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# Why Should You Care?

Forging the Future of Housing Policy in St. Louis County



# **STL Affordable Housing Report Card**

There is a surplus of housing at 31-100% AMI, gap for housing stock less than 30% AMI

Rents have risen 11% in city and county in 5 years, studios up 18-20%, 1 bedroom 14%

5-year waitlist for St. Louis Healthy Home Repair



# Affordable Housing Can Boost the Economy

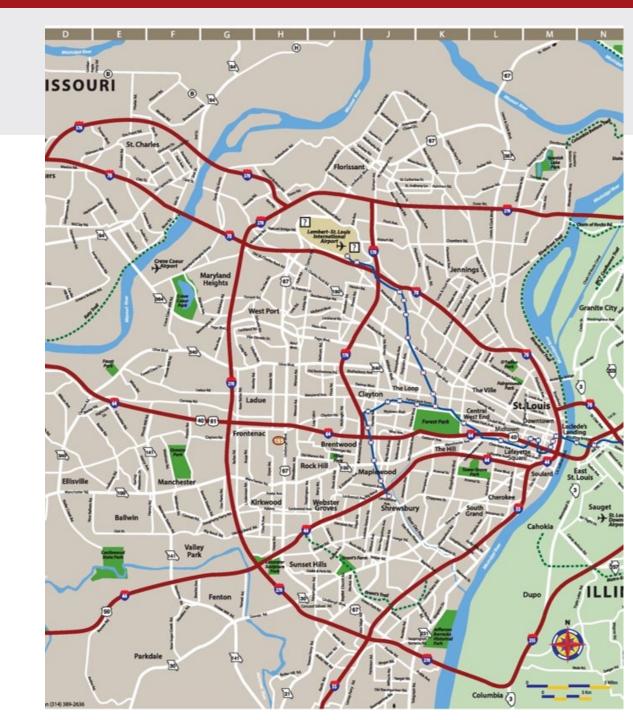
- More money being spent in the local community
- Fewer evictions over time
- More job opportunities
- Improved government infrastructure
- Better future investment opportunities





### We need you to care!

- Solutions exist, what is missing is political will to enact them
- Record breaking numbers of families cannot afford a decent home
- No state or county in America where a renter working full-time at minimum wage can afford a 2bedroom apartment
- Housing is the key to reducing intergenerational poverty and increasing economic mobility



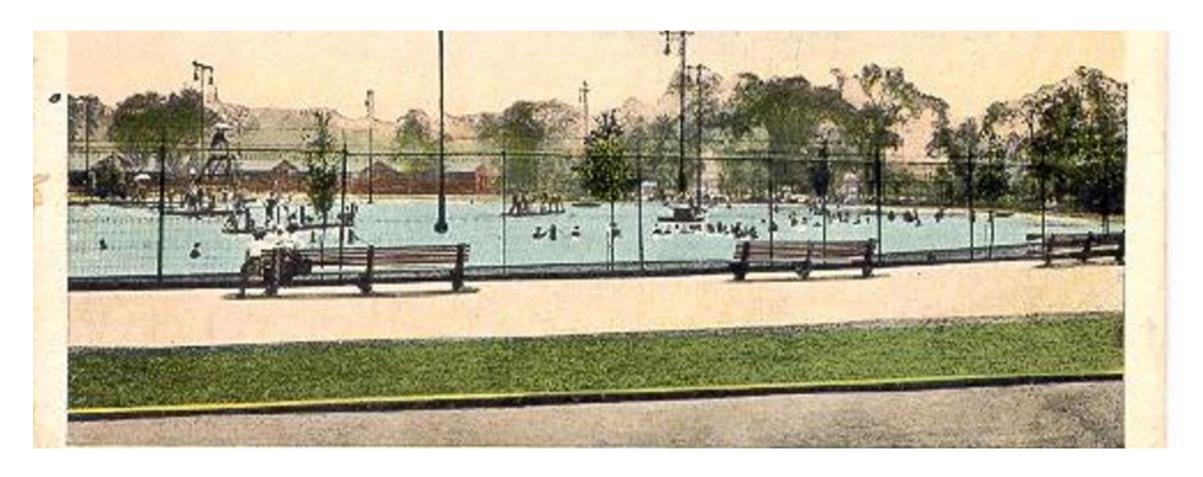


Many of us presenting today will not be able to afford in your town if something does not change.

Will your children?

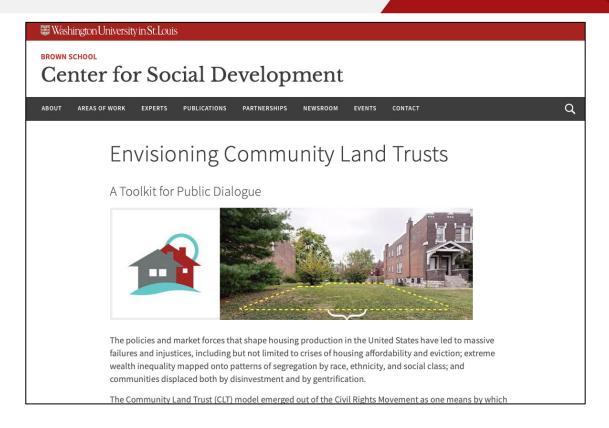
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"This zero-sum thinking – that what's good for one group has to come at the expense of another – is what's gotten us into this mess. Our fates are linked." Heather McGhee, *The Sum of Us* 



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