





A Roadmap for REALTORS® To Revitalize America's Neighborhoods

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National Association of REALTORS® National Community Stabilization Trust

Partnership Goals

Through the partnership, we hope to enable REALTORS® to:

- Apply practical skills and tools to become a valuable partner in community's stabilization efforts
- Understand the roles REALTORS® can play in neighborhood stabilization efforts
- ☐ Identify next steps for building engagement strategies for association and members

NAR-NCST Partnership

- Brings REALTORS® to forefront of local efforts to stabilize communities with high foreclosures
- Leverages REALTORS® unique professional skills for remarketing renovated homes
- Employs REALTORS® talents in building positive images for neighborhoods impacted by the foreclosure crisis

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- Extension of NAR's Foreclosure Prevention and Response Program
- Engages REALTOR® ethics, skills and resources with NCST relationships
- Utilizes REALTOR® Associations' state and local leadership and GADs to build partnerships with local community housing providers and local governments

National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST)

- Provides local housing providers access to:
 - Abandoned and foreclosed properties from banks and other financial institutions
 - Flexible interim financing to expand neighborhood revitalization efforts
- Works with state and local housing providers in over 150 communities
- Works closely with national organizations and federal agencies on foreclosure issues and neighborhood stabilization







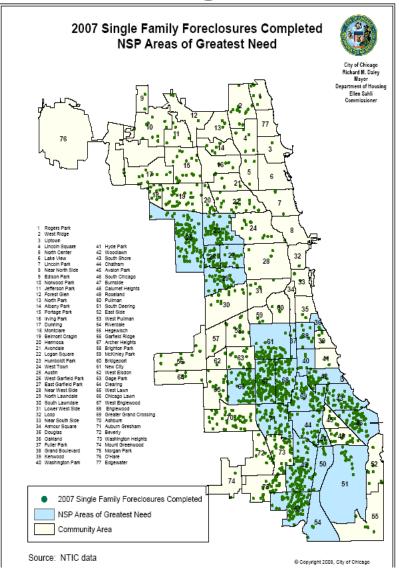
What is Neighborhood Stabilization?

NSP: A Federal Response

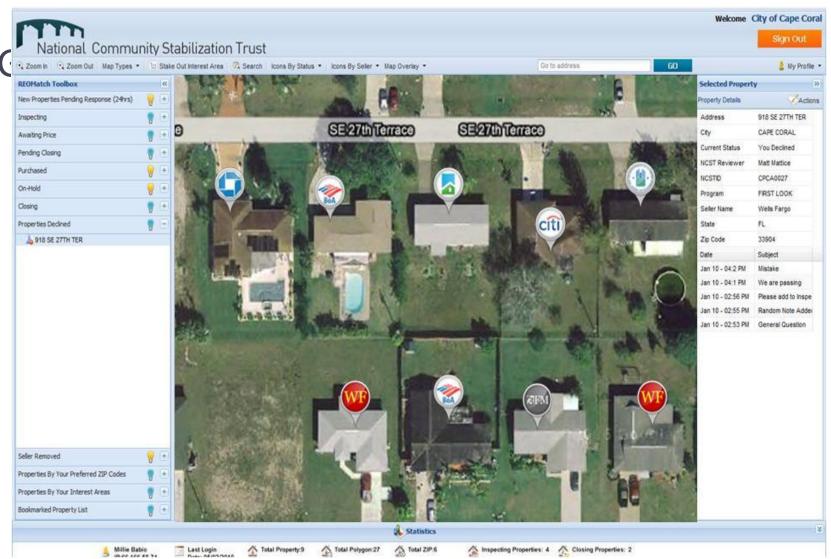
- New HUD administered Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)
- \$7 billion to rebuild neighborhoods
 - NSP1 \$4 billion to 309 state & local grantees
 - NSP2 \$2 billion to 54 state, local & nonprofit grantees
 - NSP3 \$1 billion 274 state & local grantees
- Funds used for:
 - Acquisition
 - Renovation
 - Land Banking

- Demolition
- New Construction
- Downpayment Assistance

NSP: Target Area



- Critical areas of greatest need
- Based on proximity to recent public and private investments and community anchors (schools, public space, transportation, commercial corridors)
- Large inventory of NSP eligible properties



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NSP Guidelines

- Acquire and Renovate "foreclosed and abandoned" property at a discount
- Beneficiaries can be low- and middle-Income households
 - Beneficiaries up to 120% Area Median Income (high for a federal housing initiative)
 - At least 25% of funding used for beneficiaries at or below 50% Area Median Income
- Beneficiaries can be renters or homebuyers
- Turnkey developers are often used to renovate and re-convey property
- 8 hours of homeownership counseling by a HUD-approved housing counseling agency is required for homebuyers









How Can You Be a Valuable Partner?

Partners: Role of the REALTOR®

- Knowledge of local marketplace
 - Neighborhood conditions
 - Property values and trends
 - First-time homebuyer demographics
 - Desirable property features
- How is this valuable to local housing providers?
 - Help community identify target areas
 - Assist with determining the level of rehab required to make property marketable
 - Help design program to meet first-time homebuyers and renters' needs

Partners: Role of the REALTOR®

Marketing Expertise

- Understanding of local marketplace
- Knowledge of what is marketable
- Tactics to attract new homebuyers
- Familiarity with service providers

How is this valuable to local housing providers?

- Marketing NSP properties
- Marketing surrounding properties in NSP target area
- Builds positive images of target neighborhoods
- Connects potential homebuyers to financing options
- Marketing of community's assistance programs
- Connects potential homebuyers to other service providers

Tools: NAR Neighborhood Stabilization Project

- Tips for Marketing NSP Properties and Neighborhoods
 - NSP property attributes
 - Affordability
- □ Financing Options for NSP Homebuyers
 - FHA products
 - Conventional mortgage products
 - Guidance of availability and effective use of public subsidies
- National Association of REALTORS®
 - Online toolkit of NSP resources: <u>www.realtors.org/foreclosure</u>
 - Collection of Best Practices
 - NAR training courses and certifications
 - Neighborhood Stabilization Project contact: Bill Gilmartin (wgilmartin@realtors.org)

Tools: NAR Neighborhood Stabilization Project

Minnesota

- Convened meeting with REO Brokers & NSP Administrators
- In-Person Training for Association Members
- Followed by a 1-hour forum with NSP key partners

Florida, Nevada, Arizona

- Webinar for Association Members to highlight opportunities for REALTORS® with NSP
- Introduction to local NSP program leadership

California, Rhode Island (2011)

- In-Person Training for Association Members
- 1-hour meeting to discuss ways to engage REALTORS® in their local NSP efforts

Michigan

Convened meeting with NSP Administrators and Association Executives







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