



### Harborlight Community Partners

#### *Making an Impact for Elders and Families on the North Shore*

The mission of Harborlight Community Partners is to provide housing and supportive services for low income elders and families living within Essex County. We seek to secure affordable housing for as many seniors and families in need as possible, which is dignified and well-maintained, and which contributes to neighborhoods characterized by compassion and integrity. HCP provides affordable housing in eight communities, which currently includes: Beverly, Ipswich, Hamilton, Wenham, Peabody, Marblehead, Rockport and Gloucester.

## Community Investment Plan Goals [\(CIP 2015-2017\)](#)



**GOAL: Provide high quality operation or support for HCP's current North Shore portfolio** of 371 homes providing housing for an estimated 500 people and that residents have safe, respectable, affordable places to live that are well maintained and with supportive services. This includes property management and long term asset management for all properties. This goal ensures cities and towns have decent, affordable housing allowing for low-income families, neighbors, employees, and others to live with dignity.

**GOAL: Develop and/or preserve additional affordable housing in the region**, such that more people who need affordable housing will be able to access it in the HCP footprint. Cities and Towns will maintain existing units on the subsidized housing inventory and add units to their inventory. Collectively there will be more units of housing in the region for their citizens..



**GOAL: Improve stakeholder participation** in the strategic planning and governance of HCP and associated properties. HCP households will have the ability to influence existing HCP property management, the provision of new HCP units, and any strategy HCP might engage in for advocacy or planning. Likewise, housing could be improved, residents could help create more housing, and it benefits them by giving a voice to advocate for certain kinds of housing needed by their constituents (i.e. homeless housing).



**GOAL: Support the utilization of fallow local housing capital (CPA, Trusts).** If more local money that is held can be put into action more units will be created, and more families in need will benefit from having affordable homes. Local groups who are building up capital without the ability to use it will be able to put it into action and create units. These units will impact subsidized housing inventory list while providing much needed housing for residents, benefitting them and the wider community.



**GOAL: Evaluate the need for and if needed create a plan to implement a first time homebuyer education program** available to the North Shore and focused on Danvers/Beverly/Peabody/Salem. Potential homebuyers would have access to a locally based and well informed resource to assist them in their efforts to buy a house, nonprofits and businesses that need this type of assistance for their clients, customers or employees would be able to access it benefitting more potential homeowners without residents having to travel significant distances which are prohibitive.



**GOAL: Encourage, educate, and/or assist local municipal affordable housing groups** and associated municipal staff or officials in their community based affordable housing efforts to assist cities and towns to better meet their affordable housing goals.

