

# Segregation and Fair Housing in Sustainable Communities

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#### The Sustainable Communities Initiative











EQUITY IN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES ISSUE BRIEFS

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# **Equity in Sustainable Communities**



#### Inclusive Governance

•Governance of grant required to include groups that have experience working with low-income communities, communities of color, and other traditionally marginalized communities

## **Community Engagement**

 FY11 grantees required to allocate a minimum of 10% of their budget for community engagement; with a specific focus on engagement with traditionally marginalized communities in both grantee cohorts

# Fair Housing and Equity Assessment

•Regional grantees required to conduct regional equity assessment of barriers in access to opportunity; integrate findings into regional plan

# Fair Housing in Historical Context



## Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964

•Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin for programs receiving federal funds

# Fair Housing Act of 1968

 Requires HUD to conduct programs in such a manner that "affirmatively furthers fair housing"

# **Executive Order 12892 (1994)**

•Requires that all executive departments and agencies that have programs related to housing and urban development (including Federal agencies with oversight over financial institutions) to conduct them in a way that furthers the purposes of the Fair Housing Act

# The New Fair Housing Framework

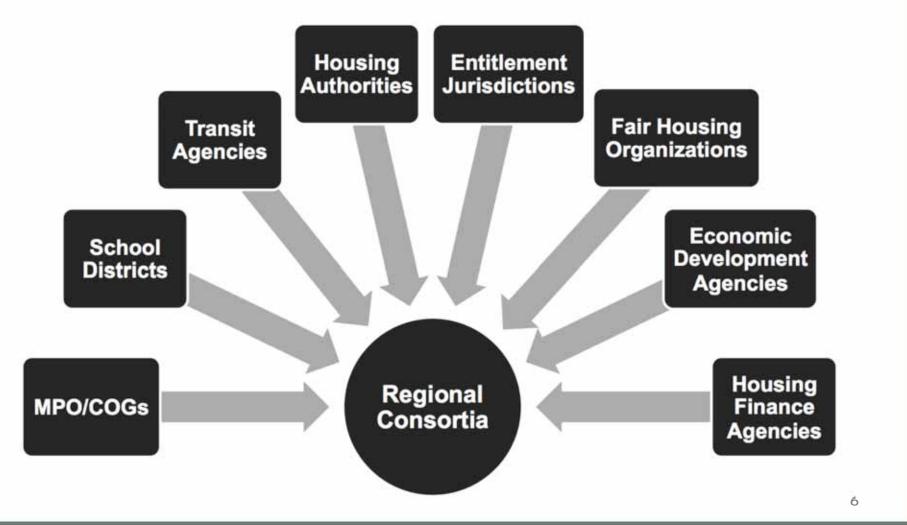


**Background and Demographics** Segregation and Integration Indices Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Poverty Disparities in Access to Opportunity Fair Housing Infrastructure Physical Infrastructure Investments\* **Action Steps and Strategies** 

# **Expanding the Fair Housing Table**



#### From entitlement jurisdictions, to:



# Equity and the Three D's



#### Data

•What is going on here? Where do racial, ethnic, and income disparities exist? What is the historical context for these disparities?

#### **Deliberation**

 How did we get here? What does this data mean? What can be done to increase access to opportunity?

## **Decision-Making**

•How might this new information inform indicator development, new investments or planning decisions? How can we align this with our planning process?

# **Critical Considerations for Success**



## **Funding**

 Will need to align key housing and infrastructure resources to follow 'decision making', eg. LIHTC, CDBG, CMAQ, STP

### Focus and Simplicity

 Will be difficult to implement and sustain funding for this if it embodies too many obligations and conflicting priorities

# Capacity for Addressing Equity and Civil Rights

- This is a paradigm shift for most agencies in their understanding of fair housing and civil rights obligations
- Regions will need on the ground support to make progress and the vision to see how this addresses their needs

# **Questions?**



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