



Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund Coalition Phase II: A Regional Approach

- Our regional effort will focus mainly on the suburbs located in Milwaukee County (outside the city of Milwaukee), Waukesha County, and to a lesser extent Ozaukee and Washington Counties.
- We will also work to foster greater collaboration between the state, county and city.
- Throughout the winter and spring we will conduct outreach to congregations and community organizations to raise awareness and build a constituency in support of local housing trust funds.
- In March 2007 the coalition will host a regional conference on local housing trust funds. Those interested in learning more about housing trust funds and how to establish one in their local community will be encouraged to attend. Those invited will include congregations, developers, local elected officials, major employers, banks, and non-profits.
- Throughout the spring interested parties, with support from the coalition, will gather information on their local community – types of housing needs, who are supporters, funding options, etc.
- In June 2007 another event will be held in order to share findings and to kickoff new campaigns.
- Once the current election cycle is over we will begin to work on state legislation allowing local governments to levy fees and taxes for housing trust funds that are exempt from State revenue caps. We will also work in support of establishing a statewide housing trust fund.