







# The State of the State on Affordable Housing

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# **The Illinois Housing Development Authority**

- IHDA's Mission: to create and preserve affordable housing throughout Illinois.
  - Quasi-government
  - Self-funded
  - Mission driven lender
- Footprint on the State: IHDA has invested over \$18 billion dollars throughout IL, and created over 255,000 units of affordable housing.
  - □ Single-family (6,000 new homes in FY18)
  - Multi-family (4,000 new apartments in FY18)







### IHDA Mortgage

- Introducing the <u>IHDA Access Program</u>
- Three sub-programs:
  - □ 4% Forgivable (up to \$6,000, 10-years)
  - □ 5% Deferred (up to \$7,500, 30-years)
  - □ 10% Repayable (up to \$10,000, 10-years)
- Less restrictive, giving you more options to help your borrowers find the right program for their situation.
- What we require:
  - □ Minimum credit score of 640
  - □ Maximum debt to income ratio of 45%
  - Homeownership counseling prior to close required for all borrowers on loan
  - Property must become the borrower's primary residence.







# Reminder: 1stHomelllinois is Still Available

- Assistance Amount:
  - □ \$7,500 in down payment assistance
- Term:
  - □ 5 years forgivable
- Repayment:
  - No monthly repayment
  - Assistance is forgiven pro-rata on a monthly basis over five years.
- Eligible Counties:
  - Cook
  - Marion
  - St. Clair
  - □ Winnebago





## **Multifamily Rental Housing**

- IHDA lends to developers to <u>build</u> or <u>rehabilitate</u> apartments.
- Our investments result in quality developments serving community's working families, veterans, seniors and persons with special needs
- Over the past five years, IHDA has invested \$760 million and leveraged \$2.5 billion to create and preserve 17,776 units of affordable rental housing
- Monitors **120,000+ units** in **1,300 developments** each year



# **Multifamily Financing Resources**

- Primary administrator of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit in Illinois.
- Gap Financing
  - □ "One-Stop Shop" approach
  - □ Tax-Exempt Bond/Risk-Share/4% LIHTC financing
  - □ Taxable Bond Financing
- Administrator of regulated affordable housing in Illinois
  - □ Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund
  - □ HOME Investment Partnership Program
  - □ Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credits
  - □ National Low-Income Housing Trust Fund
- Rental Assistance:
  - □ Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities
  - □ Rental Housing Support/Long-Term Operating Support Program



# **Improving Access to Housing in Areas of Opportunity**

- Goal is to guide development to new or underserved areas of the state.
- Many areas that have a need for affordable housing are filled with barriers that make it expensive, time consuming, and difficult to develop.
  - □ High land costs
  - □ Local opposition
  - □ Excessive fees
- IHDA rolled out new incentives to encourage development in areas where there is a need for affordable housing, yet high potential barriers and opposition.



#### **Opportunity Areas**

- Communities with <u>low poverty</u>, <u>high access to jobs</u>, <u>low concentrations of</u> <u>existing affordable rental housing</u>.
- Intended to increase access to housing in areas with better public services and employment opportunities.
- Communities or census tracts are identified annually and retain the designation for at least four years as long as they continue to meet the identification criteria.



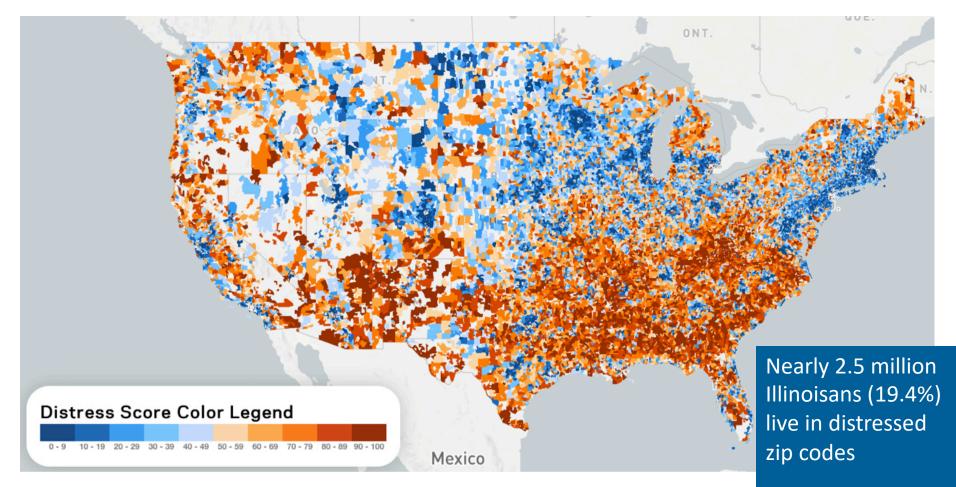
### **Community Revitalization Efforts**

- **Balancing Act:** An important balance to Opportunity Areas that encourages development in communities aiming to revitalize themselves.
- Provide low-resourced communities with Technical Assistance, leading to:
  - □ Access to employment
  - □ Living wage jobs
  - □ Healthcare
  - □ Supportive services
  - □ Community amenities (i.e. parks and schools)
  - □ Transportation
- Allows IHDA to explore how affordable housing can become incorporated in the overall development efforts in high-poverty and/or rural areas.



# Why Opportunity Zones and Why Now?

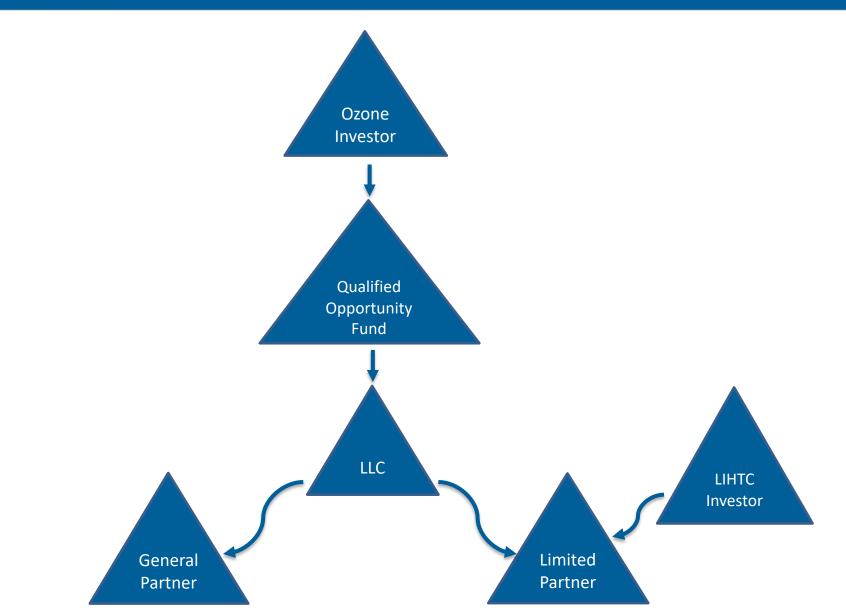
• 52 million Americans (1 in 6) live in economically distressed communities



• Illinois has 327 designated O-Zones.



#### **Typical Housing Structure**





### **IHDA & Opportunity Zones**

• Likely Housing Projects

#### New Construction and Substantial Rehab

The rehabilitation of an existing development that involves costs in excess of 75% of the value of the building after rehabilitation. Substantial rehabs typically involve the replacement of at least one of the building's major systems, e.g. new plumbing, heating, electric, roofing, or siding

#### • Adaptive Reuse

A change of use or occupancy for an existing building. For example, existing (or vacant) schools, industrial buildings, or libraries are often converted into housing

#### Mixed Use

A development that blends residential housing with commercial or other uses. For example, a multi-story development that incorporates retail or office space on the first floor with residential uses on upper floors



### Housing Example

Sources	Uses
First Mortgage - \$3M	Acquired Land - \$1M
LIHTC Equity - \$13M	Construction - \$16.5M
Ozone Equity - \$2M	Soft Costs - \$1.5M
HOME Funds - \$1.5M	
FHLB - \$500,000	
Total = \$20M	Total = \$20M



### Noteworthy

- Time is of the essence
  - □ Shovel ready now
  - **D** Ends in 2029
  - 10 year back
- Need regulations
- Attract investors

Ozone and LIHTC likely the same



- Signed into law in 2003 to encourage local governments to incorporate affordable housing in their communities as they grow or redevelop.
- IHDA was named the state administering agency and provides guidance, tools and updates to communities in compliance with the Act.
- Under the Act, IHDA identifies communities of over 1,000 people where less than 10 percent of the housing stock is considered affordable.
- Affordability is judged by the percentage of year-round housing units in a community that are affordable to:
  - □ Homeowners making 80 percent of the area median income
  - □ Renters with 60 percent of the area median income.



- Non-exempt communities are required to produce and adopt affordable housing plans that identify three key components:
  - □ The number of additional units needed to achieve an affordability rate of 10%
  - □ Locations where affordable housing could best be constructed
  - □ Incentives that could be provided to attract affordable housing to their jurisdiction
  - ✓ IHDA receives the plans, reviews them and makes observations as to their completeness.
  - ✓ IHDA staff are always available to the non-exempt communities to answer questions, present on IHDA's affordable housing programs, or to advise on the resources available to increase the amount of affordable housing in a community.
  - ✓ Gets communities thinking about affordable housing
  - ✓ Turns that thinking process into results



- 1997: The ILGA passes the Rent Control Preemption Act, prohibiting local governments from enforcing rent control policies in Illinois.
- 2017: State Representative Will Guzzardi sponsors a bill that aimed to simply repeal the ban, which would allow local governments to consider measures to regulate rents.
- 2018: State Senator Mattie Hunter proposes the Rent Control Act.
  - □ Repeals the Rent Control Preemption Act
  - □ Establishes a two-tier rent control system
  - Establishes a process for regulating rent control throughout the state in the form of mandatory county-level Rent Control Boards
  - Amends Illinois Income Tax Act to establish two new state tax credits for owners of rent-controlled units









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