

## STRENGTHENING & UNIFYING OUR COMMUNITY HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS



**THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION COALITION OF NYS** is a statewide membership organization of community-based not-for-profit Neighborhood Preservation Companies (NPCs) committed to revitalizing the State's urban and suburban areas.

The Coalition provides technical assistance, professional development training, and advocacy to member NPCs in the form of webinars, geographic service area certification, data-gathering and analysis. Additionally, The Coalition plans and organizes Advocacy Day in Albany and a yearly, three-day conference. A monthly newsletter, as well as weekly news emails, provide timely communications and outreach to members.

**NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION COMPANIES (NPCs)** are community-based non-for-profit housing companies. Serving within their communities, NPCs are on the frontlines of the State's housing crisis. They're often the last line of support for individuals before living in a shelter or on the street.

NPCs provide a broad range of preservation and revitalization services to include: housing counseling, landlord and tenant mediation, property management, crime watch programs, subsidy assistance, weatherization assistance, and legal assistance.

At the heart of many services is providing for safe and affordable housing within a community. The lack of affordable housing has increased in the past few years, reaching a crisis level in the State.

**52% of renters and 27% of homeowners in the New York State are cost burdened, spending 30% or more of their income on housing.** This impacts education, as well as community and economic health.

Most recently, NPCs have responded to community issues such as: displacement of persons during the pandemic and assisting with ERAP, food insecurity, and now, the migrant crisis.

**HISTORY & FUNDING** The Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) was established in 1977 by the legislature, based on a legislative finding that community development organizations relied heavily on voluntary services, short-range funding, and were typically underfinanced and understaffed.

NPCs receive funding through the NPP. The funding allows NPCs administrative resources necessary to service their community, to include staff and opportunities to create sustainable solutions.

**The amount of funding allocated to NPCs is determined by New York's budget each year.**