

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HRC- MANAGED SCATTERED SITE HOUSING

What is Scattered Site Public Housing?

Scattered Sites are low rise buildings spread throughout Chicago's neighborhoods. They can be single-family dwellings, town homes, 3 or 6 flats, new construction or rehabbed buildings. None are high rises and none have elevators.

Sometimes two or three scattered site buildings are located next to each other on the same block, but may stand alone and look much like the privately owned buildings that surround them.

All of the scattered sites are owned by the Chicago Housing Authority, but are managed by private property management companies.

The scattered site program began in 1969 as the result of a court case known as Gautreaux vs. CHA. Dorothy Gautreaux and other public housing residents charged the city with deliberate racial segregation by concentrating all public housing in large, high rise buildings in minority communities. The judge agreed and ordered the CHA to develop small buildings scattered throughout Chicago's many neighborhoods, particularly in predominantly Caucasian neighborhoods.

There are about 2,500 units of scattered site housing in the City of Chicago. At least, 50% of all the units in each building are reserved for individuals already living in that neighborhood, 25% of the units are occupied by CHA families transferring from other public housing developments and 25% of vacancies are filled from the CHA general waiting list.

How Does one become a resident of Scattered site?

HRC's scattered site buildings, a family must first apply for housing through the Chicago Housing Authority and be placed on a waiting list.

Once your registration number comes to the top of the list, the family must meet the income guidelines set by the Federal government along with other guidelines that show the individual is appropriate for low-income housing.

HRC screens applicants by conducting initial interviews in the management office, contacting former landlords, employers, and credit references.

HRC looks for families who have demonstrated that they know how to care for an apartment, pay rent on time, have well-behaved children, and are willing to do their share to keep scattered site buildings in good livable condition.

HRC maintenance staff cannot be at all 156 buildings everyday; each scattered site resident must be a partner with HRC in keeping his or her building clean, safe, and pleasant place to live.

Residents will be asked to.....

Keep an area of their building clean at all times.

Participate in building beautification projects such as planting flowers or a spring/fall clean and green campaign.

Know their neighbors and work with them to make the scattered site building the best building on the block, and also to improve their community by becoming involved in a positive manner.

**What is the
Housing Resource Center?**

The Housing Resource Center (HRC) is a project of Jane Addams Hull House Association which has over 100 years of providing services to Chicagoans in need. HRC is a community-based, non-profit property management company that provides property management services to low-income housing residents of Chicago.

In 1983, CHA chose HRC to manage all of its scattered site buildings on the Northeast/west side of the city. It currently manages 622 units of housing in 156 buildings in the Lakeview, Uptown, Edgewater, Rogers Park, West Ridge, Lincoln Square, Near North, North Center, Edison Park, Norwood Park, Jefferson Park, Dunning, Mont Clare, Belmont-Cragin, Hermosa, and O'Hare community areas.

HRC insists that its residents do their share to preserve affordable housing by paying rent on time, keeping the units in clean condition and respecting the rights of their neighbors.

HRC is a part of Hull House, it also strives to improve the quality of life of its residents and their communities by offering social service assistance and empowering residents to take leadership roles in their building and community.