

# PROPERTY TAX RELIEF DEFERRED LOAN PROGRAM

### Program Objective

The City of Durham Property Tax Relief Loan Program will offer deferred loans to eligible long-time homeowners who experienced an increase in property taxes due to the impact occurring from the City's revitalization or home improvement efforts.



## **Borrower Eligibility**

- Household Income must be 80% or below HUD AMI. There is no asset limitation
- Housing costs must be above 30% of total household gross income
- Property tax increase must be the result of a qualifying event
- Applicant must have resided in their home prior to the qualifying event and for a minimum of 5 years
- Eligible homeowners must have applied for the Homestead Exemption, Circuit Breaker, Disabled Veteran Exclusion, or other available tax abatement programs prior to applying for the deferred loan program
- Homeowners may apply for the program annually, not to exceed a maximum of four years



# **Eligible Properties**

- Property must be located in a target area where increased property values
  were a result of a City event such as revitalization or home improvements
  impacting at least \_\_\_\_\_% of the units in the target area.
- Revitalization projects or home improvements must have occurred within the last 5 years.



#### **Deferred Loan Terms**

- Loan will have a 0% interest rate
- Deferred until the property is sold or transferred
- The loan amount will be the difference in the amount of the previous year's property tax obligation and the 2016 property tax obligation
- The increase in tax obligation must be a minimum of 10%
- The borrower must occupy the home as their principal residence and must continue to do so until the home is sold or transferred
- The borrower will be responsible for all closing costs associated with the loan. These costs will be added to the loan amount



#### **Loan Costs**

- The estimated closing costs for the initial loan will be \$200-\$500. This
  includes document preparation and recording.
- Closing costs will be added to the loan amount.
- Based upon the GIS map information, the average increase in tax obligations in the Southside area for 2016 was \$314.00.





#### How Has the Revaluation and Downtown Development Affected Single Unit Residential Taxpayers near Targeted Development Areas in Durham?



