



Making Lemonade Out of Lemons: New Opportunities for Scattered-site Affordable Housing

**May 19, 2009
Federal Reserve Board
1850 K Street, NW, 4th Floor
Potomac and Shenandoah Rooms**

The Federal Reserve Board's breakfast forum will focus on opportunities afforded by the current housing crisis to create affordable rental housing through existing inventories of property. This session will focus on how communities can include single-family, condominiums and other vacant properties as part of an expanded rental portfolio. The presenters will examine the policies needed to create and effectively manage a scattered-site rental housing program, and the amount of subsidy, if any, that is needed to make a business plan work. Best local practices will be highlighted and the potential role for public housing authorities and nonprofits to provide assistance will be examined.

8:00 a.m. Registration and Networking Breakfast

8:45 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

Sandy Braunstein, Federal Reserve Board

Joseph Firschein, Federal Reserve Board

Keynote Presentation

Eric Belsky, Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies

9:30 a.m. Panel: Innovations in Scattered-site Management

Jill Khadduri, Abt Associates (Moderator)

Thomas Skinner, RedBrick Partners

Ann Houston, Chelsea Housing

Jon Gresley, Oakland Housing Authority

10:45 a.m. Closing Remarks and Adjourn