



What Can You Do To Help?

Good ideas tend to build on one another, and that's why we need you to send us your very best. Specifically, we're looking for information on your community's experiences with state and local regulatory barriers, especially those that focus on effective strategies for overcoming adverse or negative conditions. To submit material, please call or e-mail RBC using the contact information provided.

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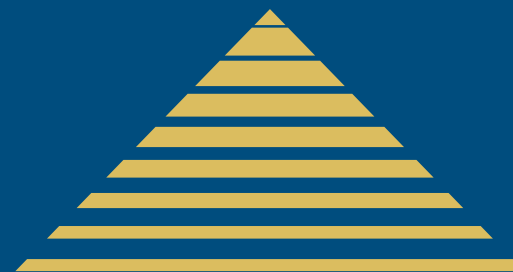
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What Part of the Solution Are You?



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To help overcome the state and local regulatory barriers to affordable housing, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has set up the Regulatory Barriers Clearinghouse (RBC). This new Web-based resource collects and disseminates information on the barriers faced in the creation and maintenance of affordable housing. You can be a vital part of the solution to overcoming regulatory barriers, both in your community and in others throughout the Nation. By sharing your experiences, you can help us impart a better understanding of the regulations that affect the production of affordable housing and let others in on the lessons you've learned along the way.



How Can You Be a Part of the Solution With RBC?

We're creating a forum for sharing ideas and solutions from around the country. When you send us the strategies and commonsense solutions that have worked well in your area, others will have the benefit of your expertise, and reinventing the regulatory wheel will become a thing of the past. With your help, we can overcome regulatory barriers to affordable housing.



RBC is here to assist by providing:

- ▲ A Web site, www.regbarriers.org, with a searchable database of problem areas, strategies, and success stories focusing on improving access to affordable housing.
- ▲ *Breakthroughs*, an electronic newsletter that highlights successful "real world" strategies.
- ▲ A toll-free number staffed by experienced housing professionals ready to answer questions on regulatory barrier issues.
- ▲ A listserv that will keep you informed about the latest information and resources that support regulatory solutions.
- ▲ A discussion board that allows practitioners to share information on their experiences in overcoming the barriers to affordable housing.

What Information Will You Find Here?

RBC collects and disseminates information that addresses the following content areas:

- ▲ Administrative processes and streamlining.
- ▲ Building and housing codes (including provisions for modular homes and technological advances).
- ▲ Fair housing and neighborhood deconcentration.
- ▲ Fees and dedications (including impact fees and permit costs).
- ▲ Planning and growth restrictions.
- ▲ Redevelopment/infill.
- ▲ Rent controls.
- ▲ State and local environmental and historic preservation regulations/enforcement process.
- ▲ Tax policies.
- ▲ Zoning, land development, construction, and subdivision regulations.



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