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About This Disk

The National Housing Institute is an independent nonprofit research and education organization dedicated to community revitalization by empowering residents of low-income neighborhoods, strengthening the civil society and enhancing the work of community builders through public policy and programmatic analysis, development and promotion. Founded in 1975, we communicate our research through symposia, reports and in our national journal *Shelterforce*.

On this disk you will find three documents that we hope will assist you in your work of producing affordable housing and revitalizing communities. We are very pleased to be making these available to you today.

Shared Equity Homeownership

In this first of its kind study, we examine the strengths and weaknesses of limited equity coops, community land trusts and deed-restricted homes together as a third sector housing strategy.

If your work involves the creation of affordable housing, as part of a community revitalization plan or to limit displacement caused by gentrification, shared equity homeownership should be part of your plan. This study identifies this sector's key elements, the underlying research supporting both claims and criticisms of these models and offers case studies of successful shared equity homeownership.

Building A Better Urban Future: New Directions in Housing Policies in Weak Market Cities

Working in collaboration with LISC, Enterprise and CDPN, NHI produced this report as a guidebook for community builders working in distressed communities. The report encourages housing programs and policies to be used strategically for comprehensive communities revitalization, entailing new partnerships, community planning and sometimes difficult choices to create long-term positive change. Over 6,000 copies of this report have been distributed and downloaded in the past year.

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Shelterforce is the journal of affordable housing and community building. It is the only independent voice for the community development movement covering economic and housing development as well as other key issues vital to the future of low-income neighborhoods.

We're pleased to provide this latest issue for your review and hope that you consider subscribing. The issues includes articles on community budgeting, neighborhood planning, promoting affordable housing to the general public and more.