

# Land and Water Conservation Summit

#### What does "affordable" mean?

The federal standard for home affordability is when the household spends no more than 30% of its gross monthly income on housing-related expenses

- Market-priced affordable: Market pricing and sufficient income allows for housing costs to remain at or below 30%
- Long-term affordable:
  - Subsidy (Federal, state, or municipal) is used to create the home
  - Deed restricted to guarantee affordability to low- and moderate- income households for 30+ years

# Key Aspects of Long-Term Affordable Homes

- Subsidy (Federal, state, or municipal) is used to create or rehabilitate the home
- Price/rent is affordable to low- and moderate-income Rhode Islanders
  - Up to 120% AMI for homeownership properties
  - Up to 80% AMI for rental properties
- Buyers/renters must be income-eligible
- Remains affordable through land lease or deed restriction for no less than 30 years

# High Standards are Good for

**Property Values** 

- Long-term affordable homes have high architectural and design standards
  - Designed and built with sensitivity to the architectural and aesthetic standards desired by the community
  - Built to last for the long term



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#### Can You Tell the Difference?

#### Single Family

Market-rate home



Home that is affordable for long term

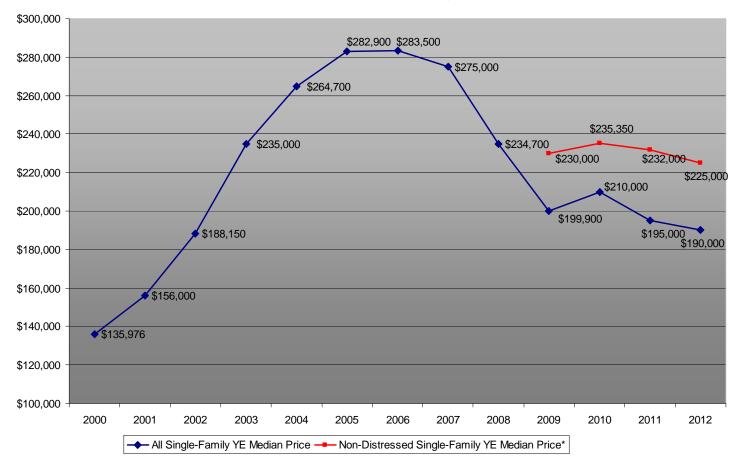


#### Cost-Burdened Households

- 2010 American Community Survey Data shows Rhode Island as the most housing cost-burdened state in New England
- Rhode Island households paying more than 30 percent of income on housing:
  - 51.8% of renter households
  - 43.7% of homeowners
- 25% of renters are "extremely" cost-burdened— spending more than 50% of their income on housing

### Median SF Home Prices, 2000-2012

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Source: RI Association of Realtors

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### RI Rent Surveys, 2001 - 2012

(as compiled by Rhode Island Housing)



## RI Building Permits, 2000-2012



### **Opportunities**

- New housing bond passed in Nov. 2012
- Single-family home prices have moderated from their inflated highs
- Good models for affordable homes that are consistent with community character and respond to local needs exist throughout our state
- Progress of communities in implementing their housing plans



# KeepSpace - a sustainable model

where neighbors meet, people work, children play.

- A holistic approach that seeks to understand community through many lenses:
  - grassroots level
  - the structures that support everyday life
  - and the ways in which people, goods and services move from place to place

#### KeepSpace

- KeepSpace works to integrate and enhance six key elements, each of which is equally important to creating vibrant, healthy communities:
  - A good home
  - A healthy environment
  - Strong commerce
  - Sensible infrastructure
  - Integrated arts, recreation, culture and religion
  - Positive community impact





