

# Preservation Next Colorado Academy

Navigating Rehabilitation of Small to Medium Multifamily Properties

June 13, 2023



# Today's Agenda

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 Sara Haas, Senior Director, Enterprise Preservation Next

# 8 REHABILITATING SMALL TO MEDIUM MULTIFAMILY PROPERTIES: BEST PRACTICES AND CASE STUDIES

- Robin Wolff, Director of Rural Housing, Enterprise
- John Bissel, Director of Property Assets, Urban Land Conservancy
- Shelley Pfeiff, Deputy Director, Total Concept

### **AUDIENCE Q&A AND PANEL DISCUSSION**

 Moderated by Brandyn Walker, Fellow, Enterprise Rocky Mountain

# 34 PRESERVATION NEXT TOOLKIT: REHABILITATION RESOURCES

 Jessie Wang, Fellow, Enterprise Preservation Next

### **36 SESSION SURVEY**

## A Thank You to Our Funders

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## **Preservation Next Overview**

Preserving Affordability in Small to Medium Multifamily Properties and Protecting Residents from Displacement

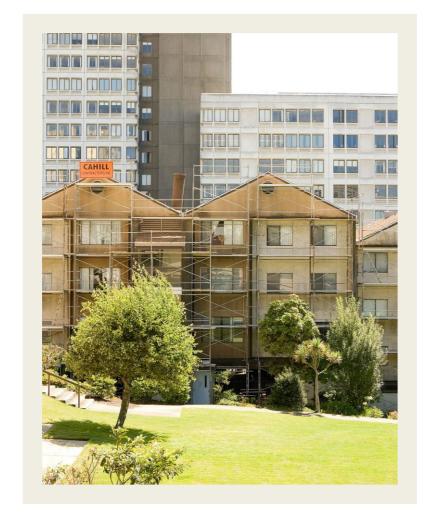
Solutions at the intersection of renter and owner stability to promote an eviction prevention-first approach

Through Preservation Next, Enterprise is committed to preserving affordable small to medium multifamily homes and ensuring that residents have access to safe, healthy, and resilient places to live.

To truly preserve these homes and protect affordability for residents now and into the future, we must:

- Protect existing affordability where it currently exists.
- Provide housing stability and prevent displacement of existing residents and families.
- Invest in healthy, sustainable, and resilient homes.
- Foster responsible stewardship by mission-aligned owners.

Small and medium sized properties provide a crucial foundation for affordable housing in this country: 80 percent of homes in these buildings are available to people who earn less than 80 percent of the area median income



## **Meet Our Preservation Next Team**

### **National Staff**



### Sara Haas

**ENTERPRISE, SENIOR DIRECTOR, SOUTHEAST** 

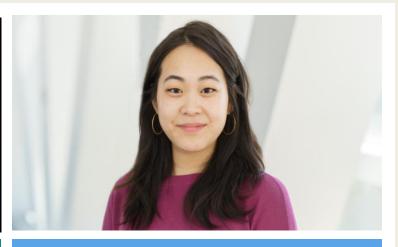
At Enterprise. Sara leads affordable housing preservation programming in Miami and Atlanta, the Keep Safe Florida Resilience program, and the National Preservation Next program. Prior to joining Enterprise, Sara developed and managed national AmeriCorps VISTA programs at Habitat for Humanity International and Points of Light. Sara lives in Atlanta with her husband Stew, son Eli and dog Dolly Parton.



### Meaghan Vlkovic

**ENTERPRISE, VP AND MARKET LEADER, SOUTHEAST** 

Meaghan leads Enterprise's programmatic work in the Southeast region, focused on providing an array of resources to affordable housing and community development partners. This includes capacity building assistance for proactive preservation and production of housing, and helping communities plan for future development, such as transit-oriented development opportunities.



### **Jessie Wang**

ENTERPRISE, PRESERVATION FELLOW. **PRESERVATION NEXT** 

At Enterprise, Jessie supports program development and delivery for the National Preservation Next program. Prior to joining Enterprise, Jessie worked at the Institute for Housing Studies at DePaul University, where she contributed to the organization's applied research platform and provided technical assistance to Chicagoarea affordable housing practitioners.

## Preservation Next's Colorado Team

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### **Jennie Rodgers**

VP, ROCKY MOUNTAIN, TRIBAL NATIONS, AND **RURAL MARKET** 

Jennie leads Enterprise's work with local partners in Denver to increase and deploy resources for affordable housing, advocate for local and state affordable housing policy, and provide technical assistance and training. She has 30 years of experience in the arenas of affordable housing policy, finance and development, and has worked in the nonprofit, private and government sectors on urban and rural housing initiatives.

### **Brandyn Walker**

PRESERVATION AND PRODUCTION FELLOW, ROCKY MOUNTAIN. TRIBAL NATIONS, AND RURAL MARKET

Brandyn is Enterprise's Production and Preservation Fellow in the Denver office. Before joining Enterprise, Brandyn worked as a real estate project analyst for Avalon Housing, an affordable housing provider in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Brandyn's background also includes experience at The City of Ferndale and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

### **Christi Smith**

**DIRECTOR, ROCKY MOUNTAIN PROGRAMS** 

Christi a is Director of programs at Enterprise, where she leads Enterprise's work in Colorado and oversees the Wells Fargo Housing Affordability Breakthrough Challenge, a \$20 million initiative that supports the development and scalability of new ideas and approaches to address the nation's affordable housing crisis. Prior to joining Enterprise, Christi was VP of strategy and communications for Urban Land Conservancy (ULC).

## Join Us!

# Colorado Preservation Academy Sessions

# March - October 2023

Dates	Sessions			
March 28, 2023	Preservation Academy Kickoff			
April 11, 2023	Preservation Deals: Organizational Sustainability and Business Planning			
May 2, 2023	Acquisition, Property Identification, and Evaluation of SMMF Properties			
May 23, 2023	Financing SMMF Preservation			
June 13, 2023	Navigating Rehabilitation of SMMF Properties			
July 11 & 12, 2023	In-Person Convening: Sustainability, Resilience and Health Considerations for SMMF Preservation			
July 11 & 12, 2023  August 8, 2023	Resilience and Health Considerations for			
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August 8, 2023	Resilience and Health Considerations for SMMF Preservation Preservation Development Models Community Land Trusts and Preservation:			
August 8, 2023 August 22, 2023	Resilience and Health Considerations for SMMF Preservation Preservation Development Models Community Land Trusts and Preservation: Deep Dive Special Session			



## **Meet Our Guest Speakers**







### **Robin Wolff**

**DIRECTOR OF RURAL HOUSING, ENTERPRISE** 

Robin is the Director of Rural Housing at Enterprise where she is responsible for implementing the market's housing and economic development strategies, including the provision of TA and training to nonprofit organizations, government agencies, tribal non-profits, and other stakeholders in rural and Native communities across the nation. Prior to joining Enterprise, Robin served as the Deputy Director of Community Resources and Housing Development Corporation (CRHDC) a nonprofit housing developer and service provider with an extensive rural portfolio.

### **Shelley Pfeiff**

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND DEVELOPER, TOTAL** CONCEPT

Shelley Pfeiff serves as Deputy Director of Total Concept, a nonprofit providing housing and community development services in over 20 southeastern Colorado counties. Shelley has progressed as the organization has evolved, starting as Business Manager, to Asset Manager, and now transitioning to Development. She has over 20 years of business and ownership experience providing her with the needed skill set to manage day to day operations as well as strategic and property goals.

### John Bissell

**DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY ASSETS, URBAN LAND CONSERVANCY** 

John joined ULC September of 2017 as the Director of Property Assets. In his role, John manages ULC's Assets team and makes decisions that impact the financial performance of ULC's properties. John works closely with ULC's third party property managers to ensure the overall success of these properties. He is the lead for all properties managed by ULC. with responsibilities including cash flow management, third party contract negotiations, capital improvement projects and the overall guidance of property assets.

## Framework











### **IDENTIFY HOMES**

- Identify high-priority buildings
- Begin feasibility analysis

- PREDEVELOPMENT
- Asses building conditions & resident needs
- Identify funding sources
- Negotiate with owner

### **ACQUISITION**

- Finalize purchase agreement
- Close acquisition financing
- Complete inspections
   & construction plan

### REHABILITATION

- Secure permits
- Manage construction in coordination with residents & contractors

### **STEWARDSHIP**

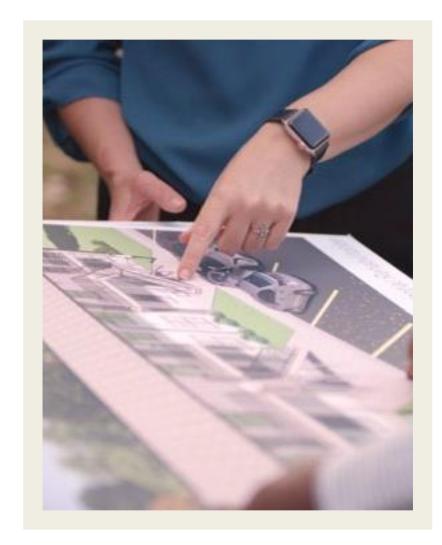
- Engage service providers
- Perform property & asset management
- Sustain resident engagement

# **Rehabilitation-Why?**

- **Deferred maintenance** 
  - Maintain safety
  - Good working order
  - Accessibility
- Replacing major building systems
  - Improving the energy efficiency of the property to improve operating efficiency
- Improving the economic health of the property
  - Reconfiguring units to correspond to new kinds of demand.

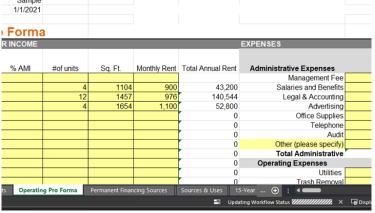
## **Determining the Scope**

- Detailed planning and reliable cost estimates are critical to success.
- You will need to gain access to the property for assessment prior to acquisition
- Doing this assessment with a general contractor and/or architect will help you get accurate estimates of cost
- A Capital Needs Assessment (CNA)
  - Third-party assessment to determine a Property's physical capital needs
  - Assesses needs over the next 20 years based upon the observed current physical conditions of a Property.



# Why is a CNA important?







**Scope of Work** 

What is required vs. what is desired

Rents

**Mixed Income** 

**Reserve Analysis** 

Do you have enough to do what your projected needs are?

## Rehabilitation- To Phase or not to Phase

- Rehabilitation of any scale will impact residents.
  - Relocation plan?

### **Options:**

- Rehab completed all at once
- Rehab completed for groups of units at a time
- Rehab completed in phases over time based on the types of changes required.

# Rehabilitation- Construction Management

- Select a Contractor/GC you trust
- Set your construction schedule and stay on top of it
- Are there public funds that have procurement requirements?
  - Davis Bacon?
- Inspections, hiring, and reporting requirements
- Construction Financing timelines are important to stay on budget

## The Villas at Wadsworth Station: Completed Rehabilitation







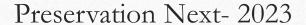








Source: Urban Land Conservancy







# Creating & Preserving Rural Housing

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# Total Concept



Outreach And Advocacy

Community Impact Direct Assistance Advocacy Policy Development



Asset & Property Management

Owned Fee Management



Lending and Loan Portfolio Management

Home Repair

DPA

Micro Business



Housing
Preservation &
Home
Ownership

Homebuyer
Education
HUD Certified
Counseling



Development Services

Rehabilitation
Single Family
Multi-Family
Historical
Community
Sub-division



Construction Services

Residential Commercial

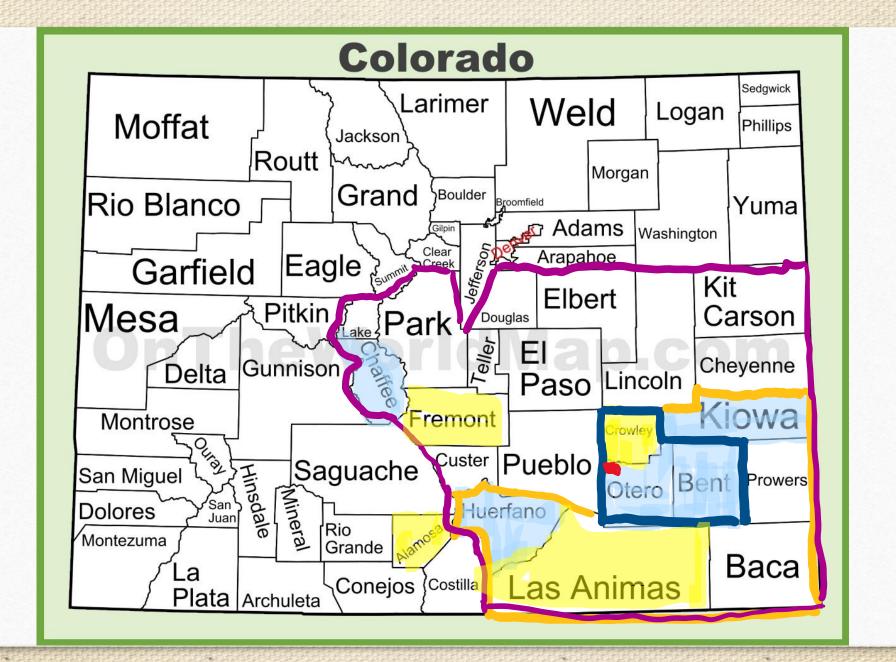


Housing Authority

HCV

**Comprehensive Service Offerings** 















# Property and Asset Management

Total Concept owns and/or manages a number of apartment complexes:

- 300 units comprising 15 projects 206 miles from east to west (3 hours 40 minutes)
- 127 Section 8 Housing Choices Vouchers for the Las Anima Bent County Housing Authority

Our approach focuses on four primary areas:

- Tenant Management
- Fiscal Management
- Facilities Management
- Compliance and Regulatory Management









# Development & Management in

## Rural and Remote Areas

Huge impact in the community

- Limited or no GC availability. Same for Subs. Workforce recruitment difficulty.
- Building Materials are generally hard to obtain, especially bulk appliances.
- All professionals need relevant and direct experience in these larger projects.
- Small developers are at a disadvantage due to complexity. Need to have experience, and opportunity to develop additional projects. Danger of saturating your market.
- Smaller municipalities typically don't understand their ordinances they need your help in interpreting or in modifying/updating them.
- While trying to use local vendors is noble, they typically don't have the knowledgebase, capacity, or desire to adhere to compliance requirements.







# Morningside Heights Apartments La Junta, Colorado

An important and much needed Affordable Housing Asset

But it was old, had many problems, and not "loved" by the community.

Affectionately known as:

Morningside Frights or Homicide Heights











# Timeline of Events

- July 2011 Tri-County Housing assumed Management and Ownership
- 2012 worked thru and cured most issues. Achieved 100% occupancy.
- 2013 a successful year:
  - HUD HAP contract renewed for 20 year period
  - Applied for 9% LIHTC and reservation approved
- 2014 a very busy year:
  - Architectural, funding, contracting, HAP re-assignment, Carry-over allocation
- 2015-2016 construction with relocation. Including construction issues.
- 2017 completion and perm financing.









# Regional Area Demographics of the Project

### 3 Counties:

- 5,321 Square Miles
- 30,172 Population
- Population per Square Mile: 14.9 Otero County, 4.3 Bent County; 7.4 Crowley
- Median Income: \$32,500 \$35,292
- Poverty Rate: 23.5% Otero County; 32% Bent County; 47.4% Crowley County









# Understanding of the Situation

- Owner was a 501(c)4 organization:
  - Ministerial Association
  - Compliance and reporting requirements beyond ability of management and board
  - Owned another property (Golden Maple) with similar issues
- Owner received minimal or no supports
  - Local Housing Authority refused to assist
  - HUD continued to fire off cure requirements, but no TA or Work-out plan options







### On the HUD Watch List

-HUD "fired" auditor
-Board required to fire longterm management
-Low scores on REAC and
MOR
-HAP contract expiring

### Some of the issues

-delayed maintenance
-compliance issues
-frequent law enforcement visits
-financially distressed
-high vacancy











## **Configuration:**

- -50 units total
- -8 structures
- -1,2,3, and 4 bedroom units

### Physical issues

- no insulation
- cast iron and clay sewer system in the ground
- Build-up in water supply lines in the ground
- overgrown vegetation
- reroofed 2 years prior to acquisition, but decking not replaced
- Asbestos and Meth





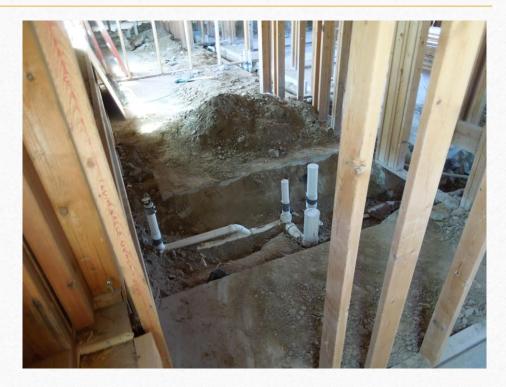






# A complete gut and rehab











# Permitting and Ordinance Challenges



- ROW (Right of Way): Private water company system encroachment but "owner" was not legal owner and unable to get that corrected in order to negotiate with us for modification to the ROW. Only solution was demolition of a portion of a building (the laundry room) resulting in redesign of units to include in-unit laundry.
- <u>Street Vacated</u>: The City's previous actions (in 1972) were in Council minutes, but the action was not recorded and thus required the formal process be repeated to grant the Street Vacation.
- Fire Code was an area we assisted the City Fire Chief to read and interpret.
- Outdated <u>Ordinances</u> we assisted City Administrator and Council to update various Ordinances especially with actual verbiage.
- <u>Set-back requirements</u>: the structures were initially built with a certain requirement that was later updated for greater # of feet. We had to go back to the City to get written assurance from City Council that in case of a complete loss (like a fire), rebuilding it would be exempt from current set-back requirements (this was the LIHTC investor requirement to build back on same footprint).







# Interesting Situations



- URA (Uniform Relocation Act) Construction was a phased approach so that whenever possible a building's residents would be temporarily relocated. In rural areas there is a limited number of available market units, so we utilized a number of our own properties as a site for those tenants.
- REAC inspection in the midst of construction! We requested various waivers from HUD as was possible work with your regulatory agencies...
- We had to assist GC in recruiting workers during construction. Project stalled during that time and resulted in a delay of date Placed-in-Service (and those problems...)
- Non-performing Sub had to be fired, but had personal ties to certain influential people in the community local politics and "good ole boy network" are a real thing.









## **Morningside Heights Apartment Rennovation Project**

**Entire Development Sources and Uses** 

	Sources			Uses
	Construction	Final		
			Land & Building	\$652,000
Canon National Bank	\$3,800,000		Site Work	695,512
Funding Partners	1,750,000		Construction	4,770,468
Tax Credit Equity	40,000	\$6,004,418	Asbestos	635,000
SECCED	500,000	500,000	Contingency	353,000
LJHC Property Loan - Seller Note	490,059	490,059	Professional Fees	423,000
LJHC Loan - Insurance Proceeds	100,000	100,000	Interim Costs	445,776
TCH Loan - DOH Grant	599,000	599,000	Perm Financing Costs	12,000
<b>TCH Loan - Neighborworks</b>	100,000	100,000	Soft Costs	99,500
CHAFA Loan		1,250,000	Syndication Costs	120,000
Deferred Developer Fee		264,779	Developer Fee (Net= \$660,221)	925,000
			Project Reserves	177,000
<b>Total Project Sources and Uses</b>	\$7,379,059	\$9,308,256	<b>Total Project Sources and Uses</b>	\$9,308,256









# Cast of Characters

- Initial Owner La Junta Housing Corporation
- Developer and Sponsor Total Concept (previously known as Tri-County Housing, Inc)
- Architect Hurtig Gardner
- General Contractor Acorn Construction
- Syndicator and Limited Partner Alliant
- Development and Construction lenders
  - Canon National Bank, Bank of the West, Funding Partners of Northern Colorado, Mile High Fund
- Perm Funders and Lenders
  - CDOH, NeighborWorks, CHFA, SECED, LJHC, TCH

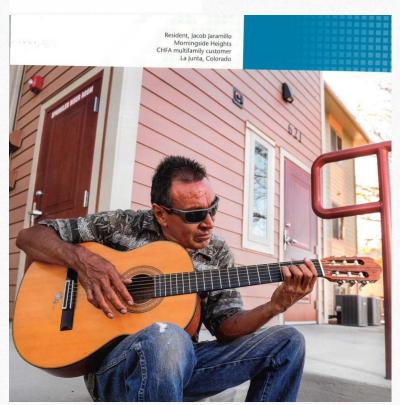








# And we all Lived Happily Ever After!













Q & A





# PRESERVATION NEXT TOOLKIT

## **Preservation Next Toolkit: Rehabilitation**

### Click here to access the Toolkit

- 1. Determining Your Rehabilitation Approach: Key questions to guide your planning, assessing property conditions, step by step guide to create your rehabilitation plan
- 2. Engaging Existing Residents: When and how to engage residents for occupied properties

- **3. Estimating Rehabilitation Costs:** Key contributors to rehabilitation costs, average estimates for remediation
- 4. Regulatory Considerations for Rehabilitation: Local regulatory considerations that will impact your rehabilitation plan and scope

### **Asbestos**

If a property's tank or pipe insulation is not fiberglass, it likely has asbestos insulation. According to one estimate, asbestos inspections can cost between \$500 and \$1,000, and the cost of removal is usually between \$10 to \$15 per linear foot. Alternatively, encapsulation costs \$5 per linear foot.

\$10 to \$15 ASBESTOS REMOVAL COST PER LINEAR FOOT.

**Parking Requirements Permitted Density Nonconforming Structures Building Codes** Accessibility Disaster-Resilience Requirements and Zones.

### Lead-based paint

Lead-based paint inspections generally cost between \$200 and \$400. The cost of removal usually runs between \$8 to \$17 per square foot, encapsulation costs roughly \$4 per square foot, and enclosing lead paint costs approximately \$10 per square foot. While removal can be more costly dollars-wise, it is the ideal approach when financially feasible.

LEAD-BASED PAINT REMOVAL COST PER SQUARE FOOT.

# What did you think of this session?

# Please take our five-minute survey in the chat

# Thank you

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### **Resources:**

<u>Preservation Next Colorado Academy Sessions</u>: Registrations, recordings, and materials <u>Preservation Next Small to Medium Multifamily Toolkit</u> <u>Enterprise Preservation Resources</u>