

### BENTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**HOUSING COMMUNITY** 

**DISCUSSION / SEPTEMBER 2023** 





## The lack of affordable housing for teachers has become a crisis across the nation

The Washington Post

School district asks parents to let teachers move in as rents soar



#### **FORTUNE**

SUCCESS · TEACHING

#### THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

U.S. U.S. EDUCATION NEWS

### Why Schools Are Building Housing for Teachers

Kansas City schools rent homes to teachers starting at \$400 a month to recruit more amid a national shortage

By Christian Robles Follow
Aug. 26, 2023 9:00 am ET

The housing affordability crisis is a hidden reason your kid doesn't have a teacher—stunning report shows teachers can only afford 12% of homes near their work





### **Executive Summary**

- Feasibility continues to increase each day
- \$20M \$25M project with multiple funding sources identified
- 10+ organizations engaging
- "Model for NWA and beyond..."
- Favorable Attorney General Opinion



# Excellerate Foundation is a health conversion foundation (Public Charity), operating for 25 years in NWA.

Social Determinants of Health Non-Profit Hospital (SDOH) Sale to For-Profit Housing 2. Goods Organization 3. Food 4. Transportation 5. Legal Health Conversion Foundation Investment 6. Social Support Non-Profit 7. Health (Excellerate) <-Approx 242 8. Money 9. Education 10. Work



### "Green band" emphasis, with three pillars





## Excellerate has a legacy of supporting Bentonville School District and greater Bentonville



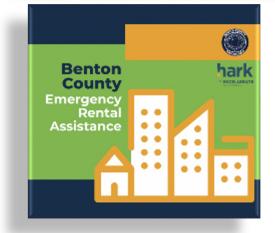
Bentonville AR Better Chance Pre-K

\$3.5M



Bentonville
Schools EAP+

154 SERVED



Bentonville ERA 1 & 2

\$4M



Bentonville Community Center

\$1M



### Excellerate is a key facilitator in driving multiple Affordable Housing initiatives in NWA

- NWA Regional Collaborator Multiple housing projects and funding
- **▶ Chair Bentonville Mayor's Affordable Housing Committee**
- ▶ Washington County Affordable Housing Fund \$1.4M
- **▶** Benton County Affordable Housing Fund \$2.4M
- ▶ 2023 HUD Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships



## The parcel suggested by BSD is a great location, but has some challenges...





## Floodplain considerations seem to point to one main useable area





### Floodplain issues can be mitigated by careful placement



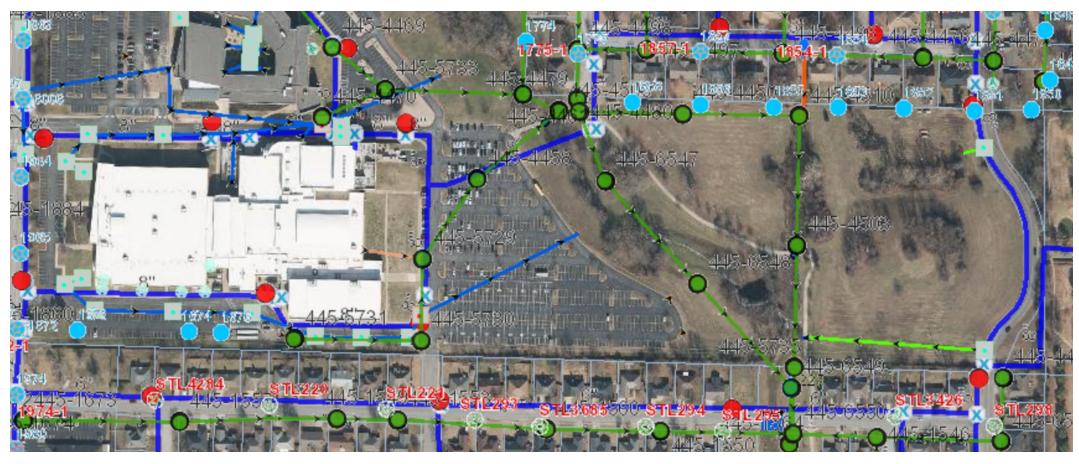
Plan all development east of greenway

Main entrance off "S" street

Secondary entrance from greenway



# All required utilities are close by and should not present an issue



- a. Dark green is the sewer
- b. Dark blue is the water
- c. Light blue dots is nearby electrical
- d. Light green is stormwater (southside of the site).



## The initial design could include ~100 family units with a range of income, size, style, rental/ownership options





### Parking and street layout strives to enhance a community feel



2 Multi-family (+/-30 each)

~24 - 2 bed 2 story

~21 – 1 bed 1 story

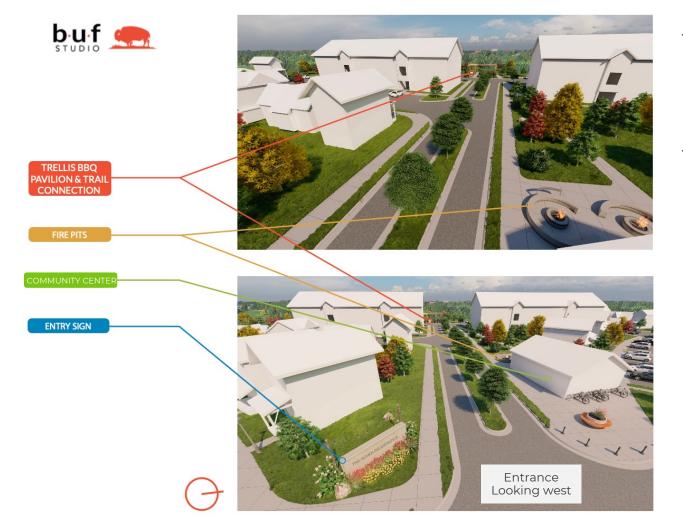
Total +/-105 units

#### Pavilion





# A community building would provide beneficial educational services for residents, students, and members of the school district



#### **Education**

Tutoring Life skills training

#### Health & wellness

Wellness seminars
Fitness programming
Nutrition education

#### **Financial**

Personal finance
Debt reduction
Preparing for home ownership

#### Community Building

Clubs, events, etc... Volunteering

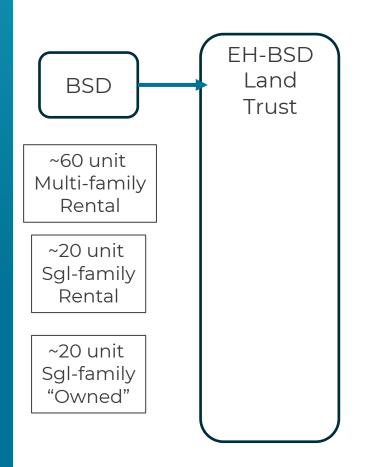


## The BSD project will use known building blocks assembled in an innovative way

Building Block	Purpose	Section Used
Land Trust	Ensures control via deed	All three sections
LIHTC / HOME Funds	Access Federal & State Funds	Section 1
Shared Equity	Advantages over home ownership	Section 3
Index-Based Appreciation	Balances first and second teacher	Section 3
Excellerate (as bank)	Advantages over conventional bank	Section 3



### Excellerate Housing LLC is structured to drive and maintain affordable housing



- Community land trusts <u>preserve affordable ownership</u> by <u>retaining ownership</u> of land and leasing it under a <u>long-term</u> <u>ground lease</u>
- 2. <u>Deed ensures</u> activities on the land preserve the <u>intentions of</u> the <u>school</u>
- 3. <u>EH operating the LT ensures policies</u> outside of those that can be included in the actual deed <u>are maintained</u>
- 4. <u>EH extends long-term lease</u> to the three "sections" of the project



### Three residential components are designed into the mixed use, mixed income community













# Section #1 – multi-family 50-60 rental units 2 & 3 bed \$750 "back of market" (eg \$750) BSD influence waiting list

Section #2 – single family rental +/-20 rental units 1 & 2 bed \$500 "back of market" (eg \$1000) BSD controls (eg who, income, rent)

Section #3 – single family homes +/-20 homes 1 & 2 bed \$180K - \$200K (teachers) Size 850 - 1000sq/ft BSD controls



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- Follows HUD/ADFA guidelines
- LIHTC\* approach stable since 1986
- Utilizes Federal / State funds
- Enrolls community bank partners
- ADFA limits on household's incomes (60% AMI)
- ADFA limits on rents (approx. \$750/month)
- Protections in place for 35 years
- Provides compliance mechanisms
- Open to BSD employees, parents of students, and BSD district citizens
- Public waiting list utilized



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INSPIRATION IMAGES









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- Acts like standard rental home
- Funded through philanthropy
- Financing enrolls community bank partners
- Sets limits on household's incomes (100% AMI)
- Sets limits on rents (approx. \$1000/month)
- Rent increase with AMI over time
- Limits household size
- Restricted to teachers of BSD
- Limited to 5 years



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## **Excellerate Housing LLC is structured to drive and maintain affordable housing**



Classic Home Ownership				
Benefits		Barriers/Impediments		
<b>Equity Appreciation</b>		Availability of houses		
Return of I	Return of Principal Cost of house			
Interest de	duction	Downpayment		
Long-term	ownership	PMI costs		
Personal to	ouch	Property Taxes		
		Closing Costs		
		Maintenance cost		
		Insurance cost		
		Interest Rates		



### EH plans to use a Shared Equity Program. What is it and how does it work?

- EH owns the homes, maintains the title (likely tax exempt)
- 2. Acts like home ownership but isn't
- 3. Participant <u>makes P&I payment</u>
- 4. Allows for <u>equity appreciation participation</u> and <u>recovery of principal</u> on exit
- 5. Only pay <u>insurance on contents</u> of the home
- 6. Provides <u>balance</u> between <u>equity gain</u> and <u>enduring affordability</u>
- 7. Provides control over <u>duration of occupant participation (5 year max)</u>
- 8. <u>Transition costs minimized</u>, on change of occupant, no need for realtors, appraisers, title companies, nor closing costs, etc...
- 9. Common areas maintained by property management
- 10. <u>Structured</u> to position teacher for <u>successful entry into next home</u>



### Excellerate will operate as the bank to bring additional benefits to the participants

- 1. No issue with land being owned / controlled via the EH Land Trust
- 2. EH will not require a down payment nor PMI
- 3. EH will provide an interest rate at or below market
- 4. Equity gain will be tied to an AMI index moderating equity growth (no appraisal concern)
- 5. By tying equity growth to AMI index, it ensures affordability for subsequent buyers



### Program sets teacher up for second home success

Shared Equity Teacher Start		tart	Shared Equity Teacher 2nd Home	
	Home price	\$200,000	Home price	\$300,000
	Down Payment	\$0	Down Payment	\$50,000
	Payment	\$1,500	Payment	\$1,900
	HH Income	\$ 65,000.00	HH Income	\$75,000

- Resources in place to help teachers prepare a plan for their long-term home
- Periodic reviews to ensure plan is on track and to assist with any issues that arise
- The goal is to ensure teachers are best positioned to move to their "forever homes"



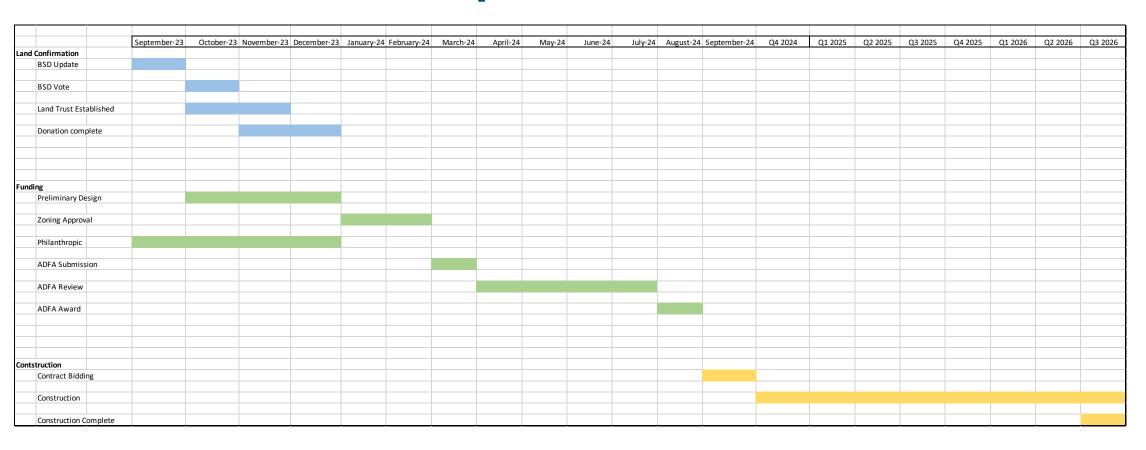


# Funding will come from multiple sources with no requirement from BSD

Sources		
Public	\$10,400,000	
Philanthropy	\$8,900,000	
Private	\$4,700,000	
TOTAL	\$24,000,000	



## The timeline projects to breaking ground in Q3 2024, with 2026 completion





## The payback to BSD employees and Bentonville citizens is multi-faceted

	Amount	
Property Enhancement	\$24,000,000	
Investment by BPS	\$1,677,060	
ROI	14	
Section 1		
Value to Participants	\$18,900,000	
Section 2		
Value to Participants	\$4,200,000	
Section 3		
Value to Participants	\$7,000,000	
Total Value to Participants	\$30,100,000	
ROI	18	



## QUESTIONS?