



ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING IN DANE COUNTY, WI

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An Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) is a comprehensive review of a state or entitlement jurisdiction's laws; regulations; and administrative policies, procedures and practices. The AI involves an assessment of how these laws, regulations, policies, and procedures affect the location, availability, and accessibility of housing. It also assesses how conditions, both private and public, affect fair housing choice. Although AIs are not submitted to or approved by HUD, HUD recommends that jurisdictions maintain their AIs and update periodically, but at least once every five years. Dane County last updated its AI in 2011.

Geography of Opportunity: A Fair Housing Equity Assessment for Dane County, Wisconsin explores the distribution of opportunities, and barriers to opportunities in Dane County. The report (enclosed) is part of coalition of 27 public and private entities that came together as the Capital Region Sustainable Communities (CRSC). The CRSC initiative started with the award by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. A purpose of Geography of Opportunity is to advance a CRSC priority challenge: ensuring equitable access to opportunity for all. HUD has determined that fulfilling the requirements of the Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA) satisfies requirements under the federal Fair Housing Act, including HUD requirements to "affirmatively further fair housing choice."

Effective in 2016, HUD imposed a new rule/ process for conducting an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. The new document, the Assessment to Fair Housing (AFH), is to be submitted 270 days prior to the submission of the next Consolidated Plan. HUD is encouraging grantees to take a regional approach to addressing fair housing by collaborating with other local jurisdictions and organizations that administer HUD Community Planning and Development (CPD) programs. Dane County has been in discussions with other entities who receive direct funding for a HUD CPD program, including the City of Madison; local Housing Authorities; and the Community Development Authority, to prepare and submit a joint AFH. Upon adoption by the CDBG Commission, the *Equity Assessment* contained within will be the new working AI document for Dane County until the AFH is submitted as part of the next Consolidated Planning process.

A summary of the findings can be found in the Executive Summary section of the report contained within.