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ABOUT THIS BOOK:

A Message to Local Elected Officials and Their Staff

The Not In My Backyard Syndrome (NIMBYism) presents a particularly pernicious obstacle to producing affordable housing. Local elected officials are regularly barraged by the outcry of constituents' concerns over siting and permitting affordable housing. Consequences of NIMBYism include lengthy, hostile and unpleasant public proceedings, frustration of local comprehensive plan implementation, increased costs of development, property rights disputes, and inability to meet local housing needs. Local government elected officials are the linchpin in the NIMBY battle; it is essential that you get the information you need to avoid and overcome the negative impacts of NIMBYism.

The book also includes a comprehensive compilation of financial resources/subsidies for affordable housing in Florida with contact information and a bibliography of property value studies provided by the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

The Florida Housing Coalition, in conjunction with its primary subcontractor, 1000 Friends of Florida, has produced this guidebook pursuant to the Catalyst Program for Training and Technical Assistance, administered by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and funded under the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act.

This 100-page book is filled with color photos of affordable housing in Florida and covers the following topics:

CHAPTER ONE	What is Affordable Housing?
CHAPTER TWO	Who Lives in Affordable Housing?
CHAPTER THREE	Why Include Affordable Housing in Your Community?
CHAPTER FOUR	How is Affordable Housing Developed?
CHAPTER FIVE	How Should Neighbors be Included in the Process?
CHAPTER SIX	What Role does Design Play?
CHAPTER SEVEN	What is the Connection Between Affordable Housing and Fair Housing?
CHAPTER EIGHT	How can Local Government Avoid Legal Liability from NIMBYism?

This book is free to local governments.

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