

HOUSING CONNECTIONS of connecticut

A network of opportunities for community developers



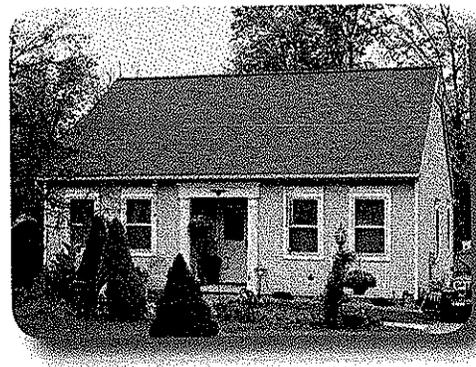
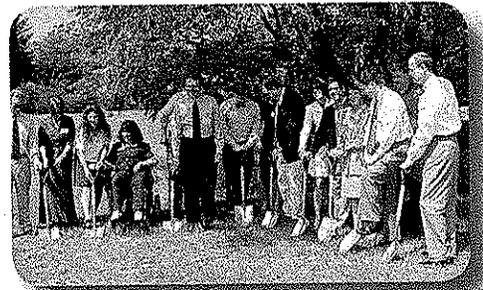
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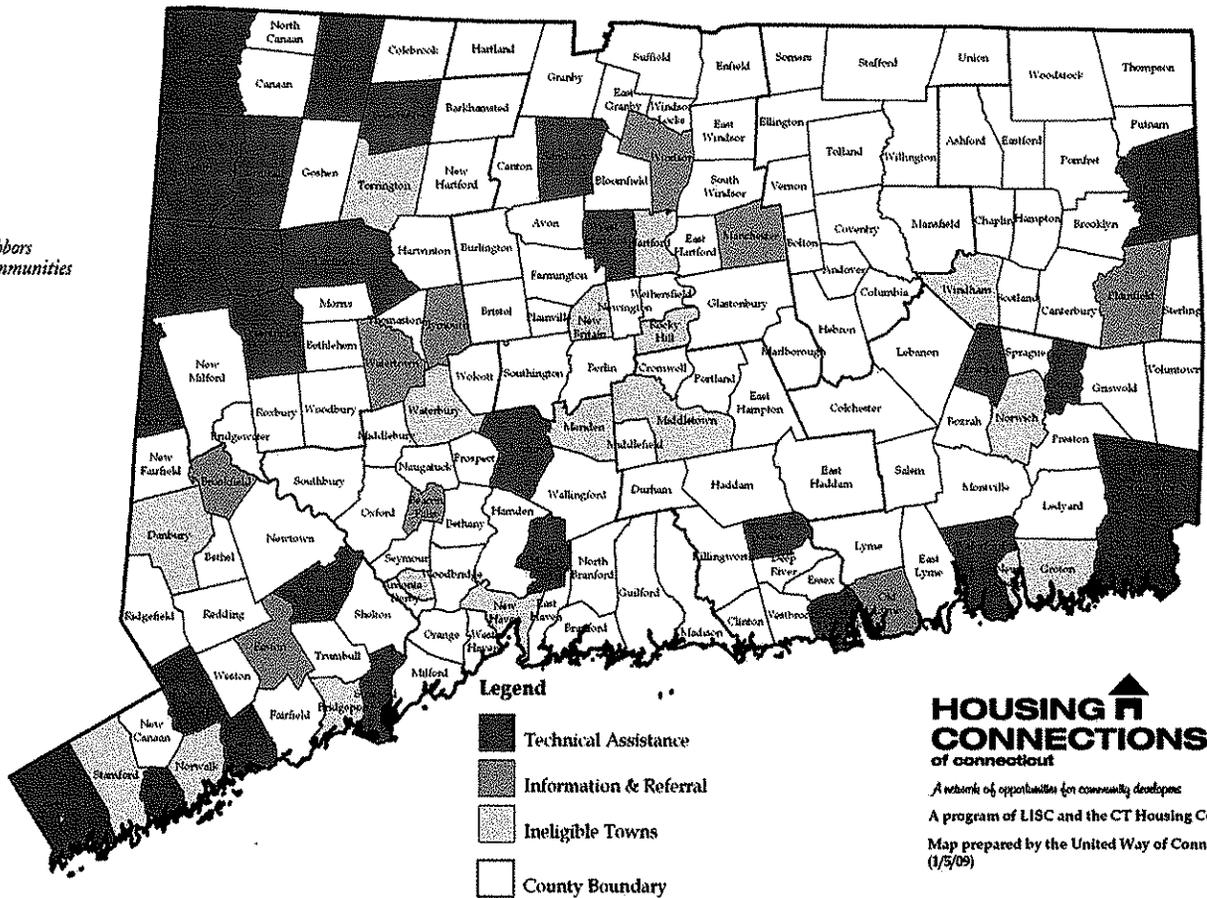
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Housing Connections of Connecticut works in Connecticut's suburban and rural towns, helping local residents to address the affordable housing needs of their communities. Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Connecticut Housing Coalition offer technical assistance with planning, site selection, design, financing, development and management of affordable housing. This program is supported by a three-year contract from the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA).

Housing Connections works with a variety of local partners including non-profits, community organizations, local governments, housing authorities and small for-profit developers. Here are some highlights of the first eighteen months of operation:

- From Greenwich to Killingly, Sharon to Stonington, Housing Connections has provided services to nearly one-third of the 151 eligible towns in the state.
- 4 communities have formed or strengthened local housing organizations.
- 6 communities completed housing plans or needs assessments.
- 11 organizations have identified sites for development.
- 5 are assembling financing commitments.
- 2 developments are under construction.
- The Housing Connections portfolio includes 343 affordable homes in 22 communities with 12 organizations.
 - 224 family and 119 elderly homes
 - 20 homeownership and 323 rental units





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Map prepared by the United Way of Connecticut (1/5/09)

Housing Connections At Work

Housing Connections links local people with ideas and techniques that can create affordable housing to fit the needs of their communities. Here are some examples of the work and the results:

- Forum on zoning best practices for affordable housing development for 10 participating towns.
- Plan for the creation of an inclusionary zoning ordinance and a housing fund in a suburban community.
- Identification of a site for homeownership development in a rural town, utilizing “green” technology.
- Adaptive reuse of a local library for family housing in a suburban community.
- Purchase of a mixed-use building in a rural town center for affordable homeownership development.
- Preservation and rehabilitation of an existing affordable rental development in Northeastern Connecticut.
- Formation of a non-profit/for-profit partnership to create 6 affordable single-family homes in a small town setting.
- Purchase of a site for an affordable elderly rental development in a rural town with less than 1000 residents.



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