



De-concentration Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to state, in writing, the Housing Authority of the City of York's policies on the de-concentration of low-income families through the housing programs it administers.

General Principles

The Housing Authority of the City of York, hereafter referred to as Authority, recognizes the need to administer its housing programs in a manner that does not lead to the concentration of low-income households in any public housing development, in the case of the Public Housing Program, or census tract, in the case of the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program.

The Authority's 1978 Agreement with the County of York to administer its programs County-wide, outside the City of York, offers participants in the programs many opportunities to live in areas of the County that otherwise may not be available to them.

Policies

Public Housing Program:

In accordance with the Admission and Occupancy Policy, the Authority will administer the Public Housing Program in a manner that strives to avoid a concentration of very low-income families in any one housing development. Twice annually, the level of very low-income households will be calculated for each development. Preferences will be given for households that meet the desired level of representation based on the "Income Ranges" in the Admission and Occupancy Policy. This will be done in a manner that conforms to regulations on income targeting.

Future development of low-income housing will take into consideration the goal of creating a mixed income development/neighborhood. Site selection, the size of the development and the financing requirements will be decided with this goal in mind.

Section 8 Rental Assistance Program

In accordance with the Section 8 Administrative Plan, the Authority promotes freedom of housing choice and spatial de-concentration of very low-income families of all races and ethnic backgrounds. Throughout the Plan, procedures are in place to encourage families to search for housing in areas throughout the County of York without low income or minority concentrations. Annually, the Authority will monitor the level of families residing in low poverty census tracts, and, high minority census tracts; and, if needed, amend procedures to insure a satisfactory level of residency in these areas. All procedures will be followed in a manner that conforms to regulations on income targeting.