



AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING IN A MEANINGFUL WAY AND WITHIN BUDGET

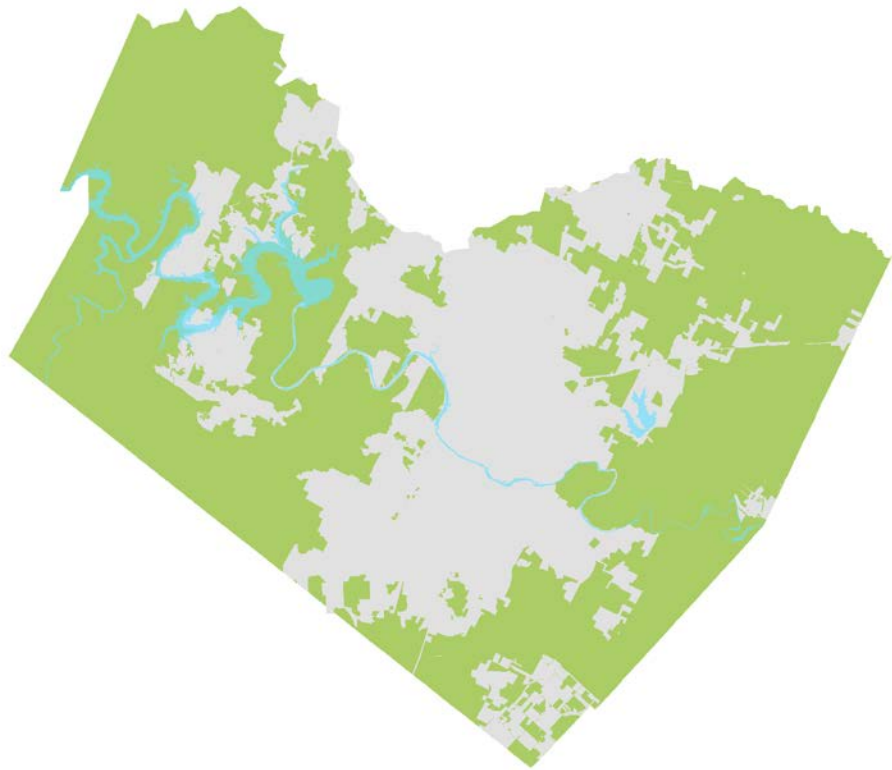
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TODAY'S PRESENTATION GOALS

- Obligations about Affordable and Fair Housing
- Learn about the concept of Opportunity
- Understand how Travis County looks at Fair Housing
- Strategies and ideas to address Fair Housing

TRAVIS COUNTY GROWTH



Travis County

- 1990 Population: 576,407 (37.4% change from 1980)
- 2000 Population: 812,280 (40.9% change)
- 2010 Population: 1,024,266 (26.1% change)
- 2017 Population: 1,199,323 (17% change)

CDBG Service Area

- 2000 Population: 125,218
- 2010 Population: 179,287 (43.2% change)
- 2017 Population: 198,351 (10.6% change)



AFFORDABLE & FAIR HOUSING



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Affordability focuses on the **cost** of housing to certain income spectrums with no focus on geography or opportunity.
- Fair housing focuses on the **accessibility** of housing to protected classes with a focus on geography and opportunity.

WHY DOES FAIR HOUSING MATTER?

- As a CDBG entitlement, the County certifies it will Affirmatively Further Fair Housing;
- Geographically distributing housing at all income levels provides housing choice for all county residents;
- Improves the quality of life for all residents and improves economic outcomes for the county; and
- Moral obligation to undo the segregation patterns purposefully created beginning in the 1920s.



OPPORTUNITY



WHAT IS OPPORTUNITY?

Opportunity is having access to a high quality of life, including jobs, quality housing, good schools, healthcare, healthy food, clean air, clean water, parks, and other amenities and services.

Entitlements must work to provide **opportunity** to everyone regardless of where they live, their age, disability status, socio-economic status, ethnicity, etc.

OPPORTUNITY SPECTRUM

LOW
OPPORTUNITY

HIGH
OPPORTUNITY



- Poorly Performing Schools
- Poor Access to Jobs
- Few Transportation Options
- Limited or No Amenities
- Dangerous & Unsanitary Environment
- Limited Access to Goods & Services

- High Performing Schools
- Easy Access to Jobs
- Many Transportation Options
- Varied Amenities
- Safe & Clean Environment
- Convenient Access to Goods & Services



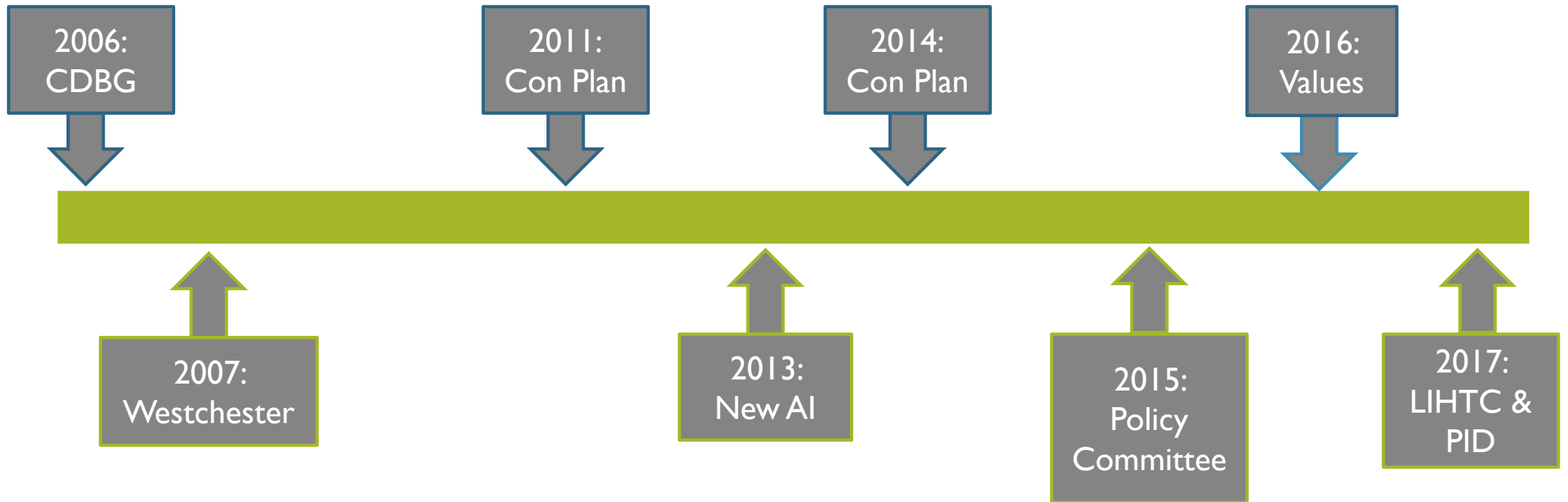
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TRAVIS COUNTY FAIR HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

- Identified eleven Impediments to Fair Housing Choice
- Focus on investing in infrastructure, supports and redevelopment in areas of low opportunity
- Focus on development of new affordable housing in areas of high opportunity
- Influences the actions of the Housing Authority of Travis County and its affiliates as well as the Travis County Corporations and their affiliates
- Received two fair housing complaints since 2006, both of which focused on issuing permits affecting neighborhood quality

TRAVIS COUNTY TIMELINE





IDEAS & STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE FAIR HOUSING



NO ADDITIONAL COST IDEAS & STRATEGIES

- Make connections between environmental justice, social determinants of health, fair housing and opportunity.
- Create a plan
- Identify whether or not HUD funded projects address an impediment to Fair Housing Choice
- Educate everyone about fair housing & potential impacts
- Create an Affordable and Fair Housing Policy
- Create a Fair Housing Review Process
- Understand where opportunity does and does not exist and for whom
- Educate everyone about opportunity

NO ADDITIONAL COST IDEAS & STRATEGIES

- Influence the targeting of investments and resources to build opportunity
- Create an Opportunity Review Process
- Initiate or participate in cross-departmental planning
- Understand what everyone is doing in your local government and figure out what you can “count” as fair housing work
- Write letters of support which will increase expansion of key components of opportunity such as transit, economic development, access to fresh food, etc.
- Pay attention to local planning processes (transit, health care, etc.) and provide public comment.



QUESTIONS?

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