



# Community Land Trust Institute Caucus

The Florida Community Land Trust Institute held its annual caucus at the Florida Housing Coalition Conference. Jordan Rockwell, a Florida Housing Coalition intern, reported the results of his survey work summarized below:

## As of August 2010 –

- 16 active CLTs in Florida – Seven are stand alone and nine are embedded in larger organizations
- Half of the 8 CLTs surveyed reported they had or would receive NSP funds in the future
- Most received startup assistance from local governments – land, grants, in-kind donations
- More multifamily units (153) than single family detached (131)
- Most are in low-density suburban areas – Substantial number are in medium or high (for FL) density areas, perhaps 30%

The results are posted on the FHC website at [www.flhousing.org](http://www.flhousing.org), click on CLT. The site now contains a directory with contact information for the Community Land Trusts in Florida.

Among the topics addressed by caucus participants were the opportunities provided by NSP, redevelopment, and transit oriented development.



Following the conference, Jordan represented the Florida Community Land Trust Institute at the national Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference held October 13-15 in Cleveland Ohio. See [www.reclaimingvacantproperties.org/](http://www.reclaimingvacantproperties.org/).

Land banking and community land trusts go hand in hand. Community land trusts play a crucial role in the success of redevelopment policy, by providing the mission driven human infrastructure to ensure land banked for affordable housing is redeveloped for the benefit of the community in perpetuity. Jordan summarizes and highlights the Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference in an article at [www.flhousing.org](http://www.flhousing.org) click on CLT.

In November, the National Inclusionary Housing Conference (NIHC) was held in Washington D.C. Community Land Trusts were highlighted throughout the conference as a key tool for ensuring long term or perpetual affordability for homes developed in accordance with inclusionary housing policies. This conference had engagement from the highest levels at HUD, DOT, and the White House. Much of the conference was focused on the need to ensure a mix of housing in association with transit and sustainable development and the recognition that even the rumor of transit will send land prices soaring. Putting land accessible to transit into the stewardship of community land trusts neatly addresses that problem. The conference website with Power Points from the NIHC held November 3-5 can be accessed at [www.inhousing.org/10nihc.html](http://www.inhousing.org/10nihc.html). HNN

The National Housing Institute reports that:

Over the past four decades, the community land trust movement has grown steadily in the United States. Today there are approximately 240 CLTs in 45 states and Washington, D.C. Their growth has accelerated in the past few years as CLTs have become em-

braced by community builders; organizers; advocates of affordable housing, asset building, smart growth and transit oriented development; local governments; and the philanthropic community.

Why have funders embraced CLTs? To answer that question, NHI interviewed 15 funders

from 13 foundations whose scope ranges from local to state to regional and national. Their responses are detailed in Investing in Community Land Trusts: A Conversation with CLT Funders. [www.nhi.org/go/invest-ct/](http://www.nhi.org/go/invest-ct/)