

The National Middle Neighborhoods Community of Practice

Middle Neighborhoods Initiative

A **National Initiative** focused on mobilizing attention to reverse the disappearance of middle neighborhoods through decline or gentrification. The initiative does this through

- A **Community of Practice** that facilitates peer-to-peer learning among middle neighborhood practitioners. The CoP connects more than 400 practitioners, policymakers and researchers to each other through webinars, events, case studies, newsletters, and virtual site visits.
- Research into topics relevant to middle neighborhood practitioners and policymakers.
- Policy analysis and advocacy around housing, lending and other community development issues.
- **Communications** strategies to advance awareness and technical knowledge among a wide variety of audiences.

The initiative is coordinated by the **National Community Stabilization Trust** and **NeighborWorks America** and is advised by a **Steering Committee** of 20 prominent researchers, practitioners, and policy makers.







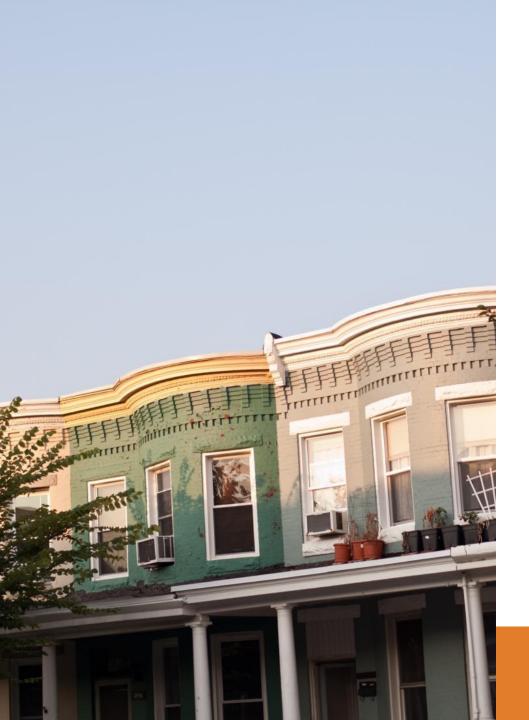
Characteristics of Middle Neighborhoods

- Mostly single-family homes built for families with children.
- Still well more than 50% owner-occupied, but slowly eroding.
- Housing stock is aging, still in generally acceptable condition, but often lacks features and updates to compete well for today's homebuyers.
- More racially, ethnically and economically diverse.



Many Middle Neighborhoods Are Faltering In Their Sustainability

- Ability to reliably attract replacement owner occupants and other neighborhood-friendly buyers
- Ability to generate home values that support quality maintenance, repairs and updates without appraisal gaps
- Ability to repel irresponsible investors
- Ability to maintain engaged residents taking stewardship of the neighborhood
- Ability to deliver home equity to owners and revenue to municipal government



Some Middle Neighborhoods Are Facing Gentrification and Displacement

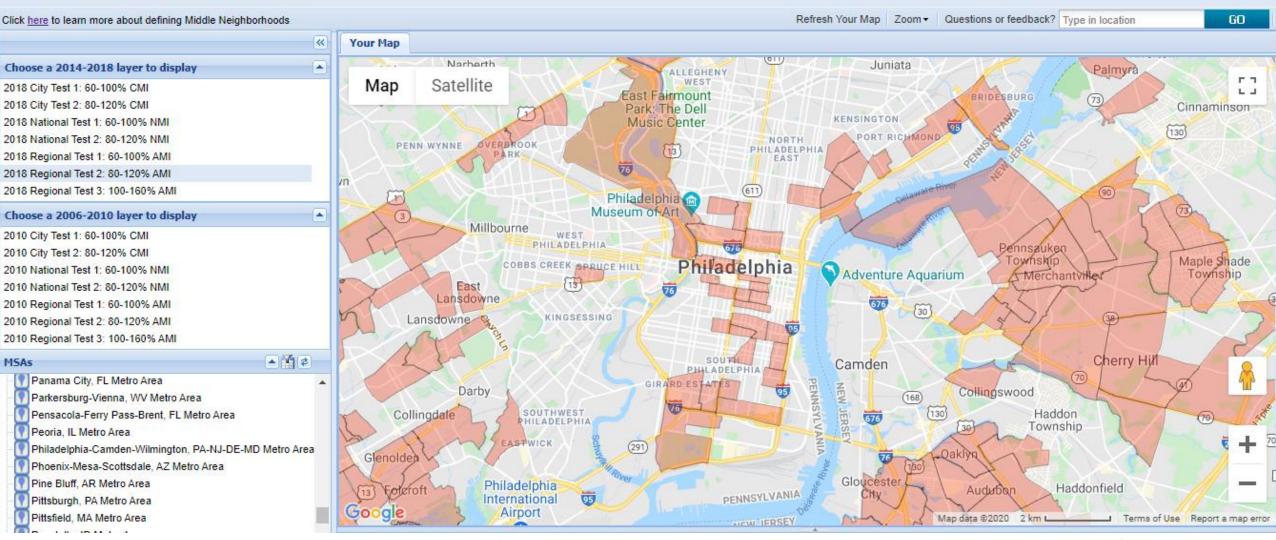
- Regions with strong economies and/or housing supply shortages
- Loss of affordable housing
- Risk displacement of lower-income renters, homeowners, and commercial tenants.
- A critical opportunity to:
 - Ensure that existing residents and businesses share in the community's growing prosperity.
 - Preserve affordable housing before it is lost.







http://middleneighborhoods.reomatch.com/



Displaying census tracts with median household incomes between 80 and 120 percent of regional/MSA median (\$69,465), or \$55,572 - \$83,358

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Community Development Financial Institutions

Middle Neighborhoods

community development financing



Getting to know you ...

Poll 1

Is your organization a CDFI, or do you have an affiliate CDFI?

Yes, No, Unsure

Poll 2

Have you invested in a CDFI or partnered with a CDFI to invest in your neighborhood?

Yes, No,



Getting to know you ...

Poll 3

Please rank the top three financing needs in your communities:

- Residential mortgages
- Commercial mortgages (multifamily, community facilities, business real estate, other than 1-4 family homes)
- Micro/Small businesses
- Consumer
- Other

Certified CDFIs

As of February 2023, there are approximately 1400 certified CDFIs across the States and Territories.

Regulated and non-regulated

Loan funds, banks, bank holding companies, credit unions, venture capital funds, housing organizations - sponsoring entity (Native)

The NeighborWorks network has 82 certified CDFIs and approximately 25 organizations seeking certification.



Certified Community
Development
Financial Institution
(CDFI)

https://www.cdfifund.gov/



Changes are coming May 2023 to certified as a CDFI by the CDFI Fund but for now...

- Community development mission
- Legal entity
- Financing entity
- Target market
- Development services
- Accountability
- Non-government entity

Organizations that provide financing for community development but are not certified by the CDFI Fund

It all starts with your strategic plan

- Mission (purpose)
- Products & Services (lending)
- Service Area (demand/unmet needs)
- Partnership (common group)

Community Development Financial Institution will ...

Create a market where none exists by providing capital and services to address unmet financial needs.



Products

- Residential real estate
- Commercial real estate
- Microenterprises/Small Businesses
- Business
- Intermediary
- Consumer
- Climate Centered



Licensing

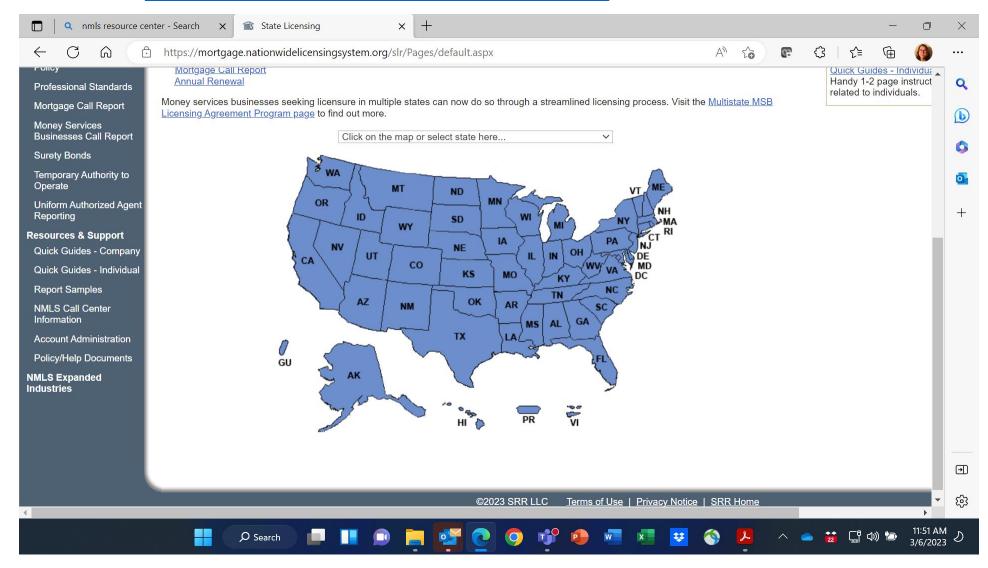
State

Financing Offered

Program



State Licensing (nationwidelicensingsystem.org)



Services

- Home buyer education
- Contractor training
- One-on-One counseling
- Business plan development
- Incubator/telework
- Peer Coaching
- Referrals to...
- Procurement



Target Markets

- Geographic (Census Tracts)
- Income (Low/Mod)
- Populations

African American, Hispanic, Native American, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Island living on Pacific Islands, people with disabilities, and other populations demonstrated lacking access to capital.

IN THE CHAT

SHARE WITH US ONE OR TWO NON-FINANCIAL PARTNERS YOU RELY ON TO CREATE POSITIVE IMPACTS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS

OR

COMMUNITIES



Roles CDFIs Play in a Partnership

- Educate
- Collaborate
- Finance
- Innovate
- Compliment
- Deliver

Examples of Roles CDFIs Can Play in Community Development Financing

Brokering

Correspondent

Direct



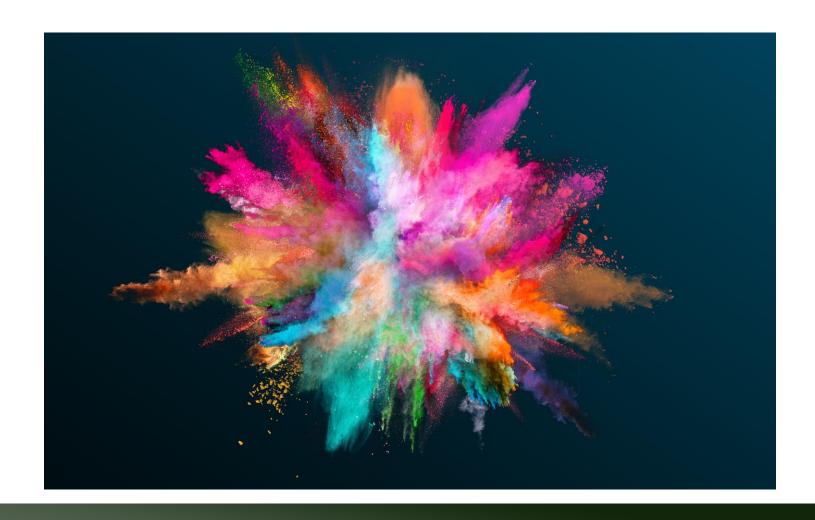
IN THE CHAT

SHARE WITH US ONE OR TWO SOURCES OF LENDING CAPITAL.





THANK YOU FOR SHARING PART OF YOUR DAY WITH ME!







COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF LONG ISLAND (CDCLI)

Presented by: Gwen O'Shea



About Us

Community Development Corporation of Long Island (CDCLI), a regional non-profit organization, was founded in 1969 by government, business, and civic leaders who came together to address the growing demand for affordable housing. That strong trisector support continues today. CDCLI is a nationally connected, locally focused organization, and has developed a strong reputation in its 50-year history of serving the Long Island community.

CDCLI is recognized by NeighborWorks America as an "exemplary organization." We are a HUD approved housing counseling agency and a chartered member of NeighborWorks America.

Our Mission and Vision

Mission: CDCLI invests in the housing and economic aspirations of individuals and families by providing solutions that foster and maintain vibrant, equitable, and sustainable communities.

Vision: CDCLI is a significant force for revitalizing and building strong communities because home matters for all people.







2022 MID-YEAR COMMUNITY IMPACT





INDIVIDUALS SERVED



\$61,261,114 INVESTED



Resident Services

- - 263 older adults received services to support
 - 266 participated in Family Self-Sufficiency; 12 graduates earned \$118,634 in escrow savings

matched with community services and activities

to achieve greater housing and economic stability

. 60 Hempstead Housing Authority residents

 59 Moxey Rigby residents (Freeport) received case management, resource referral/linkage, and/or onsite food security services



Homeownership Center

- 140 families completed Homebuyer Education, 137 families completed one-on-one counseling, and 47 families purchased their first home, totaling \$14.542.435 in purchases
- 78 completed Financial Fitness, Health, & Wealth
- 67 graduates enrolled in Financial Coaching
- 108 homeowners received foreclosure mitigation counseling, and 22 homes were retained
- 19 received reverse mortgage counseling
- 173 individuals received a total of \$1,213,023 in Rental Arrears payments



Rental Housing Assistance

- 5,890 rental subsidies enabling 12,876 individuals to live in safe and secure housing
- 16 Housing Choice Voucher families with schoolaged children relocated to a high opportunity neighborhood.



Residential Lending

· 19 loans closed, totaling \$908,500, assisting individuals with down payments, home improvements, and septic system replacements



Home Improvement & Optimization

- 24 home rehabilitation/accessibility improvements
- 216 homes received weatherization improvements, reducing annual energy use by a projected \$86,400



Community Building & Engagement

- 10 resident leaders collectively invested 1,949 volunteer hours of leadership development, peer assistance, and community fortifying work
- 4 team members and 2 resident leaders completed Building Leaders Building Communities facilitator training curriculum
- 15 residents across four communities completed 131 hours of leadership training



Housing Development & Planning

- Port Jefferson Crossing (45 units in Port Jefferson Station) and Evergreen (2 units in West Babylon) under construction
- Baldwin Commons (33 units in Baldwin)





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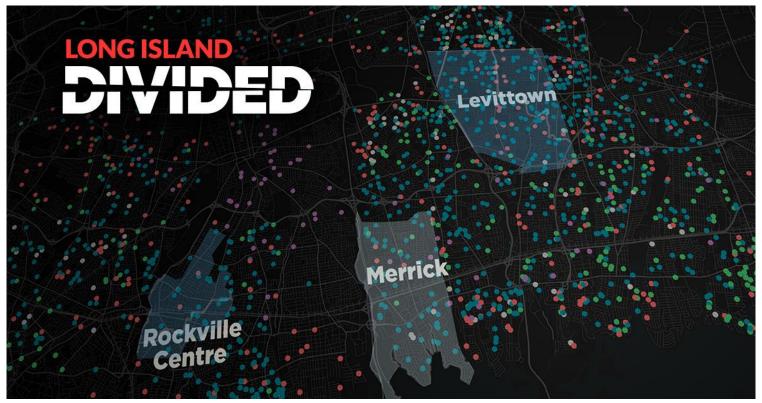
Parent Corporation

CDCLI
Housing
Corporation

CDCLI Funding Corporation



The Long Island Region & Its Housing Market





CDCLI Funding Corporation Products

- Down Payment Assistance
- Housing Choice Voucher Home
 Ownership
- Septic System Replacement and Retrofit Loan
- Down Payment Acquisition and Rehabilitation Loan
- Home Improvement Loan
- ADU's (Accessory Dwelling Units)

Small Business Lending





Thank You

We Invest in Your Dreams!

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Who is Community LendingWorks?

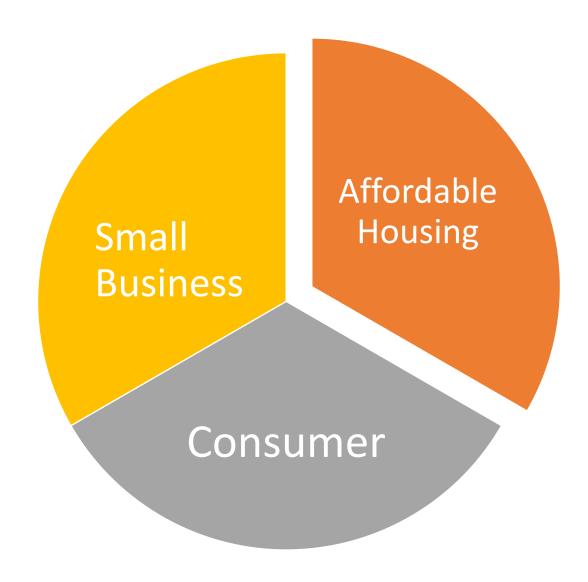
Community LendingWorks (CLW) is a certified 501(c)(3) nonprofit community development loan fund (CDFI).

Since 2011, CLW has deployed more than \$25 million in loans & grants to communities throughout Oregon.

Current Loan Products:

- **Business Loans:** (Micro –Small Business): Loans amounts from \$1,000 \$100,000 (pilot program for loans up to \$250K)
- Consumer Loans: (Auto, Personal, Credit Builder): \$300 -\$30,000

Community LendingWorks



Current Change In Optics...

- How we've lent in the past, won't look the same in the now/future
- Attracting "patient" lending capital is critical
- Creating lending products to help address access to capital concerns
- Understand/Embrace the capital gap is increasing
- Embracing technology and remote lending relationships
- Forecasting and understanding the opportunities/challenges ahead for mission driven lenders

Unique Loan Options

- Create Lesser Collateral Loans Options
- Leverage in Loan Loss Reserves & Creating Set-aside accounts

- Our current "Pilot Program" Options:
- Existing Business : 50% Collateral Coverage
- Startup: 60% Collateral Coverage

<u>Understanding the CDFI Ecosystem</u>

- CDFI are often misunderstood
- What can we do to help increase exposure and strengthen existing relationships?

JOIN US! The Middle Neighborhoods Community of Practice (CoP)

The Middle Neighborhoods CoP is an informal, facilitated network of practitioners, researchers and policymakers engaged in revitalizing middle neighborhoods. CoP members share learnings through topical webinars, referrals, site visits, phone calls, and occasional larger group events.

There are currently more than 400 people in the CoP. Please join us!

middleneighborhoods.org



Upcoming Events

APRIL 18: Engagement Chat (Noon, EST)

Supporting Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability in Middle Neighborhoods

Questions: anndipetta@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

APRIL 20: Webinar(Noon, EST)

Investing in the Middle

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Thank you for joining us!

Please email us if you have ideas for webinars, case studies, news stories, etc.

Tell us about your experience today!