New Homes for Houston Virtual Homebuyer Fair

June 27, 2023





CITY OF HOUSTON
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



Housing Keeping

- Please mute your microphone
- The Homebuyer Fair is being recorded
- Send questions into the chat box





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Introductions

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A HOMEOWNER?



"FOR MY CHILDREN"



"FOR SOMETHING TO CALL MY OWN"



"TIRED OF RENT!"



"BUILDING
GENERATIONAL
WEALTH"



"THE AMERICAN DREAM"

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN A HOME?







NEIGHBORHOOD



BEDROOM COUNT



PROXIMITY TO WORK & SCHOOL



BACKYARD

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST OBSTACLE TOWARDS HOMEOWNERSHIP TODAY?



SALES PRICE



DOWN PAYMENT



CREDIT SCORES



Partner Presentation: U.S. Housing Urban Development **Houston Field Office**

NEW HOMES FOR HOUSTON HOMEBUYER WEBINAR

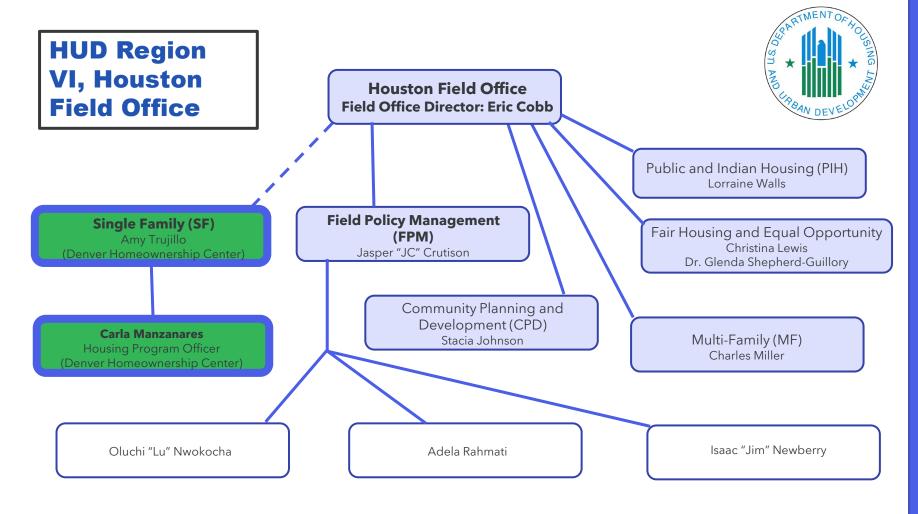
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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HUD HOUSTON FIELD OFFICE
HUD DENVER HOMEOWNERSHIP
CENTER
JUNE 27, 2023



WELCOME REMARKS

ERIC COBB
HUD HOUSTON FIELD OFFICE DIRECTOR



FIELD POLICY MANAGEMENT (FPM)



- Principle point of contact for HUD in the field
- Community outreach, building partnerships with stakeholders, industry groups, the media & general public
- Advance HUD Secretarial initiatives & strategic goals
- Respond to Congressional/State/local elected officials' inquiries
- Help coordinate local disaster relief efforts

HOUSTON FIELD OFFICE JURISDICTION



Angelina

Jasper

• San Augustine

- Austin (county)
- Jefferson

• San Jacinto

• Brazoria

• Leon

Shelby

Brazos

Liberty

Trinity

Burleson

Madison

• Orange

• Robertson

• Polk

Tyler

Chambers

- Matagorda
- Walker

• Colorado

- Montgomery
- Waller

• Fort Bend

- Nacogdoches
- Washington

- Galveston
- Newton

Wharton

- Grimes
- Hardin
- Harris
- Houston (county) Sabine

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Denver Homeownership Center

City of Houston:
"New Homes for Houston" Initiative

June 2023

Presented by: Carla Manzanares Housing Program Officer Denver Homeownership Center

Agenda

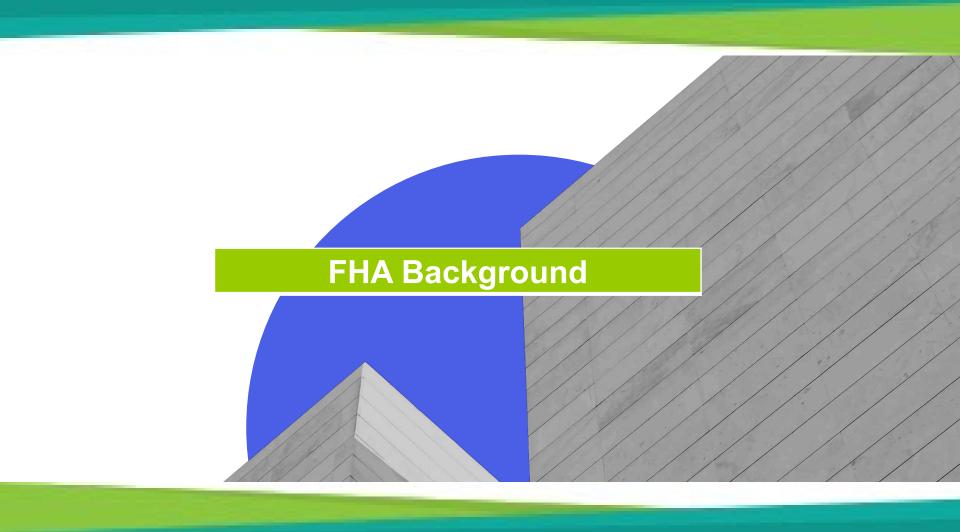
FHA Background

FHA Program & Products

FHA Updates

FHA Resources





What is the Federal Housing Administration (FHA)?

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through the FHA, provides mortgage insurance on loans made by FHA-approved lenders throughout the U.S. and its territories for Single Family (SF) homes, Multifamily properties, and healthcare facilities.

FHA is the largest insurer of Mortgages in the world by volume, having insured almost 50 million properties since its inception in 1934.







FHA Background

HUD Key Staff Appointments

- Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Marcia Fudge
- · Assistant Secretary for Housing and FHA Commissioner Julia Gordon
- Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Single Family Housing Sara Edelman







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203(b) Forward Program: Basic Home Mortgage Loan



Fixed or Adjustable Rate

Maximum 30-year term and fully Amortizing

Minimum 3.5% Minimum Required Investment (MRI) on Purchase





203(k) Program: Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance

Standard 203(k)

- · Major rehab or repairs
- •Min. repairs/improvements ≥ \$5K
- •FHA approved 203(k) Consultant required

Limited 203(k)

- Non-structural work up to \$35K
- Can go up to \$50,000 in Opportunity Zones
- No minimum amount of repair costs
- FHA approved 203(k) Consultant <u>not</u> required

Supplemental Programs & Products

- 203(h) Disaster Victims Insurance
- HUD Real Estate Owned (REO)
- Energy Efficient Mortgages (EEM)
- Solar and Wind Technologies







203(h) Mortgage Insurance for Disaster Victims

- Prior residence in Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Area (PDMDA) that was destroyed or damaged to extent that reconstruction or replacement is necessary.
- Purchase, or when used with 203(k), the reconstruction of a Single Family residence.
- FHA case number must be assigned within one year of the date the PDMDA is declared.







HUD Homes (REO) Purchase

203(b)

Purchase property in as-is condition with no repairs, alterations, or inspections required

203(b)
With Repair
Escrow

- Required repairs up to \$10K
- Escrow account established for funds
- ·Repairs to be completed after closing

Special Sales Incentives:

- \$100 Down
- Direct Sales

203(k)

Required repairs

Search for HUD REO Properties at

www.hudh

e.com

Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM)

- Enables borrowers 62 years of age or older to withdraw a portion of the accumulated equity in their home or purchase of principal residence.
- Requires financial resources to continue to make payments on ongoing property charges such as property taxes, insurance and homeowners' association (HOA) fees, etc.
- Counseling session required by a HUD-approved HECM counselor.
- Adjustable Rate with varying payment plan options OR Fixed lump sum.







Office of Housing Counseling

HUD's robust network of housing counseling agencies provides unbiased information that assists consumers in making responsible choices to address their unique housing needs.

Housing counseling options are an integral part of the journey to sustainable homeownership and provide unbiased information that assists prospective homeowners in making responsible choices.

Search for HUD Housing Counselors at https://hudgov-answers.force.com/housingcounseling/s/ Home (force.com/housingcounseling/s/ Home (force.com/







Office of Housing Counseling

<u>Office of Housing Counseling First-Time Homebuyer Video – YouTube</u>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w EEmqNnQgg

Are you ready for homeownership? - YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyPshCXDjZg

<u>Is an FHA loan right for you? – YouTube</u>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svVV4pk71kc

<u>Is Housing Counseling Right for You? – YouTube</u>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 3HAAJLYsXo







Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Must have a valid Social Security Number.
- FHA"s mortgage programs do not typically have maximum income limits.
- Lenders will make a credit determination based on the merits of the loan.

Search for HUD approved lenders at

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/housing/sfh/lender/lenderlist



FHA Updates

- ML 22-17 Consideration of Positive Rental Payment History for First-Time Homebuyers
- ML 22-18 Private flood insurance
- ML 23-05 MIP Reduction









FHA Resource Center

	Option	Point of Contact	Hours Available	Comments
1	FHA Knowledge Base – FAQs	www.hud.gov/answers	24/7/365	Knowledge Base web page includes option to email questions.
2	Email	answers@hud.gov	24/7/365	
3	Telephone	1-800-CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342) Persons with hearing or speech impairments may reach this number by calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.	8:00 AM to 8:00 PM Eastern M-F	Voicemail is available after hours or during extended wait periods.

FHA INFO emails: Frequent email notifications of new policies and training opportunities for anyone who signs up. Subscribe at: https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/FHA_INFO_subscribe







Disclaimer

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview and summation of recent changes to the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) policy. It introduces and explains official policy issued in Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Handbooks and Mortgagee Letters. If you find a discrepancy between the presentation and Handbooks, Mortgagee Letters, etc., the official policies prevail. Please note the information provided in this training is subject to change.

Please consult HUD Handbooks and Mortgagee Letters through HUDClips for the most recent updates and current policy.





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Homebuyer Assistance Program

Homebuyer Assistance Program

- Up to \$50,000 for program-qualified Houstonians*
- Single-Family, condominium, townhouse, co-op unit, or manufactured home on foundation
- Down payment assistance, reasonable closing costs, mortgage reduction, interest rates, prepaid items



*Subject to program funding & review

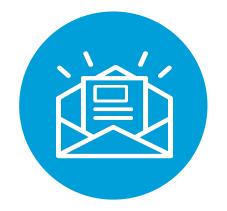




First Steps



Take a HUD-approved 8-hour <u>Homebuyer</u> <u>Education Course</u>



Secure pre-approval letter for a fixed-rate mortgage from a lender



Earn up to 80% Area Median Income



Eligibility: Taxable Income

2023 Houston/The Woodlands/Sugar Land Region HUD Maximum Annual Household Income Limits*

Household Size	80% Area Median Income (AMI)	120% Area Median Income (AMI)
1 person	\$52,000	\$78,300
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3 person	\$67,100	\$100,650
4 person	\$74,550	\$111,850
5 person	\$80,550	\$120,800
6 person	\$86,500	\$129,750
7 person	\$92,450	\$138,700
8 person	\$98,450	\$147,650

*Household income limits increased on June 15, 2023.



Next Steps



Call 832-394-6200



by the City of Houston & pass environmental review, inspection, underwriting review



Sign terms & conditions





Things To Know

- First-time homebuyer (not owned a home in the last 3 years)
- 33% front end and 45% debt to income back-end ratio
- \$30,000 liquid asset limit
- Five-year secondary lien
- Learn about program requirements at: https://houstontx.gov/housing/hap.html







New Homes for Houston

Affordable Homeownership









New Homes For Houston Initiative

- **Invest \$105M** in our neighborhoods
- Over 2,000 affordable, disaster-resilient, energyefficient homes
- Affordable Homes <u>reserved</u> for Program **Qualified Homebuyers**
- **Investment based on Affordable Homebuyer**
- 4-year secondary lien
- **Additional Developer Program Requirements MAY APPLY**

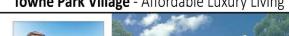






Towne Park Village

Towne Park Village - Affordable Luxury Living



EXCLUSIVE FAMILY RESIDENCE **FOR SALE**

7725 Aiiden Ridge Lane **PROPERTY DETAILS**



3 BEDS

FEATURES

- Roof 30 yrs Lifetime Architectural Shingle
- Tile/Carpet Flooring ADA- water sense
- elongated toilets
- Brushed Nickel fixtures and hardware
- Granite countertops in Kitchen and bath

Ceiling fans in family room and all bedrooms

1 STORY

- · Privacy fenced back yard
- Fully sodded front yard and 5 feet around sides and rear
- Landscaping package to include shrubs and trees
- 2 Car garage

CHARACTERISTICS OF ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES

- Home Insulation R-15 Walls, R-30 Attic
- 14 Seer Energy efficient HVAC system
- Energy efficient Windows · Blower Door Test
- Low E Glass, U-Factor 0.35
- CFL, LED or Fluorescent light bulbs

CONTACT INFORMATION

SMART HOME FIXTURES

- * Alexa (Smart Speaker)
 - *Ring Alarm
- * Smart Thermostat (Energy Star) *SmartCode Deadbolt

713-691-3948

* Ring Video Doorbell

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Kitchen Primary Bedroom Closet antry Closet Dining **Family Room** Linen Bedroom 3 Closet Hall FoyerTree Laundry Garage

2 BATHS

1332 SQ FT

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EXCLUSIVE FAMILY RESIDENCE **FOR SALE**

7723 Aiiden Ridge Lane

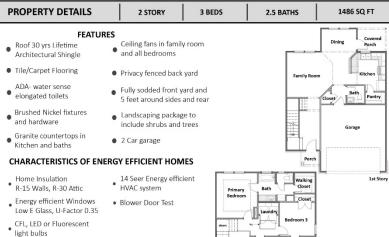
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EXCLUSIVE FAMILY RESIDENCE **FOR SALE**

7731 Aiiden Ridge Lane



PROPERTY DETAILS 2 STORY 3 BEDS 2.5 BATHS **FEATURES** Dining Covered Roof 30 yrs Lifetime Ceiling fans in family room Architectural Shingle and all bedrooms Tile/Carpet Flooring **Family Room** Kitchen Privacy fenced back yard ADA- water sense Bath Fully sodded front yard and elongated toilets 5 feet around sides and real Brushed Nickel fixtures Landscaping package to and hardware include shrubs and trees Garage Granite countertops in • 2 Car garage Kitchen and baths CHARACTERISTICS OF ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES 14 Seer Energy efficient Home Insulation R-15 Walls, R-30 Attic HVAC system Energy efficient Windows Blower Door Test Low E Glass, U-Factor 0.35 CFL, LED or Fluorescent light bulbs SMART HOME FIXTURES * Alexa (Smart Speaker) * Smart Thermostat (Energy Star) *SmartCode Deadbolt

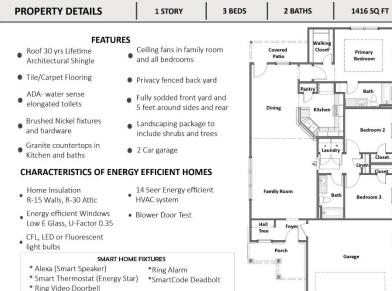
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EXCLUSIVE FAMILY RESIDENCE **FOR SALE**

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Summary

- Price Range: \$ 250,000 \$270,000
- Sale Status: <u>NOW</u>
- Projected move-in: Now
- Developer Contact Info
 - Burghli Homes
 - 713-691-3948
 - Burghlihomes.com
 - info@burghlihomes.net





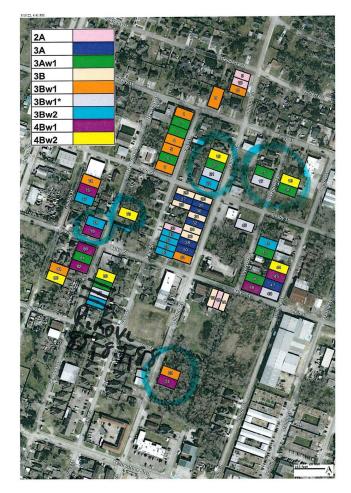
New Homes for OST South Union

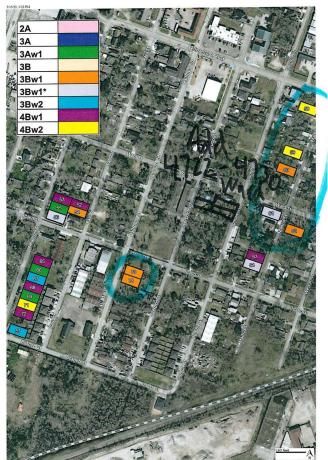


Homes ranging from

839 sq. ft. 2 bedroom 1 bath home 1431 sq. ft. 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home











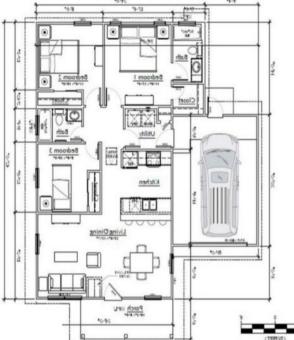












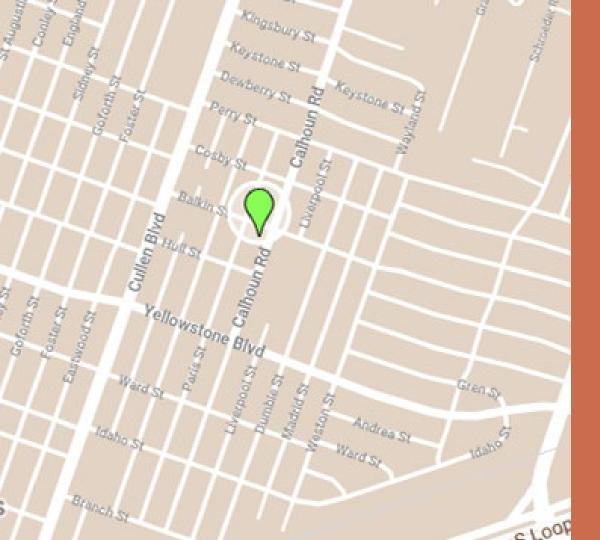
3 BED 2 BATH 1 STORY

1,095 S.F.



Program Requirements

- Under 80% AMI
- Have not owned home in last 3 years.
- Up to date on taxes.
- Have income to afford monthly expenses.
- Must show a dedication to savings
- Qualify for a loan from conventional financing. (income, debt ratio, credit score)
- 620/640 credit score.
- Create will and testament.
- Must sign agreement for a second lien/deed of trust. Prevents home flipping for 20 years.
- Agape Home Buyer Training Program
- Volunteering





Agape Development

OST / SOUTH UNION

6504 Calhoun Road Houston, Texas 77012

info@agapedevelopment.org 713-658-1001



Summary

- Market Rate Price Range: \$ 219,000 -\$399,000*
- Presale Status: NOW
- Projected move-in: Through Fall 2023
- Developer Contact Info
 - 713-658-1001
 - info@agapedevelopment.org
 - https://www.agapedevelopment.org/

*Contact developer for final prices





New Homes for Northeast Houston



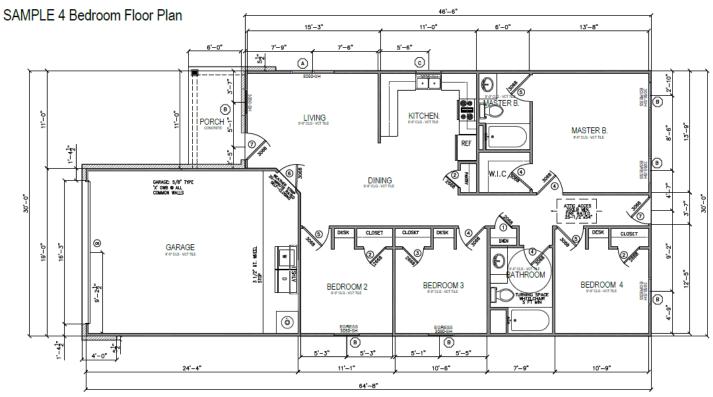


A127-acre, affordable, master-planned community serving low-to-moderate-income families.

- 468 Single-family homes
- 500 Multi-family & senior units
- Legacy Community Health Clinic
- Houston Public Library Branch
- 12 Acre Park
- TXRX Makerspace
- Trees for Houston Tree Farm
- 2.2 Acre Urban Farm with Urban Harvest
- Neighborhood Resilience Hub
- Hike and Bike Trails
- Commercial Kitchen and Food Hall
- Child Care









March 2023





March 2023



May 2023





June 2023







Homeownership Program



Eligibility

- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Legal Resident
- ↑ Income should be within 50-80% of Houston Area Median Income (A.M.I.)
- Need an acceptable Credit Score
- Demonstrate Need for Housing
- Willingness to Partner

Download an application and virtually tour our homes at www.houstonhabitat.org



Eligibility continued

Income Guidelines

Family Size	50%	80%
1	\$31,050	\$49,600
2	\$35,450	\$56,700
3	\$39,900	\$63,800
4	\$44,300	\$70,850
5	\$47,850	\$76,550
6	\$51,400	\$82,200
7	\$54,950	\$87,900
8	\$58,500	\$93,550

Ability to Pay

(Can afford the home)

- ★ Steady income
- ↑ 50-80% of the Houston Area Median Income (AMI) per household size
- ♠ No more than 30% of monthly income toward house payment (Front Ratio- Housing Cost Ratio)
- Credit check to ensure ability to pay the monthly mortgage.
- No more than 43% of monthly income toward debt payments + house payment (Back Ratio- DTI)

Need for Housing

Current housing is:

- Not habitable
- Not safe
- Overcrowded
- Costs more than 30% of pay

Willingness to Partner

(Can afford the home)

- ♠ Complete sweat equity
- ♠ Pay closing costs
- Purchase home where we build







Houston Habitat for Humanity is an equal opportunity employer and lender and follows all fair housing laws. Houston Habitat for Humanity does not discriminate based on age, race, marital or familial status, gender, creed, faith or religious affiliation.

How do I apply?



Visit www.houstonhabitat.org



Download the Application



Fill in, include required documents, and deliver to office drop-box or by postal mail to:

Houston Habitat for Humanity 3750 N. McCarty St. Houston, TX 77029

Attn: Homeowner Services Department

Summary

- Price Range: \$155,000 \$195,000*
- Presale Status: N/A, contact Developer ore more information
- Projected move-in: Summer 2023
- Developer Contact Info
 - www.houstonhabitat.org
 - 713-671-9993 x287
- www.houstonhabitat.org





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New Homes for OST South Union at MLK

March 2023

















May 2023









Southern Palm



Southern Palm Playground

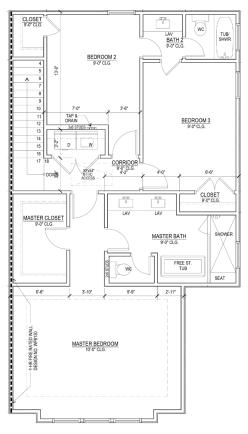








Southern Palm Interior



 FIRST FLOOR CONDITIONED
 657 s.f.

 SECOND FLOOR CONDITIONED
 964 s.f.

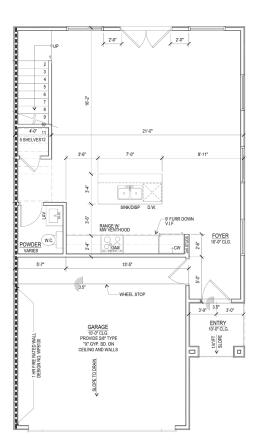
 GARAGE
 367 s.f.

 COVERED ENTRY
 36 s.f.

 TOTAL COVERED AREA
 2,024 s.f.

UNIT 1 SECOND FLOOR PLAN $1,4^{+}=1\cdot0^{\circ}$





FIRST FLOOR CONDITIONED 657 s.f.
SECOND FLOOR CONDITIONED 964 s.f.
TOTAL LIVING SPACE 1,621 s.f.

UNIT 1 **1** FIRST FLOOR PLAN

Summary

- Price Range: \$250,018 \$297,425*
- Presale Status: Spring 2023
- Projected move-in: Mid-Summer 2023
- Developer Contact Info
 - Ashley Mayberry
 - 281-771-2121
 - Ashley@Mayberryhomes.net
- https://mayberryhomes.net/



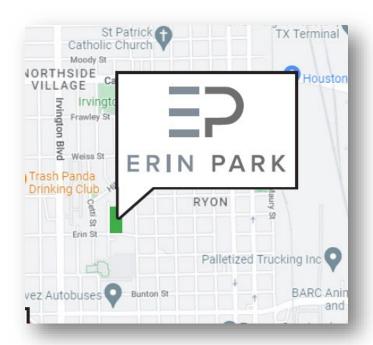
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New Homes For Northside

Erin Park & Fulton Crossing









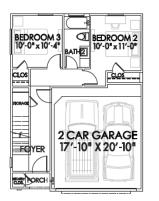
Erin Park





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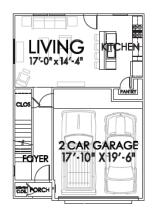




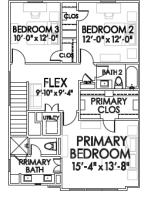
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9215 PLAN | 1.496 SQ FT

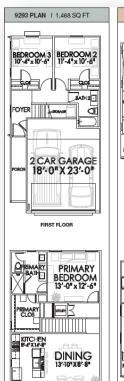


FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

Fulton Crossing

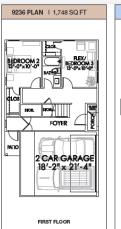


LIVING

14' 8' x 14' 8"

SECOND FLOOR

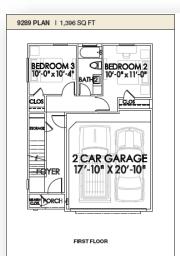
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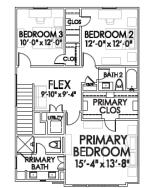














SECOND FLOOR

SECOND FLOOR

Fulton Crossing – May 2023











Fulton Crossing



















Summary

- Price Range: Varies per site
- Presale Status: Fall 2023
- Projected move-in: Winter 2023
- Developer Contact Info
 - https://citysidehomes.com/
 - 713-868-7226



*Contact developer for final prices





New Homes For Houston in 2024

Fall 2023 Construction Start







Complete our Homebuyer Interest Survey to sign up for updates!



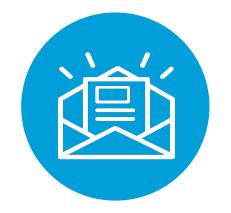


Homebuyer Prequalification

First Steps



Take a HUD-approved 8-hour <u>Homebuyer</u> <u>Education Course</u>



Secure pre-approval letter for a fixed-rate mortgage from a lender



Earn up to 120% Area Median Income*



*Future developments may be up to 80% Area Median Income.

Eligibility: Taxable Income

2023 Houston/The Woodlands/Sugar Land Region HUD Maximum Annual Household Income Limits*

Household Size	80% Area Median Income (AMI)	120% Area Median Income (AMI)
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Homebuyer Profile

- Family of four & one grandparent
- **Inspector: \$45,480**
- School Social Worker: \$48,220
- Stay at home grandparent
- Income Calculation: \$45,480 + 48,220 = \$93,700
- 120% Area Median Income for 5person household: \$114,850



Salary ranges per U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 2021 Houston-Woodlands-Sugar Land Metro Area









Affordability Gap

- Fixed Rate Mortgage*: \$250,000
- Market Rate Sales Price: \$300,000
- Affordability Gap: \$300,000 \$250,000 = \$50,000
- **Developer works with INDIVIDUAL** homebuyer's Affordability Gap



*Homebuyers will secure a fixed rate mortgage through an independent lender.













Secondary Lien

- 4-year secondary lien tied to homebuyer Affordability Gap
- 25% forgiven every year
- Example: \$50,000 * 25% = \$12,500 forgiven
- Secondary lien is COMPLETELY forgiven after 4 years
- No payments made on secondary lien UNLESS you sell/move out of home before 4 years







Debt to Income (DTI) Ratio

- Debt to income ratio = monthly payments divided by gross monthly income
- Monthly mortgage payment
 - Principle, Interest, Taxes, Insurance
- Monthly Debt
 - Car payment, credit cards, student loans, medical debt, etc.
- Gross Income = Income before taxes
- DTI CANNOT exceed 45%







DTI Example

- **Monthly Mortgage Payment = \$2,000**
- **Monthly Debt = \$1,500**
- Total Monthly Debt: \$2,000 + \$1,500 = \$3,500
- **Gross Monthly Income = \$7,808**
- DTI: \$3,500 / \$7,808 = 44%
- 45% DTI and below IS eligible!













Resources

- New Homes for Houston
 - https://houstontx.gov/housing/h omes/new.html
- New Homebuyer Interest Survey
 - https://bit.ly/HCDNewHomesFor Sale
- Contact Us!
 - newhomebuyer@houstontx.gov

















Program Summary

	Homebuyer Assistance Program	New Homes for Houston
Assistance Amount	Up to \$50,000 .	Varies dependent on development & affordability gap.
Finding A Home	Shop for a new or previously owned home throughout the City. Home must meet program eligibility requirements.	Choose a new construction home among City financed developments.
AMI% Requirement	Up to 80%.	Up to 120% for most developments, some up to 80%.
DTI Ratio	33% front end; 45% back end.	45% back end.
Secondary Lien	5 years	Standard 4 years, some developments may be longer
Website	https://houstontx.gov/housing/hap.html	https://houstontx.gov/housing/homes/new.html





Additional Resources

Resources

- Virtual Homebuyer Fair
- Bank of Texas
- Wednesday, July 12, 11 AM -12 PM
- Registration Link:
 - https://bit.ly/NewHomes-Virtual-Fair-BOT-Reg







Resources

- Session 1: Credit 101
- Session 2: Building the Perfect
 Team
- Session 3: Road Rules: What to Expect
- TONIGHT from 6 to 7:30 <u>Session</u>
 4 Housing Tune-Ups
- Visit
 https://houstontx.gov/housing/outre
 ach/360.html to learn more.



Session Two: Building the Perfect Team

Our newest series: **360 Road to Homeownership**, focuses on preparing to become first-time homeowners.

The four sessions include understanding the importance of building healthy credit and real expectations after homeownership, including maintenance and aftercare. The series runs from March through June 2023.

During the second session, you will learn the importance of building a solid team of business professionals, including real estate agents, brokers, mortgage officers, and inspectors.







Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund





Houston Financial Empowerment Centers

Core Elements of the FEC Model

The Financial Empowerment Center initiative offers professional, one-on-one financial counseling as a free public service for all residents.







One-on-One



Professional



Integrated



Data Driven



Sustainable



Government Led



FEC Locations & Contact Info

Acres Home Multi-Service Center

6719 W. Montgomery Road, Suite 223, Houston, TX 77091

Sunnyside Multi-Service Center

4410 Reed Road

Houston, TX 77051

Magnolia Multi-Service Center

7037 Capitol Street, Suite A, Houston, TX 77011

Kashmere Gardens Multi-Service Center

4802 Lockwood Dr.

Houston, TX 77026



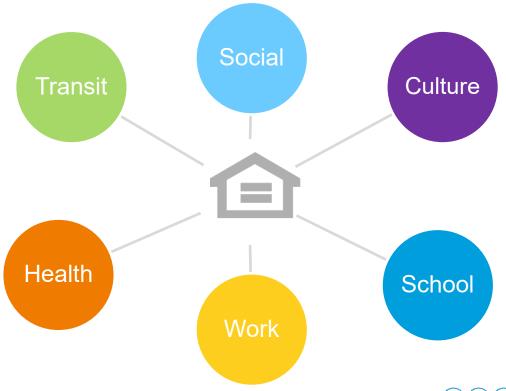
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FAIR HOUSING BASICS

Importance of Fair Housing







The Fair Housing Act Covers:

- The rental or sale of housing
 - Housing availability
 - Housing terms/conditions/privileges
- Housing services or facilities
- Advertising
- Lending and insurance
- Reasonable accommodations and modifications
- Harassment
- Retaliation





Protected Classes

The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination against any of the following protected classes:

- Race
- Color
- National Origin
- Religion
- Sex
- Familial Status
- Disability

















Filing a Fair Housing Complaint



U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development

1.800.669.9777 or www.HUD.gov

Texas Workforce Commission Civil Rights Division

1.888.452.4778

Greater Houston Fair Housing Center

713.641.3247





What does housing discrimination look like?



Misrepresentation

Refusal

Inconsistency

Steering

Preferential Advertising

Illegal Inquiries Denying reasonable accommodations or modifications

Threatening, coercing, intimidating or harassing







- "If I were a single woman like you, I would want to rent in an area where it's safer."
- "I don't think you would be happy in this neighborhood."
- "With young children, would you feel safe living on a busy street like this?"
- "We typically invite families with kids to apply for first-floor units."



Common Discriminatory

Statements

Steering

- Occurs when a real estate agent or landlord attempts to direct a home seeker to a particular area based on their protected class
- To avoid steering realtors should
 - Show all available properties to all homebuyers
 - Allow homebuyers to make decisions about which properties should be viewed or if the property is a good fit for them
 - Direct homebuyers to reliable resources such as the local school district, law enforcement, or Census Bureau to obtain information about neighborhood demographics





Fair Housing Resources



Fair Housing Information & Downloads https://bit.ly/HCDD-FairHousing



Fair Housing & Landlord-Tenant Hotline 832.394.6200 ext. 5



Fair Housing Education & Outreach FairHousing@houstontx.gov





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