

NEW RELEASE:

Creating Inclusive Communities in Florida



The Not In My Backyard Syndrome (NIMBYism) presents a particularly pernicious obstacle to producing affordable housing. Local elected officials are regularly barraged by the outcry of constituents' concerns over siting and permitting affordable housing. The Florida Housing Coalition is pleased to provide a new edition of Creating Inclusive Communities in Florida, a guidebook that provides education for local elected officials to help them avoid and overcome the negative impacts of NIMBYism, with photos of affordable housing from across our state to illustrate how affordable housing provides value to their community.

The Florida Housing Coalition will be holding a day long workshop on Creating Inclusive Communities in Florida to train on best practices for avoiding and overcoming the Not in My Backyard Syndrome (NIMBY) from both the local government perspective and the affordable housing developer's perspective. The workshop is sponsored the FHFC Catalyst Program and is free of charge. All participants will receive a copy of the 68 page book. The workshop will be held in Central Florida in December. If you would like assistance with neighborhood opposition issues, please contact ross@flhousing.org.

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More about Aqua pictured above: Over forty years ago, a teachers' association used HUD Section 236 funding to develop the Tampa-based 197 unit CTA River Apartments to house retired teachers, living on fixed incomes. With its HUD Section 236 loan maturing, it was in a real danger of being converted to a market rate development which would displace over 200 low income senior residents. Sage Partners stepped in and gutted the old, dilapidated high-rise, transforming it into Aqua - a Hillsborough Riverfront beauty. In addition to providing residents with new kitchens, bathrooms, and appliances in every apartment, common area amenities include community, fitness and yoga rooms, an arts and crafts center, computer lab, and library.

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