



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH & CITY OF  
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# BEDFORD DWELLINGS/ MIDDLE HILL

HUD - Choice Neighborhoods Initiative  
Planning and Action Grant Application

**Community Leadership/Partners Meeting**

January 19, 2016, 8:30 AM @ Grayson Center

# AGENDA

- **Welcome**

- **Councilman R. Daniel Lavelle, 6<sup>th</sup> District**
  - **Valerie McDonald-Roberts, Mayor's Office**

- **Introduction of HACP's Co-Developer Partner/Planning Team**

- **Caster D. Binion, Executive Director**

- **Overview of Bedford Dwellings/Middle Hill Choice Planning Process**

- **TREK/WRT Team**

- **Community Participation/Structure**

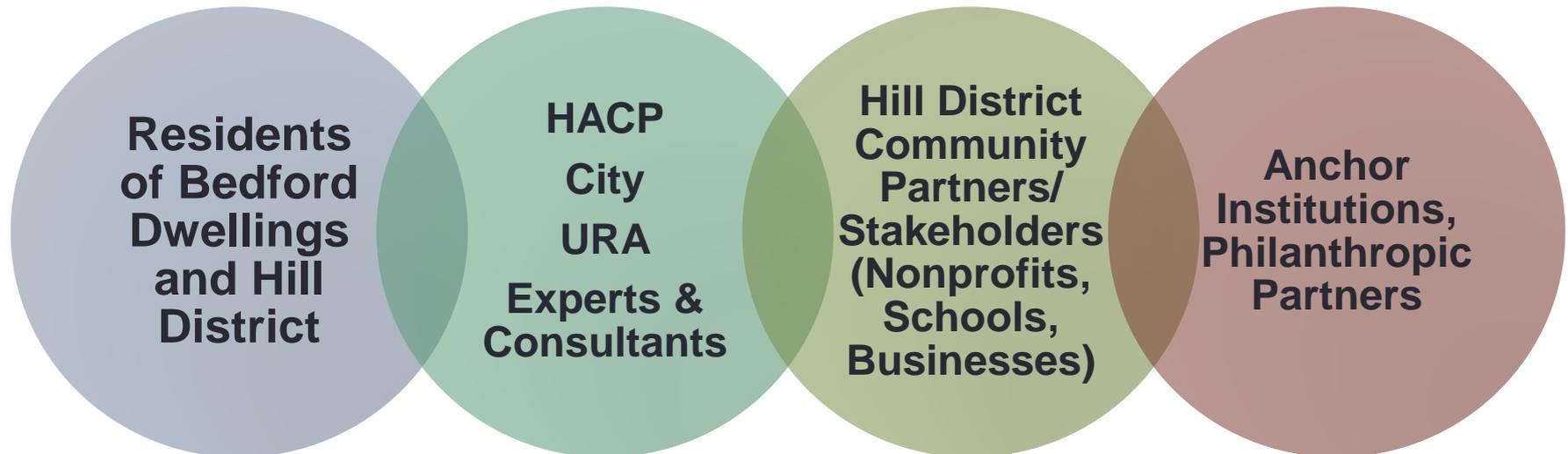
- **Councilman R. Daniel Lavelle, 6<sup>th</sup> District**

- **Next Steps**

- **Planning/Community Meeting**

# Key Project Partners

- **Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh-** Lead Applicant
- **City of Pittsburgh-** Co-Applicant (*To be approved by City Council and the Mayor*)
- **Trek Development-** Planning Coordinator/Co-Developer
- **Triple Aim-** Community Engagement Partner
- **Wallace Roberts & Todd-** Planner/ Grant Writer



# What is Choice Neighborhoods?

Neighborhood revitalization program under Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for **Comprehensive Approach to Neighborhood Transformation** based on three (3) core goals.

## 1-Housing

- *Revitalize severely distressed public and/or assisted housing*

## 2-People

- *Support positive outcomes for resident's health, safety, employment, mobility, and education*

## 3-Neighborhood

- *Transform distressed neighborhoods into viable, mixed-income neighborhoods with access to services, public assets, and amenities*

# What is Choice Neighborhoods?

- **Planning Grant:** To develop Neighborhood Transformation Plan
- **Implementation Grant:** To implement the Transformation Plan
  - So far, there have been, 62 Choice Planning Grantees, 16 Choice Implementation Grantees
- New Program for FY2015/2016 – Planning and **ACTION** Grant
  - **Years 1 - 2:** Planning Activities
  - **Year 3:** Action Activities, Developed from the Planning Process
  - “Doing While Planning”
  - Builds Momentum

# CNI Planning and Action Grant

Highly competitive grant from HUD, awards are based on:

- **Capacity**
  - *Ability of project partners to develop the transformation plan.*
- **Needs**
  - *Need for housing and neighborhood improvements (e.g., structural and design deficiencies, crime, long-term vacancy, etc.)*
- **Sound Approach for Community Planning Process**
  - *Resident and Community Engagement, Partnerships, Governance Structure, etc.*
- **Likelihood of Implementation**
  - *Potential funding sources for implementation*
  - *Local support*

# Schedule and Process

- Submit application to HUD for funding, due February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Notice of Award, expected May/June 2016

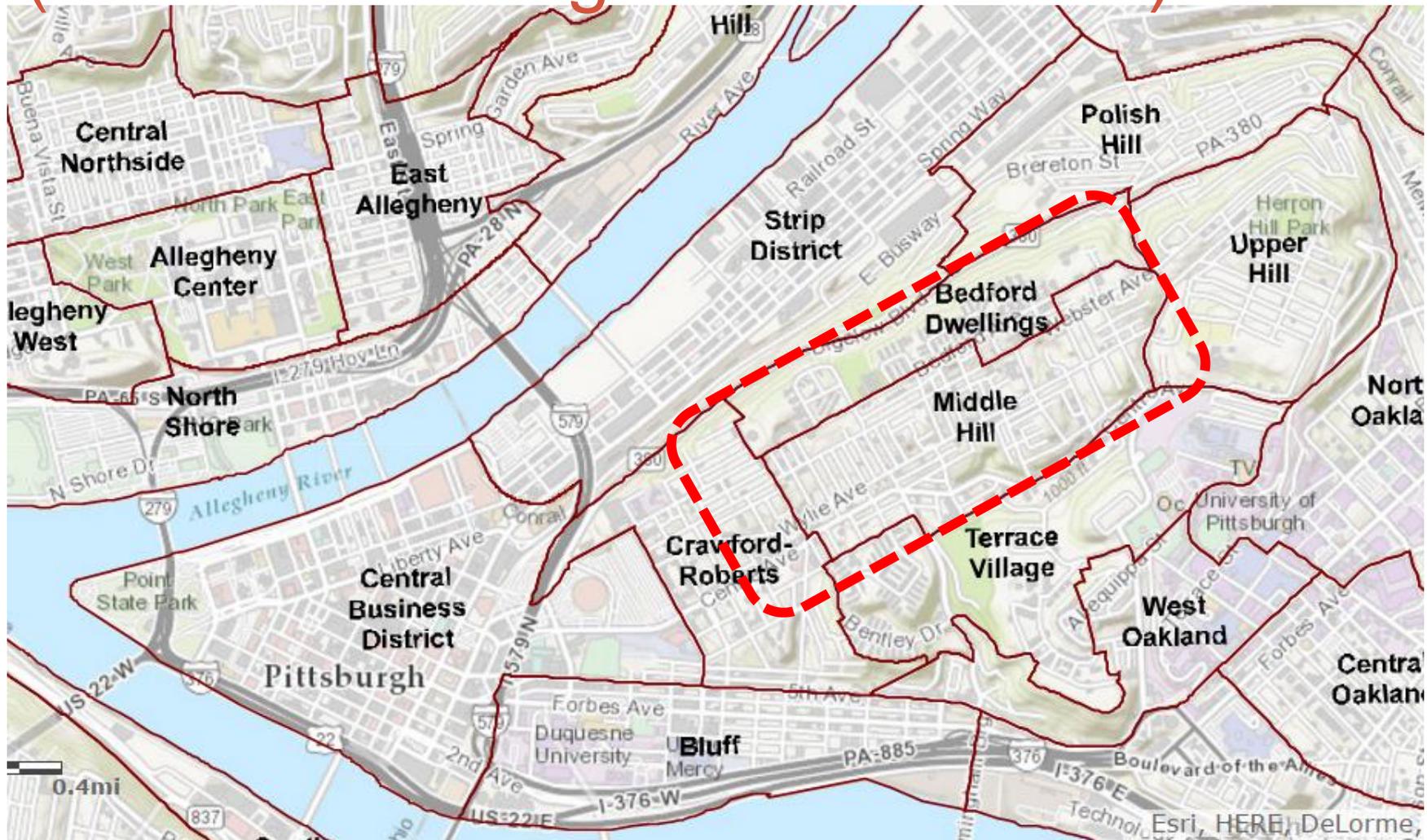
**If we get the grant, then we can...**



# When we receive the Planning Grant, the Neighborhood Transformation Plan will be made by:

- **Bringing all prior and current planning efforts together**
- **Incorporating input received at public meetings**
- **Incorporating input received through surveys**
- **Leveraging strategic investments currently being implemented**

# Study Area Boundaries (Bedford Dwellings and Middle Hill)



# Housing Plan Objectives



- 1 for 1 replacement of federally subsidized units (on and off-site)
- Energy efficient, sustainable, accessible
- Mixed-income (rental and homeownership)
- Constructed with durable, low-maintenance materials
- Relate to character of existing neighborhood

# Neighborhood Plan Objectives

- “Live-ability”
- Lower neighborhood vacancy rate
- Mixed-use and mixed income community
- Amenities: grocery stores, banks, health care, learning programs and services, arts and entertainment
- Public assets: parks and recreation
- Transportation alternatives that provide job access equal to or greater than other Pittsburgh neighborhoods
- Safe, walkable streets



# People Plan Objectives

- Ensure that existing residents benefit directly from Choice Neighborhoods Transformation Plan
- Develop high quality early learning programs & services
- Develop high quality education & programs for residents needing middle & high school, college, professional, business & trade school education
- Jobs and business development opportunities
- Increased incomes
- Affordable high quality health care and healthy lifestyles
- Resident Safety, violence prevention



# Community/Stakeholders Participation

- **Community Participation Structure**
- **Community Partners**
  - Housing**
  - Neighborhood**
  - People**

## Next Steps:

- **HACP/City will engage a variety of partners and secure leverage/support commitments next 3 weeks.**
- **HACP/City and Planning Team will draft the Planning & Action Grant Application next 3 weeks.**
- **HACP Board Approval and City Council to authorize the Application Submission. In January 2016.**
- **All Community Meeting: January 28, 2016.**

# Questions and Answers