edgebrook
Westbury
Inwood
City Park
4 <sup>th</sup> ward
Southeast Houston
Near Northwest
Humble
Westchase/BriarForest
Greater Hobby Area
Huffman, TX
Porter, TX

# Local Partners

Houston Land Bank Avenue CDC 5<sup>TH</sup> Ward CRC Texas Southern University Rice University **Covenant Capital** Family Houston University of Houston Tejano Center Habitat for Humanity LISC **Houston Housing Collaborative** 

# Cities Supported by HCLT

Baltimore, MD
New York City, NY
New Orleans, LA
Louisville, KY
Denver, CO
Indianapolis, IN
Reno, NV
Dallas, TX
Austin, TX
Washington, DC
Washington State
Asheville, NC
Milwaukee, WI
Waco, TX
Rio de Janiero, Brazil









Rio de Janeiro, Brazil MacKenzie Scott grant awards \$5M to Houston Community Land Trust for affordable housing pilots



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### Pilot Project Overview

Houston Community Land Trust has been using the CLT model to assist Houstonians purchase single-family homes on standard single-family lots.

With the unrestricted funding, HCLT can explore various housing typologies to address the varying housing needs of Houstonians.

The goal of the pilot projects is to test other options for affordable housing and affordable community development. We also want to show that the CLT model can be used in creating affordability for all types of community spaces.

The pilots will have a primary focus on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> ward as traditional single-family homes in these areas have become so unaffordable that HCLT has not been able to assist buyers purchase homes in those areas.

Pilot Projects **Preservation and Rehab** 

**Tiny Home/ Small Footprint Homes** 

**Small Parcel Activation** 

Affordable Rental/Co-op

Mixed Use Building

## THANK YOU!!

Thank you Mayor Turner, Members of City Council and The Houston Housing and Community Development Department

We are recognized as a best practice CLT within Texas, nationally and internationally!!!!

Our collective efforts have made HCLT and Houston leaders in permanently affordable housing. We helped almost 200 buyers not just get in a home, but in one they will be able to afford today, tomorrow, 10 years from now and well into the future.