What Happened to Redevelopment Land?

A Step-by-Step Guide to Finding Your City’s Remaining RDA Property
What was Redevelopment?

- From 1945 - 2012 the state of California allowed cities to purchase, acquire, and consolidate land assets for development through Redevelopment Agencies (RDA).
  - If your city had RDA, it can be found on this list.
- In 2011 these entities were dissolved, leaving many cities with extra land to dispose of, and complicated rules about how they could use the land.

- These property assets could serve an important purpose as sites for future affordable housing development.
RDA Property: Two Potential Sources

• This guide will help answer:
  – What agencies own former RDA properties?
  – What are the current obligations on these properties?

• The dissolution process divided real property assets once held by the RDA between two separate entities: Redevelopment Succession Agencies and Housing Successor Agencies.
Redevelopment Successor Agencies

• Successor Agencies are responsible for most former RDA land.
• These properties are documented in city specific Long Range Property Management Plans (LRPMP)

• The LRPMP is:
  – An inventory of all former RDA-owned properties
  – Designation for how the properties would be utilized, sold, or retained.
  – Key document to analyze to find out what real property assets existed that were NOT acquired for housing.
Redevelopment Successor Agencies

- **LRPMP** are available on the [State of California Department of Finance website](https://finance.ca.gov).  

- Click on the city you are interested in to access a pdf with all of the Successor Agency’s parcel information.

- All LRPMPs will include a table outlining the intended use of each parcel.
This table is a portion of the City of El Cerrito’s LRPMP.

The circles indicate what the city proposes to do with the parcels.
Redevelopment Successor Agencies

• The LRPMP indicate the following about parcels:
  
  – PERMISSABLE USE
    • Land held by Successor Agencies should be marked “held for future development”
    • Parcels will be designated for governmental use or held for economic development
    • with a requirement to work out compensation agreements with entities owed tax revenues (e.g. counties and school districts).
  
  – PROPERTY TYPE/PERMISSABLE USE DETAIL
    • This indicates whether housing might be an appropriate or a planned use
    • Some of the parcels identified in the LRPMP may be suitable for housing development, and will include the size and zoning designation of these parcels

• Understanding LRPMPs can be confusing. Contacting Successor Agencies directly can help provide clarity.
Housing Successor Agencies

• Housing Successor Agencies received assets that were
  – Land designated for housing functions
  – Land purchased with funds from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF)

• These parcels are currently held for developments that would conform to LMIHF standards
  – In redevelopment project areas 15 percent of all housing units constructed affordable to low- and moderate-income persons, including at least 6 percent affordable to very-low-income households
  – A list of showing which properties RDAs transferred to Housing Successor
# Example: El Cerrito Real Property Table

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Type of Asset</th>
<th>Legal Title and Description</th>
<th>Carrying Value of Asset</th>
<th>Square footage reserved for low-mod housing</th>
<th>Is the property owned by a low-mod housing covenant?</th>
<th>Source of low-mod housing covenant</th>
<th>Date of transfer to Housing Successor Agency</th>
<th>Construction or acquisition cost funded with Low-Mod Housing Fund monies</th>
<th>Construction or acquisition costs with other RDA funds</th>
<th>Construction or acquisition costs with non-RDA funds</th>
<th>Date of construction or acquisition by the former RDA</th>
<th>Interest in real property (option to purchase, easement, etc.)</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Real property</td>
<td>Real property address: 10684 and 10860 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito; Assessor Parcel Numbers: 503-010-003, 503-101-014</td>
<td>$3,950,000</td>
<td>59,176 sq ft for 63 dwelling units, including common area and circulation space. See Exhibit C, Item 3. Pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement, California Redevelopment Law, regulatory restrictions for affordable rental housing will be recorded on the subject property at the time the property is conveyed to the developer.</td>
<td>California Redevelopment Law</td>
<td>February 1, 2012, pursuant to City Council Resolution No.2012-04, when City elected to retain housing functions. Note: This property was deeded to the City on March 22, 2011.</td>
<td>$2,130,000 for land acquisition; $48,000 for developer loan agreement (see Exhibit C, Item 2).</td>
<td>$1,820,000 of tax-exempt bond proceeds for land acquisition; $310,000 in RPTTF requested to fund developer loan agreement (see Exhibit C).</td>
<td>All other proposed financing per developer proposal: $2,000,000 CDGB; $2,501,791 HOME; $1,200,000 PHA; $630,000 AHP; $11,071,287 LHTC equity; $1,017,031 Private financing.</td>
<td>1-May-09</td>
<td>see simple ownership</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Regulatory Agreement for mixed-income housing with commercial space</td>
<td>Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants El Cerrito Mill and Lumber (for the Village at Town Center, 10810 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito)</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>Development contains 156 units of mixed-income rental housing and commercial space. 24 rental units are deed-restricted to low- and moderate-income households through the Regulatory Agreement.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>California Redevelopment Law</td>
<td>1-Feb-12</td>
<td>$0, No RDA financial assistance.</td>
<td>$0, No RDA financial assistance.</td>
<td>No RDA or other public funds. Private financing. Estimated property value of $23,459,923.</td>
<td>Date of Regulatory Agreement is 11/22/2005.</td>
<td>Deed restriction running with the land.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Notice of Special Housing Affordability Restrictions for mixed-mod housing</td>
<td>Notice of Special Housing Affordability Restrictions, El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency, Itea Group (for the Del Norte Place, 11720 San Pablo Avenue)</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>Total estimated SP of mixed-use development: 124,257, including 135 rental units and 17,000 sq ft of commercial space. Per agreement, no less than 20% of rental units or 24 units reserved for very-low income.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>California Redevelopment Law placed by Notice. In addition, property has tax credit and state bond indenture deed restrictions recorded by other public agencies.</td>
<td>1-Feb-12</td>
<td>Approximately $3 million of LMHIF funded land acquisition in 1990. In 2003, the RDA sold its interest in the land to the developer and refunded a proportionate share of the sale proceeds to the LMHIF.</td>
<td>Information not available.</td>
<td>4% LHTC, mortgage revenue bonds issued by Contra Costa County, private financing.</td>
<td>Date of Notice of Affordability Restrictions is 04/01/1991</td>
<td>Deed restriction running with the land.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Partnership interest in landowner of low-mod housing with associated community center</td>
<td>Partnership interest in landowner of 102 units of senior housing and a community center. Landowner is St. John’s Land Redevelopment Agency, a partnership between the Roman Catholic Welfare Corporation of Oakland and the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency transferred to City of El Cerrito as Housing Successor. Address: 610 Gray Ave., El Cerrito. APNs: 002-040-002, 002-040-003, 002-040-031.</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>Development includes seniors care facility of 102 units of senior housing and a community center of approximately 5,000 sf. 30%, or 31, units of the 102 senior housing units are reserved for very-low income senior households.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Low-mod housing units covered by California Redevelopment Law and state bond indenture. Care facility is licensed by Department of Social Services.</td>
<td>1-Feb-12</td>
<td>A loan of $250,000 of LMHIF monies was made in 1987 and subsequently repaid, per the loan agreement, in 2008.</td>
<td>No RDA funds.</td>
<td>Land dedication by private entity, mortgage revenue bonds issued by Contra Costa County.</td>
<td>Partnership acquired property as of 12/07/1987.</td>
<td>Partnership interest in landowner.</td>
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Housing Successor Agencies

• When reviewing the Housing Asset List from the State website look for tables labeled “real property.”

• Housing Successor Agencies are often a city’s housing or community development department
  – For an updated list of former RDA real property held by local housing
What to Track?

If your organization is interested in understanding the landscape of real property assets, begin by compiling a spreadsheet or database with the following information:

- Street address
- Parcel #
- Information about estimated value
- Size of parcel
- Zoning restrictions
- Agreements/plans (as notes): Was this intended for mixed use? TOD? What were the original plans?
- Designation for use in LRPMP: Held for development, to be sold, government use
How to Use This Information

• Find out who is in charge of your city’s Redevelopment Successor Agency and Housing Successor Agency.
  – Examples include city council staff, housing departments, or community development departments

• Begin identifying parcels that may still be available in the LRPMP.

• Work with local affordable housing advocates to determine if these parcels are suitable for affordable housing or another community development use that would benefit your city.