

Cross-County Similarities in Issues and Solutions, as Stated During the 2008 Caravan

Issues	Decatur	Springfield	Quincy	Macomb	Peoria
Lack of Quality Affordable Housing (Single Family Homes and Rental Housing)	x	x	x	x	x
Lack of Information and Support (from IHDA and HUD) to Develop Housing			x	x	
Lack of Resources and Funding to Develop Housing	x		x	x	x
Lack of Emergency Shelter Transitional Housing for Homeless Families	x	x	x	x	
Foreclosures and Predatory Lending					x
Aging Housing Stock/Lack of Upkeep	x			x	x
Negative Perceptions About Affordable Housing/Affordable Housing Attracts People from Other Communities		x	x	x	x
Energy Costs Too High	x	x	x		
Need for Pre-purchase Homebuyers Counseling	x			x	x

Issues	Solutions	Housing Action Illinois Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Quality Affordable Housing • Lack of Resources to Develop Housing • Lack of Emergency Shelter Transitional Housing • Aging Housing Stock 	More funding and more flexibility in use of funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure \$100 million annual allocation in capital budget for creation and preservation of affordable housing. • Secure funding increase for State Emergency Food and Shelter program in FY2009. • Reform Rental Housing Support Program - Improve program implementation in one or more areas, including increasing appropriations, administrative fees, adjusting rent levels, and/or special needs targeting provisions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Information and Support (from IHDA and HUD) to Develop Housing • Negative Perceptions About Affordable Housing 	Education and Outreach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing Month in November provides opportunities for organizations to do public education activities, such as legislative breakfasts, congregational outreach, and tours of affordable housing. • Housing Action undertaking study of Housing Choice Voucher use throughout Illinois, including mobility and portability issues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreclosures and Predatory Lending • Energy Costs Too High 	Networking / Coalition Building.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Meeting in November and Spring Annual Convention provide education and networking opportunities. • Committees and working groups focused on specific issues, such as housing counseling, homeless services, and housing development. • Coordinate Housing Roundtable and HousingMatters.net.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-purchase Homebuyers Counseling • Foreclosures and Predatory Lending 	Increased Technical Assistance/Support for Rural Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Workshops and Technical Assistance provided to nonprofit housing developers and housing counseling agencies.