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# Housing Insights

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# Background

# History of the DC Preservation Catalog

- Database of assisted housing created by National Low Income Housing Coalition 2006-08
  - Reviewed similar efforts in other jurisdictions and national and local data sources on affordable housing
  - Data to be comprehensive, integrated, locally monitored, and preservation-oriented
- Now maintained by Urban Institute and The Coalition to support the DC Preservation Network
- Similar national data are now available from the National Housing Preservation Database (NHPD), which was created in 2011
  - 358 DC properties in NHPD vs. 657 in DC Preservation Catalog/Housing Insights

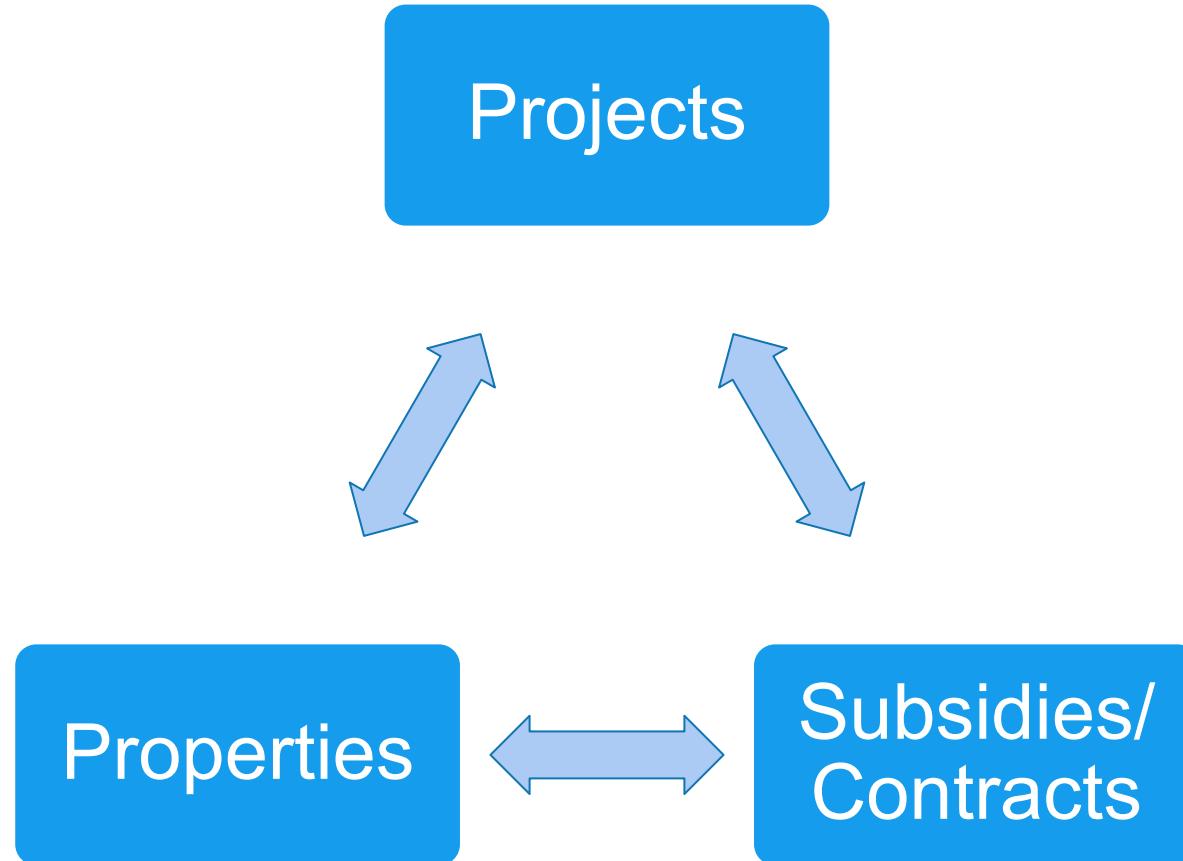
# HUD Data Sources

- Multifamily Assistance and Section 8 Contracts database (updated monthly)
- Insured Multifamily Mortgages database (quarterly)
- Physical Inspection Scores (3-6 mos)
- LIHTC database (annual)
- 202 Direct Loans (occasional)
- Picture of Subsidized Households (occasional)

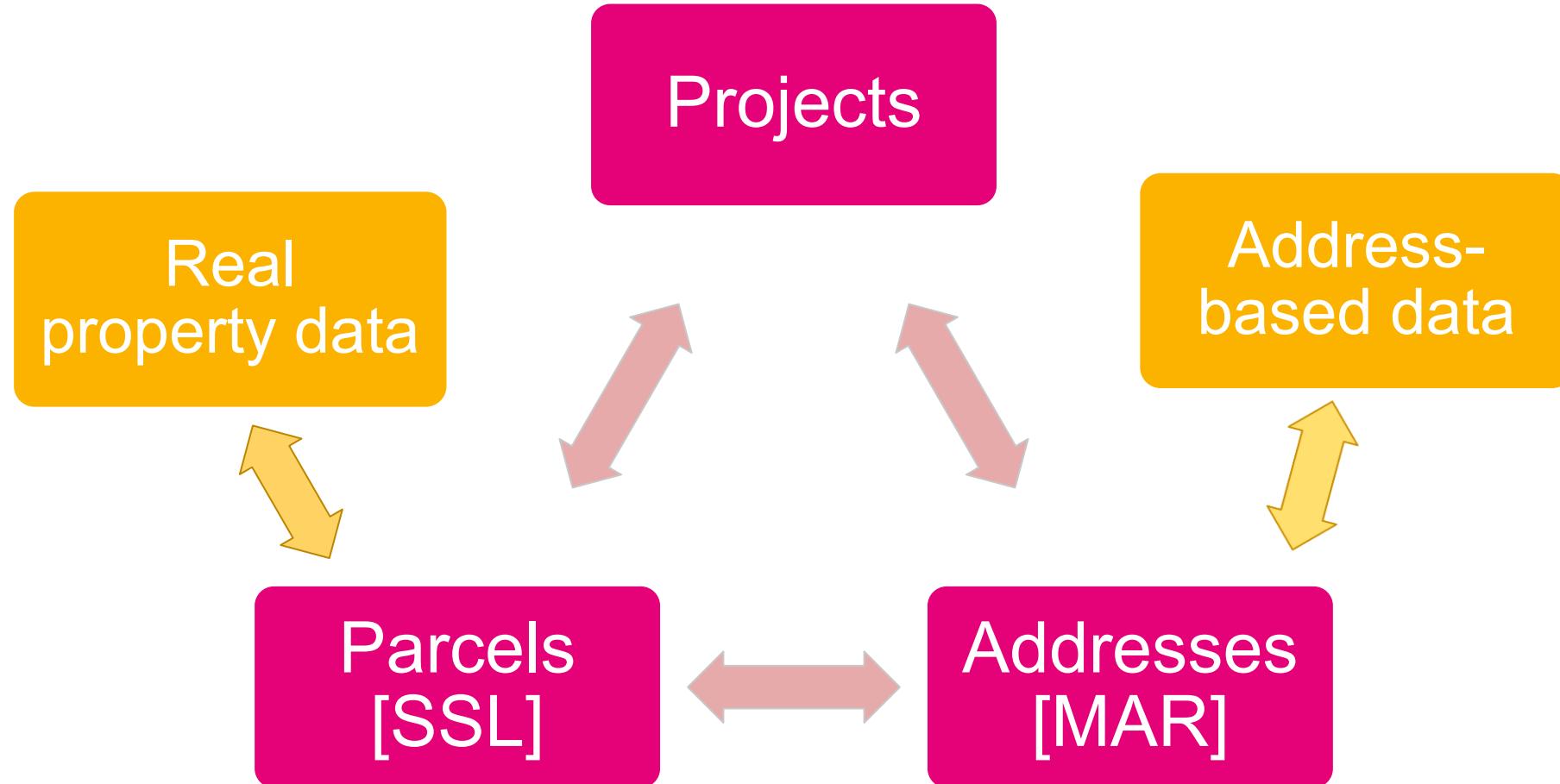
# Local Data Sources

- DC Housing Production Trust Fund
- DC Housing Preservation Fund
- DC Local Rent Supplement Program
- Additional data on LIHTC awards
- Limited Equity Cooperatives
- Real property data
- TOPA filings

# Linking Records: First Stage



# Linking Records: Next Stage



*[DC's] preservation goals should help guide the development of the criteria to determine which affordable housing should be prioritized for preservation and what methods and tools DC should use to carry out the preservation strategy.*

# Maintaining Economic Diversity and Affordability

**A Strategy for Preserving Affordable Rental Housing in the District of Columbia**

**DC Preservation Network  
Preservation Strategy Working Group**

**December 2014**



# Housing Insights

Bringing open data to affordable housing decision makers

[EXPLORE THE TOOL!](#)

*Launched in 2017, Housing Insights was a collaborative effort by Urban Institute, The Coalition (formerly CNHED), Code for DC, and the DC Department of Housing and Community Development. It was funded by the Civic Tech and Data Collaborative, with support from Living Cities, Code for America, and the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership.*



## The Problem

Those fighting to preserve affordable housing have to make difficult decisions about where to spend resources. While different groups generally agree on the list of factors to consider in preservation efforts, groups vary in how they prioritize these factors. Having access to common data lets us have a shared starting point for a more productive conversation. Data, moreover, provides context to decisions, helps prioritize limited funds and energy, and ensures affordable housing efforts are proactive rather than reactive.

## Our Solution

Housing Insights builds on the great work of the [Preservation Catalog](#) to bring context to the fingertips of the affordable housing community. Housing Insights assembles essential information on all subsidized affordable housing in DC and connects it to relevant outside data such as public transit, property tax assessments and neighborhood characteristics to make it easy to consider all the relevant factors when prioritizing and coordinating work.

Decision makers and advocates for affordable housing use Housing Insights to:

- Identify projects that are at-risk or difficult to replace
- Understand trends in neighborhood demographics
- Access complete information on individual projects needed for action and intervention

Whether you are involved in the efforts to preserve affordable housing in DC or simply are an interested member of the public, we welcome you to [Housing Insights](#) and invite you to [explore the tool!](#)

*Collaboratives should recognize the importance of local commitment and capacity to implement a project. The [DC] mayor's prioritizing affordable housing preservation created an opportunity for buy-in around a civic tech tool to assist decisionmaking.*

Civic Tech & Data Collaborative

# Housing Insights: Bringing Open Data to Affordable Housing Decisionmakers

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[HousingInsights.org](http://HousingInsights.org)

# Welcome to Housing Insights!

The Housing Insights tool provides data about subsidized affordable housing projects and the neighborhoods that they're in.

We're looking for feedback! Please fill out this short survey.

## Who is this for?

This data tool is designed for affordable housing advocates and government officials to better understand the state of affordable housing in Washington, DC.

## What can it do?

The tool provides a dynamic view of all affordable housing in the city. You can filter the projects to view summary statistics of projects that meet certain criteria, and view neighborhood data overlayed on top of the map. You can also view details of specific projects.

## Where is the data from?

Data has been gathered from multiple sources including the DC Government, Urban Institute, HUD, and the US Census Bureau. A full listing of data sources is located on our data documentation page

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▼ USE THE TOOL

*This tool was created by [this group of volunteers](#) in collaboration with [CNHED](#), [Urban Institute](#), and [DHCD](#) and is maintained by [Focus Consulting](#).*

## Data Choices

## 1) Zone Type

Ward	Neighborhood Cluster	Census Tract
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## 2) Community assets

## Education

## Cultural

## Health

## Public Safety

## Financial

## Transportation

### 3) Data choices

- Specific Zone
  - Project name
  - Project address
  - Total units in project
  - Subsidized units (max)
  - Ownership Type
  - Subsidy Program
  - Subsidy Start Date
  - Subsidy End Date
  - Number of TOPA notices
  - Has TOPA outcome
  - Most Recent TOPA Date
  - Most Recent REAC Score

Search for a project...

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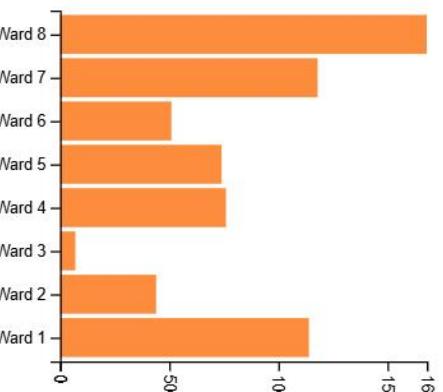
## Summary

## Matching Projects (657)

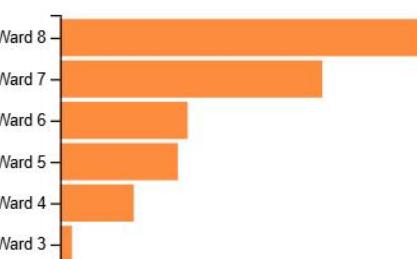
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## Projects by Ward



### Units by Ward



Data Choices

**1) Zone Type**

- Ward
- Neighborhood Cluster
- Census Tract

**2) Community assets**

Education

- Public Schools
- Charter Schools
- Independent Schools
- Day Care Centers

Cultural

Health

Public Safety

Financial

Transportation

**3) Data choices**

- Specific Zone
- Project name
- Project address
- Total units in project
- Subsidized units (max)
- Ownership Type
- Subsidy Program
- Subsidy Start Date
- Subsidy End Date

Search for a project...

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Matches filters

Does not match filters

Selected building

Summary

Matching Projects (657)

Your filters match 657 / 657 projects.

100% 657 Projects

100% 59,654 Units

**Projects by Ward**

Ward	Projects
Ward 8	~160
Ward 7	~120
Ward 6	~50
Ward 5	~60
Ward 4	~65
Ward 3	~10
Ward 2	~40
Ward 1	~110

**Units by Ward**

Ward	Units
Ward 8	~160
Ward 7	~120
Ward 6	~55
Ward 5	~50
Ward 4	~35
Ward 3	~5

Data Choices

**1) Zone Type**

Ward

Neighborhood Cluster

Census Tract

**2) Community assets**

Education

Cultural

Health

Public Safety

Financial

Transportation

**3) Data choices**

Total units in project

Project-specific data set

Total count of units in the project, including both subsidized and market rate units.

2 to 20

Include projects with missing Total units in project data

Subsidized units (max)

Ownership Type

Search for a project...

Reset zoom

Terrain

Streets

Active Filters

Clear all filters

Matches filters

Does not match filters

Summary

Matching Projects (141)

Your filters match 141 / 657 projects.

21%

141 Projects

3%

1,701 Units

**Projects by Ward**

Ward	Projects
Ward 8	25
Ward 7	24
Ward 6	5
Ward 5	18
Ward 4	18
Ward 3	3
Ward 2	7
Ward 1	37

**Units by Ward**

Ward	Units
Ward 8	28
Ward 7	23
Ward 6	7
Ward 5	15
Ward 4	21

Data Choices

**1) Zone Type**

Ward

Neighborhood Cluster

Census Tract

**2) Community assets**

Education

Cultural

Health

Public Safety

Financial

Transportation

**3) Data choices**

Subsidy Program

Project-specific data set

Filters to buildings that participate in at least one of the selected programs. Note some larger programs are divided into multiple parts in this list

DC housing production trust fund

Type here to search.

Active Filters
Clear all filters

Matches filters  
Does not match filters  
Selected building

Search for a project...

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Your filters match **231** / 657 projects.

Summary

231 Projects

35%

Matching Projects (231)

18,604 Units

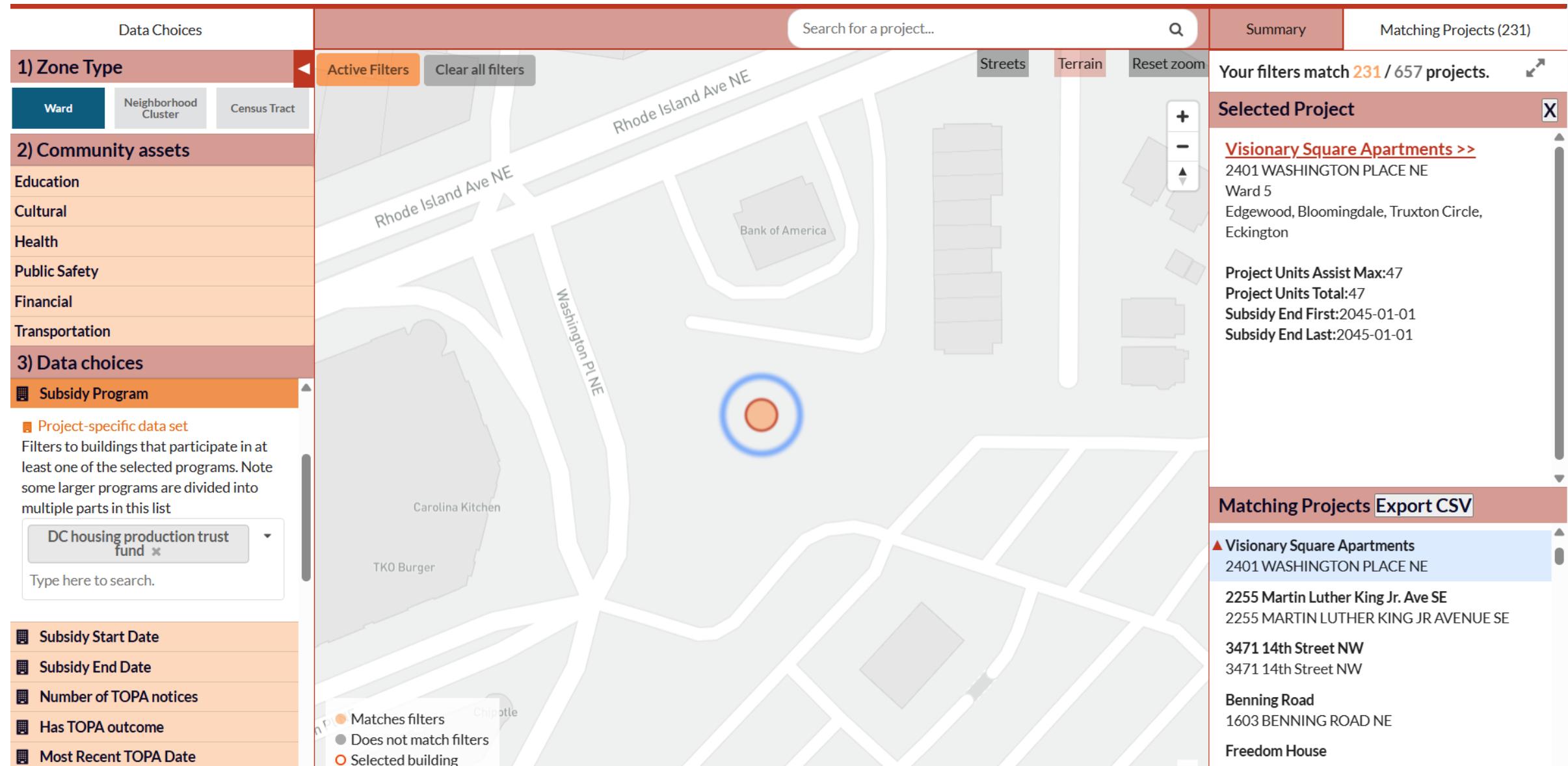
31%

**Projects by Ward**

Ward	Projects
Ward 8	~80
Ward 7	~30
Ward 6	~10
Ward 5	~20
Ward 4	~60
Ward 3	~5
Ward 2	~10
Ward 1	~30
Ward 0	~5

**Units by Ward**

Ward	Units
Ward 8	~80,000
Ward 7	~60,000
Ward 6	~10,000
Ward 5	~15,000
Ward 4	~20,000
Ward 3	~5,000
Ward 2	~10,000
Ward 0	~5,000



# Visionary Square Apartments

2401 WASHINGTON PLACE NE

Street View

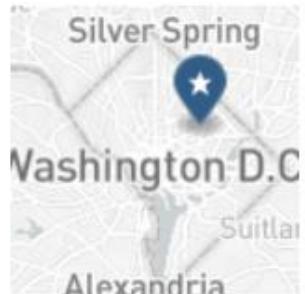


## Property Information



### Units

Subsidized Units 47  
Total Units 47



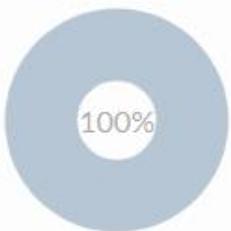
### Location

Ward Ward 5  
Neighborhood Cluster Cluster 21: Edgewood, Bloomingdale, Truxton Circle, Eckington  
ANC ANC 5C  
Census Tract DC Tract 91.02

# Visionary Seniors

2401 WASHINGTON

## Property Information



Subsidized Units



### Sale Activity

#### Date      Activity Type      Description

2013-12-31 OTR: Property sale OTR: Sold to Israel Senior Residences LLC; price: \$2,100,000; sale type: Market.

2009-06-09 OTR: Property sale OTR: Sold to Israel Manor; price: \$400,000; sale type: Landsale.

## TOPA Notices



No known TOPA notices!

## TOPA Outcomes



### TOPA Notice Date:

[CNHED Comprehensive Analysis of DC's Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act](#)

## Building Subsidy Status

### Subsidies

Scheduled End Date	Actual End Date	Start Date	Assisted Units	Program	Agency
2045-01-01	-	2015-01-01	47	Low income housing tax credit	DC Dept of Housing and Community Development
	-	2013-12-31	47	DC housing production trust fund	

Data Choices

1) Zone Type

Ward Neighborhood Cluster Census Tract

2) Community assets

Education Cultural Health Public Safety Financial Transportation

3) Data choices

Crime Rate: Violent 12 months

Neighborhood level data set  
Data last updated: 03/19/2024

Number of violent crime incidents per 100,000 people reported in the past 12 months.

4 to 219

Include projects with missing Crime Rate: Violent 12 months data

Crime Rate: Non-Violent 12 months

Crime Rate: All 3 months

Active Filters Clear all filters

Search for a project...

Streets Terrain

Your filters match 231 / 657 projects.

Selected Project

Visionary Square Apartments >>  
2401 WASHINGTON PLACE NE  
Ward 5  
Edgewood, Bloomingdale, Truxton Circle, Eckington

Project Units Assist Max:47  
Project Units Total:47  
Subsidy End First:2045-01-01  
Subsidy End Last:2045-01-01

Matching Projects Export CSV

▲ Visionary Square Apartments  
2401 WASHINGTON PLACE NE

2255 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE  
2255 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVENUE SE

3471 14th Street NW  
3471 14th Street NW

Benning Road  
1603 BENNING ROAD NE

Freedom House  
2125 18th Street SE

Matches filters

Does not match filters

Selected building

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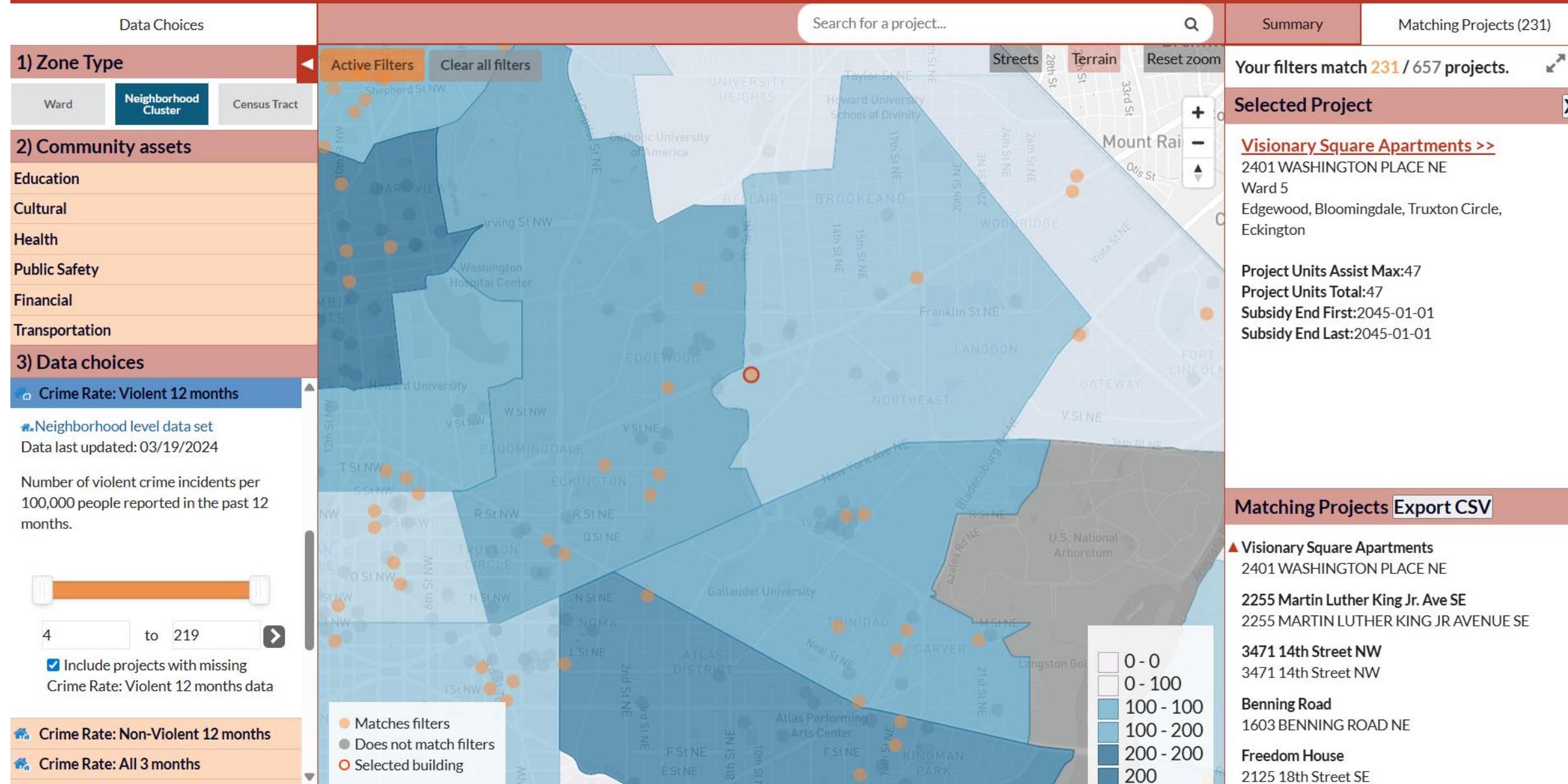
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100 - 100

100 - 200

200 - 200

200+



# Resources

[A Strategy for Preserving Affordable Rental Housing in the District of Columbia](#)

[HousingInsights.org](#)

[Housing Insights GitHub code repository](#)

[Housing Insights: Bringing Open Data to Affordable Housing Decisionmakers](#)

[National Housing Preservation Database](#)

# Thank you!

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