

# THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK OF NEW JERSEY



1987: A handful of community developers begin meeting at Middlesex Diner to discuss the need for a statewide organization to represent the interests of the sector.

1999: The Network proposes \$20 million in state tax credits for affordable homes and neighborhood revitalization. Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit program legislation is introduced a year later.



*In 2005, HANDS' Valley plan would become the first in the state to receive NRTC funds.*



2006: The Network launches our Advocacy Team effort, organizing and supporting regional and county-based "A-Teams."

2013: As NJ struggles to recover from Superstorm Sandy, the Network advocates for improvements in the programs and policies guiding the rebuilding effort to help ensure an equitable, transparent and resilient recovery for all of our communities and residents.



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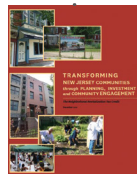
1989: 34 members launch the Non-Profit Affordable Housing Network of New Jersey

2000: The Network becomes the Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey, reflecting its broader vision and diverse membership. A year later, the Network moves to 145 W Hanover Street in Trenton.



2004: The Abandoned Properties Rehabilitation Act, crafted by the Network, becomes law.

2008: Working with legislative leaders and allies, the Network helps shepherd the adoption of A500, NJ's most comprehensive housing reform law in 20 years.



2012: NRTC analysis and report finds \$7.30 investment leveraged for every \$1 in tax credit provided.



*Placing a symbolic first coat of paint on the new headquarters of the Network are, from left, Patrick Kelly of Fleet Bank, Anthony Cangro, deputy commissioner of DCA, and Rosie Saez of First Union bank. Photo courtesy of the Trenton Times.*

# 35 YEARS OF LEADING FOR THE FUTURE

2014: Became HUD Certified Housing Counseling Intermediary



2017: Kicked off Build A Thriving NJ campaign with endorsement of over 300 public officials and organizations.



Secured endorsement of over 300 public officials and organizations for the campaign and hosted our first-ever gubernatorial candidate forum.



2020: As New Jersey faced an even more severe housing crisis as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Network launched Housing Help NJ, a platform designed to connect renters, tenants, and homeowners with resources to prevent evictions.

2024: Governor Phil Murphy signs the Community Wealth Preservation Program into law as well as landmark affordable housing legislation which strengthens enforcement of the Mount Laurel Doctrine.



2024: HCDNNJ celebrates 35 years!

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2016: Launched Community Scholars Summer Internship Program



2019: Governor Phil Murphy signs the New Jersey Land Bank Law, a Network policy priority that permits municipal land banking to obtain vacant, abandoned, and neglected properties for productive reuse purposes.

2022: The Network launched the HouseNJ campaign, calling on elected officials to support transformative housing resources and invest in our communities.



2023: HCDNNJ and Network member NJ Citizen Action sign a \$2 billion Community Reinvestment Act agreement with TD Bank to invest in affordable homes.