



City of Portland Rental Housing Inspections Program Health Impact Assessment

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RHIP HIA Project Background



Two Current Inspections Models:

1. The “**Standard**” Model

- Complaint driven
- One inspection per complaint

2. The “**Enhanced**” Model

- Initial inspections trigger additional inspections
- Pilot project in SE Portland

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Standard Inspections Model Problems:

- Reliance on complaints
- Fear of retaliation
- Language
- Awareness
- Few actual inspections

QUALITY RENTAL HOUSING WORKGROUP

Final Recommendations

Adopted September 22, 2008

This document contains the final recommendations adopted by consensus of Workgroup members following a year long process that included extensive outreach and public input.

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The decision: City Council Budget

- Establishes the funding level for the Inspections Program
 - *And the ability to eliminate, maintain, or expand the Enhanced Inspections Program*



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RHIP HIA Project Timeline



Screening	Summer, 2011
Scoping	January
Assessment	February/March
Recommendations	Early April
Dissemination	April/May
Evaluation	June/July

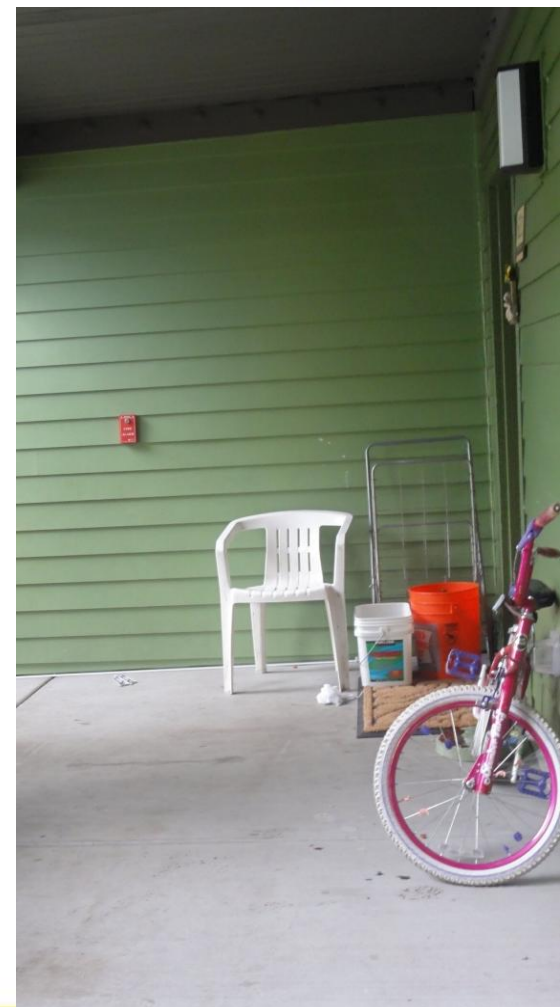
Final Budget: Mid June

RHIP HIA Project: Screening



Why do an HIA?

- Frame the decision as a health issue
- Leverage resources to conduct assessment and disseminate findings and recommendations
- Highlight equity concerns
- Existing partnerships and research



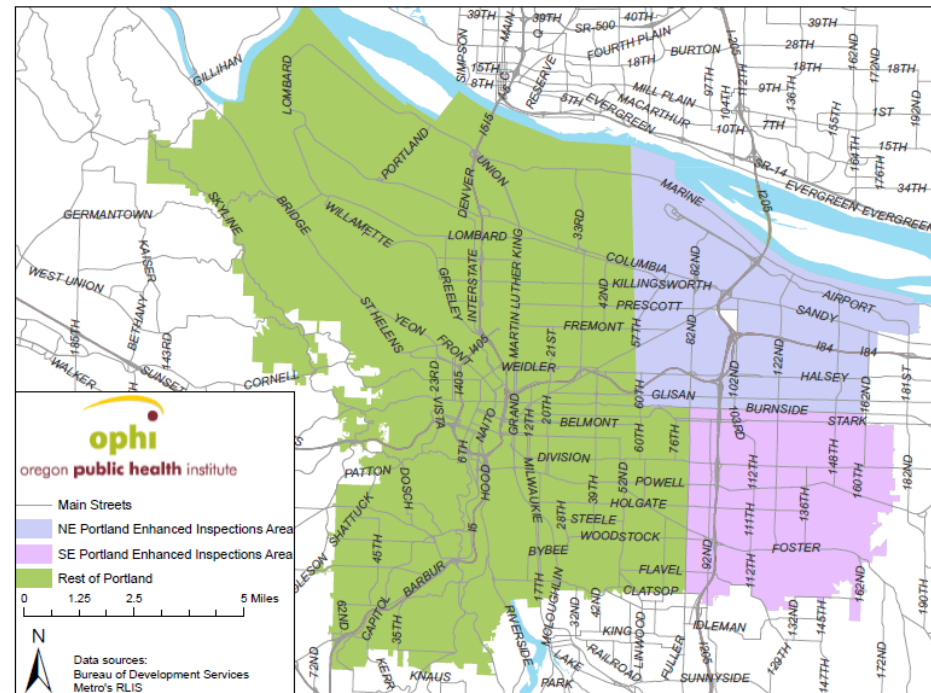
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RHIP HIA Project: Scoping



What to assess, and how?

- Case study of the two inspections areas
- # of resolved issues per initial complaint
- Focus on inspections addressing:
 - Mold
 - Physical safety
 - Sanitation
 - Lead (paint)
 - Lack of utilities





RHIP HIA Project: Scoping

What to assess, and how?

- Tenant Surveys
- Landlord Surveys

Three possible scenarios:

Eliminate the
Enhanced
Inspections
Program

Maintain the
Enhanced
Inspections
Program

Expand the
Enhanced
Inspections
Program to
other parts of
the city

RHIP HIA Project: Challenges



- Timeline
- Keeping key stakeholders at the table
- Data collection



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