

Fair Housing And Equity Assessment

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- How does it integrate with *Thrive MSP 2040* – **Libby Starling**
- HUD's perspective & insights – **Salin Geevarghese**, Senior HUD Advisor, Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities

Fair Housing And Equity Assessment - What is it?

- **A regional scale identification and assessment of :**
 - Segregated Areas and Areas of Increasing Diversity and Racial/Ethnic Integration
 - Racially and Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty
 - Access to Existing Areas of High Opportunity
 - Major Public Investment
 - Fair Housing Issues, Services, Activities
- **to gain a picture of regional equity and access to opportunity**

Once identified then what?

- Identify Indicators and Measurements to understand the geography of opportunity – examples:
 - Housing Affordability
 - Poverty and Income
 - Transit Access
 - Job Access
 - School Proficiency
 - Neighborhood Quality/Quality of Life
- Engage Regional Partners around FHEA findings

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- About fair housing? **Yes**
- About equity? **Yes**
- About access to opportunity? **Yes**
- About alignment of policies? **Yes**
- About prioritizing investments? **Yes**

Why are we doing a Fair Housing and Equity Assessment?

“**Sustainability** also means creating "geographies of opportunity," places that effectively connect people to jobs, quality public schools, and other amenities. Today, too many HUD-assisted families are stuck in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty and segregation, where one's zip code predicts poor education, employment, and even health outcomes. These neighborhoods are not sustainable in their present state.”

HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan, February 23, 2010



Where are we at with the work?

- **Two advisory groups working with Council staff on process, products, engagement, indicators, data, and mapping:**
 - **U of M –Center for Urban and Regional Affairs**
 - **Housing Preservation Project**
 - **Minnesota Housing**
 - **Alliance for Metropolitan Stability**
 - **The Access Group**
 - **Fair Housing Implementation Council**
 - **Minnesota Housing Partnership**
 - **HousingLink**
 - **U of M - Institute for Metropolitan Opportunity**
 - **Wilder Foundation/Minnesota Compass**
 - **U of M - Center for Transportation Studies**
 - **Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis**

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