

Providing Guidelines to GreenRoots on Creating a Community Land Trust in Chelsea, Massachusetts



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Goal Statement

The goal of this project is to assess options and find stakeholder interest for creating a community land trust to provide affordable housing and community open space in Chelsea.

Gentrification in Chelsea

- Construction of middle class high rise buildings
- Steady increase in rental costs
- Citizens no longer renting but subleasing

The CLT Model

Community land trusts provide affordable and secure housing by providing long leases and having prices that are not affected by the fluctuating housing market¹. Community land trusts create affordable housing by developing and stewarding properties that sit atop land owned by the CLT itself².

Assessing a Community Land Trust in Chelsea Benefits Challenges Options

Accessibility to affordable housing

Buildings are safe and up to code

Alleviate overcrowding

Potential to create open space

Social momentum

Diversify affordable housing methods

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Pre-existing affordable housing options

Conflict with other organizations

New organizations have less influence

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Brownfields

Blighted land

Regular land

Receivership

Public housing

Low-income subsidized housing

Section 8 listings

Empower resident group

Inclusive board

Community
Preservation Act

Massachusetts Affordable Housing Trust Fund

North Suburban

Consortium

Community Development Block Grant

Local businesses