

Regional Housing Forum Topics & Panelists:  
2003 - 2008

- March 2003 - **Challenges and Success of the Nation's Housing** - [Keynote speaker - **John McIlwain** (Senior Fellow at the Urban Land Institute (ULI))]
- June 2003 - **Metropatterns** – [Keynote speaker - **Myron Orfield, Frank Alexander** (Emory University)]
- September 2003 - **Regional Approaches to Affordable Housing** – [Keynote speaker - **Stuart Meck** (American Planning Association, co-author of *Regional Approaches to Affordable Housing*)]
- December 2003 - **State of The Nations Housing** – [Keynote speaker - **Cushing Dolbeare** ( Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University)]
- March 2004- **“Housing in the Atlanta Region: Who, What, Where and How”**  
[Keynote speaker: **Ray Christman** (Federal Home Loan Bank)  
Panelists: **Tom Weyandt** (ARC) **Scott Bernstein**(CNT)]
- June 2004- **“Political Realities of Housing”**  
[Panelists: Kathy Field, Shari Strickland, Scott Pendergrast, Beverly Dockery-Ojo, Steve Brown, Ron Sifen, Bryan Hager, Bob Lundsten]
- September 2004- **“Regional Impacts of Federal Housing Policy”**  
[Keynote speaker: **Barbara Sard** (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) topic: **federal changes in section 8 policy and local implications**)  
[Panelists: Barbara Sard, Renee Glover, Jim Rattray]
- December 2004- **“Advancing Elements of a Regional Housing Program”**  
(Keynote speaker: Douglas R. Porter, Growth Management Institute-  
topic: **discussion of ULI published book *Inclusionary Zoning for Affordable Housing*; panel discussion of 2005 regional housing activities**)  
[Panelists: ANDP, ARC, Metro Atlanta Chamber]
- March 2005- **“Housing Trust Funds: Concept to Reality”**  
(Keynote speaker: Mary Brooks, Housing Trust Fund Project- topics: **Housing Trust Fund- What, How and Now! Panel discussion on politics of trust funds**)  
[Panelists: Dr. Larry Keating, Frank S. Alexander, Terry Ball]
- June 2005- **“Myths and Realities of Multi-Family Housing”**

(Keynote speaker: panel- topics: **Apartments- who needs them? And politics of multi-family housing**)

[Panelists: Bruce Gunter, Mike McGwyer, Mayor Shirley Lasseter, Commissioner Wole Ralph]

September 2005- “**Nuts and Bolts of Senior Housing**”

(Keynote speaker: panel- topics: **What are the core housing needs for seniors?**)

[Panelists: Kathryn Lawler, Ken Baker, Eleanor Smith, Kathleen Brownlee, Walter Coffey, Aaron Sampson, Sam Zamarripa]

December 2005- “**Housing on the Horizon: A Preview of 2006 Issues**”

(Keynote speaker: panel- topic: **What are the Hot Issues? And One Step Forward or Two Steps Back?**)

[Panelists: Kate Little, Doug Cotter, Lamar Norton, Tom Weyandt, Larry Keating, Donald Ratajczak]

March 2006- “**Current State of Practice on Local Housing Policy**”

(Keynote speaker: Larry Keating, Professor of City and Regional Planning- Georgia Tech- topics: **Analysis of Exclusionary Practices and the Private Sector Point of View**)

[Panelists: Tony Perry, Sean Doughtie, Chris Knight, Bobby Lunceford, Hugh Morton]

June 2006- “**Atlanta Commuting Patterns and Suburban Housing: The Past and the Future**”

(Keynote speaker: Myron Orfield, University of Minnesota Institute of Race and Poverty- topics: **Atlanta Commuting Patterns & Minority Suburbanization and An Atlanta review of the findings**)

[Panelists: Tom Weyandt, Von Nkosi, Myron Orfield]

September 2006- “**Does the Atlanta Region have a Housing or Information Problem?**”

(Keynote speaker: Larry Keating, Professor of City and Regional Planning- Georgia Tech- topics: **Lots of housing or not enough- Who is right? And the new Atlanta Regional Housing Data Center Website**)

[Panelists: Larry Keating, Dan Reuter, Mike Carnathan]

December 2006- “**Livable Space- Are Regulations or Builders Preventing Citizens from getting the Housing they want?**”

(Keynote speaker: panel- topic: **Housing size, design and materials- are we limited?**)

[Panelists: Andrea Korber, Stuart Romm, Larry Keating, David Goodman]

March 2007- “**Increasing the Availability of Homes for Working Families- A National Perspective**”

(Keynote speaker: Conrad Egan, National Housing Conference- topics: **Increasing Housing Availability for Working Families and How does the Atlanta Region Address Housing for Working Families?**)

[Panelists: Hattie B. Dorsey, Jeff DuFresne, David Ellis, Steve Logan]

June 2007- **“The State of Regional Housing”**

(Keynote speaker: Mike Alexander, Chief of Research for the ARC- topic: **State of Regional Housing and How does the Atlanta Region address housing for Working Families?**)

[Panelists: Mike Alexander, Jim Durrett, Jeff DuFresne, Susan Adams, Bruce Gunter]

September 2007- **“Residential Housing Market - Impacts on the Region’s Communities and Economy”**

(Keynote speaker: Dr. Andy Carswell, Consumer Research Center, UGA- topics: **Determinants of Foreclosures and Related Impacts on Local Housing Markets**)

[Panelists: Eugene James (Metrostudy), Michelle Jones (CCCS), Mary Norwood, Andy Carswell]

December 2007- **“Residential Housing Market- What Can Policy-Makers, Lenders and Others Do?”**

Discussion of the local and national economic distress from foreclosures by Professor Dan Immergluck, City and Regional Planning Program, UGA;

(Keynote speaker: A. Bryant Applegate, Senior Counsel and Director of HUD’s America’s Affordable Communities Initiative- topics: **Current State of the Residential Housing Market and National Actions Underway to Reduce Barriers to Affordable Workforce Housing**)

[Panelists: Dan Immergluck, A. Bryant Applegate]

March 2008- **“Expanding Workforce Housing: National Experts Share Innovative Strategies in Employer-Assisted Housing (EAH) Initiatives and Workforce Housing Development”**

(Keynote speaker: Samantha Dekoven, Chicago Metropolitan Planning Council- topics: **Enacting and Strengthening local EAH programs and examples of successful national EAH programs**)

[Panelists: Mark Oshnock, (Visiting Nurses Association/Hospice Atlanta); Samantha Dekoven, (Chicago MPC); Peter Smirniotopoulos and Mike Curzan, (UniDev LLC)]

June 2008- **“Housing Challenges on the Southside of the Metro Atlanta Region”**

Discussion of housing construction, conditions and issues specific to those communities on the Southside of the Atlanta region.

(Keynote speaker: Eugene James, Metrostudy- topics: **Overview of the current Atlanta housing market followed by conditions and issues particular to Southside communities**)

[Panelists: Eugene James, (Metrostudy); Tim Young, (City of Locust Grove); Marshall Walker, (Rockdale County); Chris Burke, (Greater Atlanta Homebuilders Association); Chairman Eldrin Bell, (Clayton County BOC); Chairman Jason Harper, (Henry County BOC); Steve Cash, (Henry Council for Quality Growth); Mayor Kenneth Steele, (City of Fayetteville)]

September 2008- **“Land Banks and Community Land Trusts: Priming the Pump for Affordable Housing Development and Preservation”**

Discussion about how to utilize and implement Land Banks and Community Land Trusts (CLTs) locally and associated challenges and benefits.

(Keynote speaker: Frank Alexander, Emory University School of Law- topics: **Overview of CLTs and Land Banks, and the difference between the two, as well as how they could address current housing issues**)

[Panelists: Frank Alexander, (Emory University School of Law); Allison Souther, (Macon-Bibb Community Land Bank); Valerie Wilson, (Beltline Partnership, Inc.)]

December 2008- **“Regional Foreclosure Response – Leveraging Neighborhood Stabilization Funds”**

[Speakers: John O’Callaghan(ANDP), Michael Rich (Emory University), Cassandra Knight (Georgia DCA)] Topics: Neighborhood Stabilization Funds, Local Government Foreclosure Strategies. [Panelists: Evelyn Nu/Man (City of Atlanta), Nick Autorina (Cobb County), Chris Morris (DeKalb County)]

March 2009- **“Foreclosures and Leveraging Neighborhood Stabilization Funds — What is Happening Now?”**

[Presenters: Brian Williamson (DCA), Mary Presley (HUD), Allyson Price (Cobb), Richard Heermans (Fulton), Randy Knighton (Hall Co.), Valerie Fountaine (City of Atlanta), Amy Brumelow (Douglas Co.), Allen Mitchell (DeKalb County), Leslie Merriman (Newnan-Coweta Habitat for Humanity).

June 2009- **“Economic Recovery and Housing – What is the Plan?”**

[Speakers: Patricia Hoban Moore (HUD), Craig Shoemaker (SunTrust), Egbert Perry, (Integral Group), Tom Cunningham (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta)] Topics: **“Recovery Issues and Opportunities”** and **“Framing the Regional Recovery Strategy”**

September 2009- **“The New Federal Paradigm – Linking Transportation, Land Use and Housing”**

[Speaker: James CorlessT4 America] [Panelists: Catherine Ross, (CQGRD), Jim Durrett (LCC), Sam Williams (MACOC)]

December 2009 - **“After the Deluge: Housing Challenges for Local Governments in the Post-Foreclosure Era”**

(**Ray Christman**, Director of the Livable Communities Coalition and Chair of Terwilliger Center for Workforce Housing, **Chris Morris**, Executive Director, DeKalb Community Development, **Lyn Menne**, Decatur Assistant City Manager, Community & Economic

Development, **Mayor Peterson**, Mayor of the City of Lithonia, **Patrick Ejike**, Director, DeKalb Planning and Development.

March 2010 – “**Distressed Properties in Metro Atlanta: Suffering the Consequences and Formulating Responses**” [Panelists: **Vaughn Irons** (APD Solutions), **John Hunt** (Viasearch), **Darrin Hall** (Sustainable Neighborhood Development Strategies), **John O’Callaghan** (ANDP)]

June 2010 – “**The Role of Single Family Mortgage Finance in Stabilizing Metro Neighborhoods**” [**Debra Robinson** (FHA Homeownership Center), **Catherine Lasher** (Fannie Mae), **Brigitte M. Killings** (Bank of America); **Jeanne Goldie** (Wells Fargo)]

September 2010 – “**Transit-Oriented Development and Affordable Housing**” [Presenters: **Chris Yake** (Portland Metro), **Doug Johnson** (San Francisco’s Metropolitan Transportation Commission). Local Response Panel: **Tom Weyandt** (Atlanta Regional Commission), **Jim Durrett** (Buckhead CID, MARTA Board Member), **James Shelby** (City of Atlanta Commissioner of Planning and Community Development)]

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