

Teeny Tiny Summit. Minden June 6, 2024



#### What We Do

Places for People creates and manages quality housing for low- and moderate income renters in Haliburton County, and offers support that helps them to thrive.

Incorporated 2007

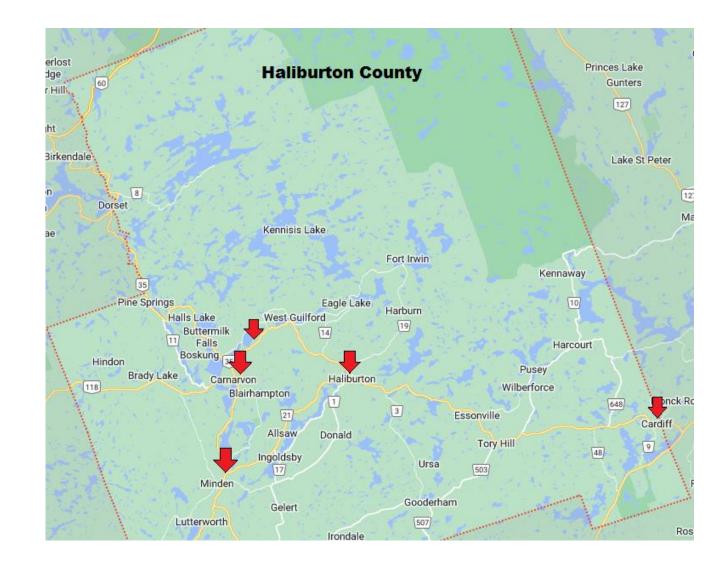
Landlords since 2010





#### Acquisitions history:

- 2009 duplex Haliburton
- 2012 duplex Carnarvon
- 2013 single fam Minden
- 2017 single fam Cardiff
- 2017 20 HHHS Minden
- 2019 1 BR apt Cardiff
- 2022 5-plex Hwy 118
- 2024 8-plex Haliburton



# The business model - 2018 pivot

# The old way – single fam or duplex, subsidized

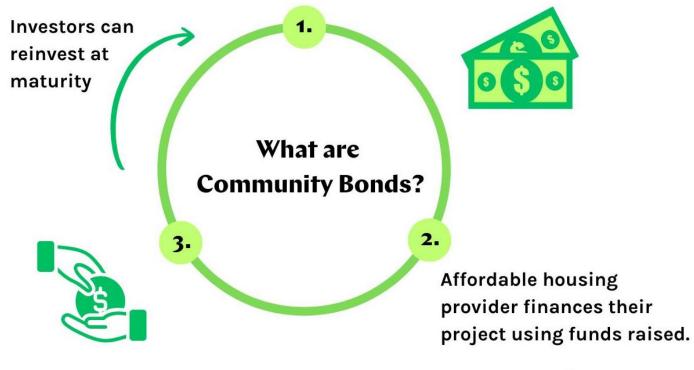
- Buy existing properties with VTB or private mortgage holder + promissory notes
- Renovate, rent
- Fund-raise to reduce mortgage so that rent sustains property
- Fund-raise for next purchase

# The new way – mixed demography multi-unit

- Small households are most in need of housing
- Density + mixed demography supports social inclusion
- New builds are cheaper to maintain & better environmentally...



new mixed-demography multi-unit properties Individual buys a bond, lending funds to an organization.



Investors are paid interest and repaid their principal investment. They also earn a social return!



**Tapestry** 

COMMUNITY CAPITAL

## Man Plans, God Laughs, Tapestry Helps

2018: Working w Tapestry Community Capital x 3 projects Discovering many ways to fail

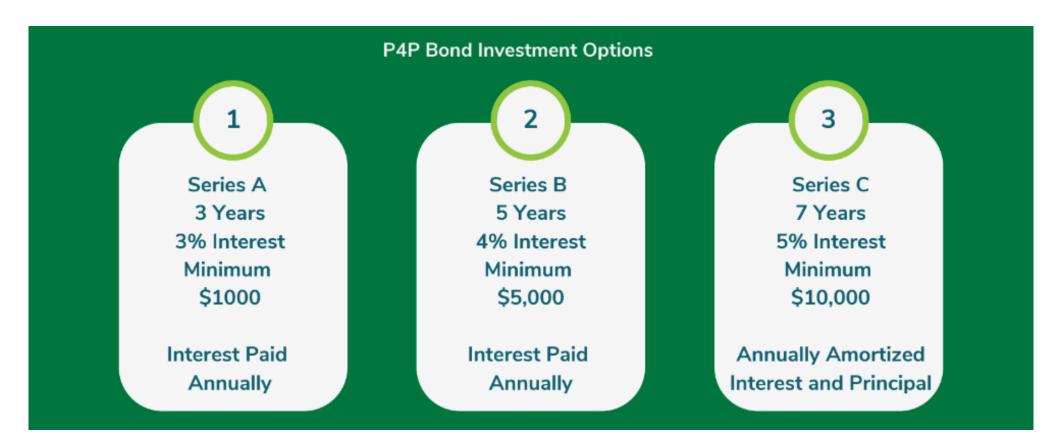
- Geography and lack of municipal infrastructure (water/wastewater)
- Densification at odds with rural history and culture
- NIMBYism



Use community bonds to consolidate finances



### Investment Options

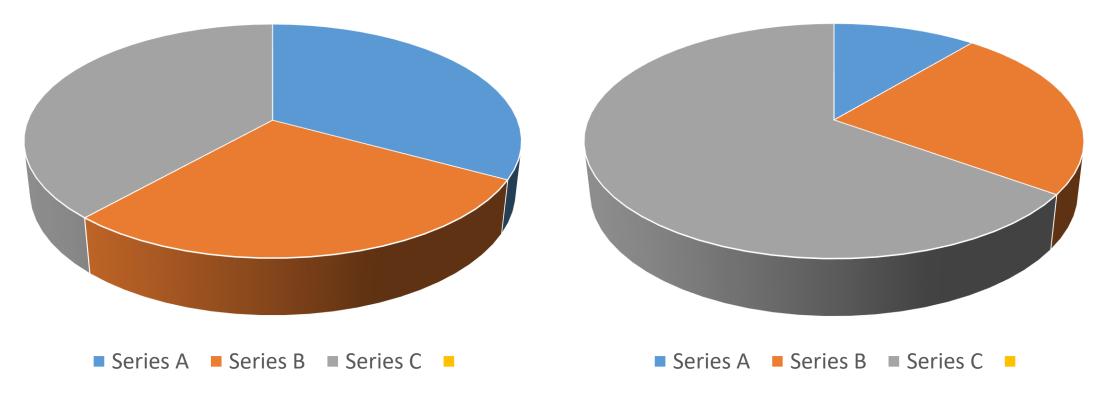


\$850,000 bond raise secured by property with \$1.5M book value, \$2.5M sale value

### Community response

**Type of Bonds Sold** 

Amount of funds raised



## Where'd that get us?

#### **Short-term impact:**

- Debt realigned to unencumber 3 of our 5 properties
- 1 secured purchase of property 8 rental units, 1 commercial
- 1 secured Line of Credit from Credit Union

### **Cumulative history:**

- 20 units, 6 properties
- 7 subsidized, 13 affordable market
- 6 family, 14 small households,
- Currently housing 41 people (25 adults, 16 kids)
- Cumulatively served over 14 years 32 families (47 adults, 56 kids)
- Book value now \$2.5M

### Rescue vs Create?

- Financialization of housing
  - one in five purchases are speculation
  - 20-30% of apartments are owned by REITS
- Gentrification
  - Nationally 11 affordable units are lost for every new unit added
  - The trend is especially sharp in low-rent environments
- Construction challenges
  - Time frame
  - Supply chains
  - Labor force



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

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