



## Questionnaire for Stow Households

The Stow Community Housing Corporation ("SCHC") has hired LDS Consulting Group to determine the affordable housing needs in Stow. Currently the SCHC owns **Plantation Apartments**, 50 low-income elderly rental units and **Pilot Grove Apartments**, 60 mixed income family apartments.

In league with the Stow Council on Aging the SCHC is trying to determine what population would be best served if we choose to build additional units. Therefore, we are reaching out to residents of Stow to ascertain your opinion of what are the pressing housing needs for the community. All questionnaires will be analyzed by LDS, and results will be reported in the aggregate. Individual responses will be kept strictly confidential. Please complete only one form per household. Electronic copies of this form can be found at the Towns website: [www.stow-ma.gov](http://www.stow-ma.gov)

### Please return your completed survey by June 6, 2008:

- US Mail: LDS Consulting Group, LLC, 233 Needham Street, Newton, MA 02464
- E-Mail to: [ldsweet@ldsconsultinggroup.com](mailto:ldsweet@ldsconsultinggroup.com)
- Or deliver to drop boxes which have been placed at the following locations:
  - Randall Library, 19 Crescent Street
  - Stow Council on Aging, 380 Great Road
  - Stow Post Office, 170 Great Road
  - Plantation Apartments, Johnston Way (Management office)
  - Pilot Grove Apartments 11 Warren Road (Management office)

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### Survey

#### 1) Household Demographics

- A) How many persons reside full time in your household? \_\_\_\_\_
- B) What is your annual household income? (Circle one range.)
- |                 |                   |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| \$0-29,999      | \$30,000-\$39,999 | \$40,000-\$49,999 |
| \$50,000-59,999 | \$60,000-\$69,999 | Over \$70,000     |
- C) Do you?
- |                              |                                        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| a. Own your home _____       | b. Rent at Plantation Apartments _____ |
| b. Rent at Pilot Grove _____ | c. Rent elsewhere _____                |
- D) How many persons in your household are over 55? \_\_\_\_\_ Over 70? \_\_\_\_\_
- E) Do you have relatives living outside the area that you anticipate moving to the area in the next five years?
- If yes, specify their age(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Do they own their current home?      Yes      No
- What is their annual household income? (Circle one range.)
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Enter their total assets including home equity and savings \_\_\_\_\_

**Definitions:**

**Household:** A household includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live and eat separately from any other persons in the building and which have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall.

**Income:** Total income *is the sum* of wage or salary income, net rental income, social security income, public assistance or welfare income, retirement or disability income, and all other income.

2) **Is there someone in your family that has a need for a rental apartment?** Circle all those which apply:

- 1) For a single person      2) For a couple      3) For a young family
- 4) For a single parent with a child      5) For an elderly person (62+ years old)
- 6) For an elderly couple      7) For a disabled person
- 8) For an elderly person who is no longer fully able to live independently (i.e. in need of some form of supportive services).

3) **If elderly or disabled, what type of services will be needed?** Circle all that apply.

a) #Meals Per Day 1__ 2__ 3__	b) Service coordination	c) Social Activities
d) Fitness Activities	e) Personnel Care Services	f) Medication Management
h) Nursing Services	i) Assistance with dressing	j) Assistance with bathing

4) **Cost**

- Would you or a relative be willing to rent a new market rate unit even if the rent is more than 30% of your annual income? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_
- What is the most you would pay for monthly rent for a new apartment? \$\_\_\_
- If you or a relative were to move to a community facility that offered both housing and services, what would you be willing to pay on a yearly basis? Check appropriate box.
  - a. 60% of your annual income? \_\_\_
  - b. 70% of your annual income? \_\_\_
  - c. 80% of your annual income? \_\_\_
  - d. Other and if so, what? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) What do you think would motivate an older person to move out of their home to a community facility with housing with services?
  - Encouragement by relative
  - Medical emergency
  - Seeking social interaction
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any information you would like to share with the SCHC about the need for housing in Stow? \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions, please contact Lynne D. Sweet at LDS Consulting Group, LLC at 617-454-1144 or ldsweet@ldsconsultinggroup.com