

# The City of Beacon Housing Authority

January 14, 2021

## Notice of Streamlined Voluntary Conversion of Public Housing to Section 8

Dear Tenants:

As you know, the BHA had applied to HUD to convert its Public Housing to Section 8 Vouchers under Streamlined Voluntary Conversion. Our application was recently approved and we are now beginning the process to move forward. Upon conversion, Forrestal Heights and Hamilton Fish Plaza will no longer be Public Housing and you will no longer be a public housing resident. The BHA is **not** requiring anyone to move under this conversion. You are welcome to stay in your apartment and receive your rental assistance under the new voucher program.

Although there are a couple steps left that BHA needs to take in order to complete the conversion with HUD, we anticipate that the conversion will be completed on or around April 15, 2021.

During the conversion, all eligible families (this includes single member households) will receive a tenant based voucher (TBV). Each family can choose (1) to remain in their current apartment and use the TBV to subsidize their rent, (2) remain in their current unit and convert their TBV into a project based voucher (PBV) to subsidize their rent, or (3) take their TBV and move out of their current apartment. There will be more information coming with regard to your options in the coming weeks. There will also be a Family Briefing to explain these options and address any questions you may have.

It is the goal of the BHA to project base (option 2 above) all of the vouchers, if possible. If you choose to project-base your voucher, you will get to stay in your unit and receive the rental subsidy, but you will also benefit Forrestal Heights and Hamilton Fish Plaza and help to maintain them as affordable housing for future generations in the City of Beacon.



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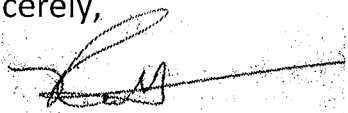


If you voluntarily wish to move out of your apartment, you will have at least 90 days after the issuing of your voucher to find an apartment. BHA will be available to discuss your options with you and provide you with any necessary mobility counseling. The BHA will also pay for your relocation costs in accordance with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act Fixed Residential Moving Cost Schedule, in accordance with HUD requirements.

This has been a long process and we are sure that you have many questions. As stated previously, we will be sending you more information and scheduling a Family Briefing. You do not have to make any decisions prior to receiving the additional information and attending the Family Briefing. This letter is simply to give you advance notice of the conversion, of your options and of the relocation assistance that will be available should you decide to voluntarily vacate your apartment.

We look forward to discussing this further with all of our families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roland Traudt', is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Roland Traudt  
Executive Director