

### One-time Subsidy, Long-term Affordability

A Community Land Trust...



...reduces the cost of homeownership and...



...keeps the home affordable for future buyers.

Introducing the **Virginia Statewide Community Land Trust (VSCLT)**, a new tool for Habitat for Humanity Affiliates around the state. Community Land Trusts secure subsidy indefinitely by restricting the future sales price of the home, ensuring that it **will always be affordable**. The VSCLT model allows Habitat Affiliates to enhance the work they already do in creating inclusive wealthbuilding opportunities through homeownership, amplifying their impact.

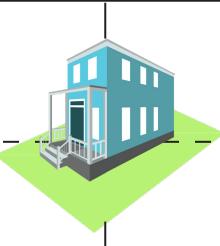
### Why Should Habitat Affiliates Consider the Community Land Trust Model?

- Placing your Habitat homes into the VSCLT will extend the affordability of the homes in perpetuity.
- Using a CLT is easy and streamlined, thanks to the creation of VSCLT.
- This new program makes your subsidy dollars to go further, helping generations of families with your work.
- With the VSCLT's help, you can create a permanently affordable stock of homes in your community.
- CLTs naturally compliment the mission of Habitat for Humanity by creating inclusive opportunities for households to build wealth through homeownership.
- CLT homes address the concerns communities and funders have around gentrification and the loss of affordability in our communities.

The CLT sells **the structure** to a low-to-moderate income buyer. The buyer receives a **portion of the appreciation** when they sell.

## The CLT Model:

The CLT retains ownership of the land. The land value is removed from the purchase price.



The owner has **full rights of ownership.** The home can be **re-sold at any time,** to an income-qualified buyer at an affordable price.

# **Split Ownership**

The homeowner leases the land for 99 years from the CLT for a nominal yearly fee. The lease document restricts the potential sales price.



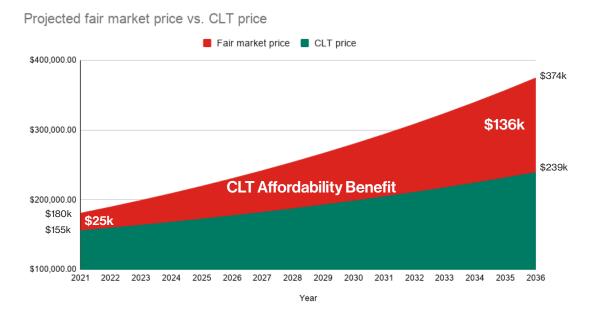
CLTs, like the model for Habitat for Humanity, has origins in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The history of the two models has always been interconnected, and both have been used for decades to provide wealth-building opportunities for households excluded from the traditional housing market. Increasingly, in recent decades, Habitats around the country have been turning to CLT models in order to preserve scarce subsidy dollars.

#### How does it work?

- From your perspective, little will change about the transaction, except at the closing table the land underneath the home will be transferred separately to the VSCLT.
- The VSCLT will work with you to educate homeowners about the program and prepare them to sign the ground lease.
- The VSCLT will work with you to operate the program during subsequent home sales.

### **Community Land Trusts Are Neighborhood Assets**

- By creating and stewarding permanently affordable homes, CLTs operate for the benefit of lower income families AND for their neighborhoods.
- CLT homes become increasingly affordable compared to market over time. The result is that CLT homes remain affordable in perpetuity, even as the neighborhood changes around them.



### **Protection and Mobility for Homeowners**

- In expensive neighborhoods, shared-equity homeownership can provide and redistribute opportunities to low-income residents that have been excluded.
- In low-income neighborhoods, shared-equity homeownership can protect personal and community wealth from economic downturns, and can provide social capital by allowing a community to organize and govern land.



