



**Rural Rental Housing Preservation Academy
August 6 and 7, 2025**

Day 1

8:00-9:00am	Registration, Breakfast
9:00-9:20am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:20-9:40am	The Role of Housing in Vibrant Rural Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Estes, Co-Executive Director, Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group
9:40-10:05am	What's at Risk: The Importance of Housing Preservation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emily Nosse-Leirer, Director, Rural and Native American Policy, Enterprise Community Partners
10:05-10:30am	USDA 515 Decoupling: Opportunities and Successes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seth Leonard, Senior Rental Housing Development and Preservation Housing Specialist, Housing Assistance Council
10:30-10:45am	Break
11:00am-12:00pm	Financing Tools for Preservation and Rehabilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steven Edmonson, Assistant Vice President & USDA Underwriter at Bellwether Enterprise• Katie Porter, Director of Acquisitions, Enterprise Housing Credit Investments• Moderator: Robin Wolff, Senior Director, Rural Communities, Enterprise Community Partners
12:00-12:40pm	Lunch
12:40-1:30pm	Programs and Partners for Housing Preservation in Rural Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pam Johnson, Senior VP of Partnerships and Programs, Fahe• Seth Leonard, Senior Rental Housing Development and Preservation Housing Specialist, Housing Assistance Council• Joseph Mattingly, Senior Loan Officer, Enterprise Community Loan Fund• Moderator: Chris Estes
1:30-2:30pm	Federal Policies that Affect Rural Housing Preservation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eric Alexander, Multifamily Development Director, Tennessee Housing Development Agency• Phillip Gillman, Deputy Commissioner, Housing Assistance and Development, Georgia Department of Community Affairs

- Erik Schmidt, Energy Program Administrator, Tennessee State Energy Office
- Moderator: Pat Cave, Senior VP of Policy, Enterprise Community Partners

2:15-2:30pm

Break

2:30-4:00

Case Studies: Successful Preservation Projects

3:45-4:00

Wrap Up

Day 2

8:30am-9:00am

Registration and Breakfast

9:00-9:15am

Welcoming Remarks

9:15-10:00am

Fireside Chat

- Ralph Perrey, Executive Director, Tennessee Housing Development Agency
- Dr. Christie Cade, Vice President and Southeast Market Leader, Enterprise Community Partner

10:00-11:00 am

State and Local Policy Panel

- Senator Richard Briggs, Tennessee State Senator
- Maggie Riden, Executive Vice President of External Affairs, Fahe
- Stephanie Watkins-Cruz, Director of Housing Policy, North Carolina Housing Coalition
- Moderator: Beth Stephens, Director, Southeast State and Local Policy, Enterprise Community Partners

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Disaster Recovery and Resilience Panel

- Pam Johnson, Senior VP of Partnerships and Programs, Fahe
- CJ Reynolds, Director of Resilience and Disaster Recovery with the Florida Housing Coalition
- Elizabeth Richards, Building Resilient Futures, Enterprise Community Partners

12:00-12:45

Wrap Up, Grab and Go Lunch